



Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2023
July 2022 - June 2023



The **Environmental League of Massachusetts** advocates for policy that meets the scale and urgency of our environmental challenges.



The **ELM Action Fund** builds political power that meets the scale and urgency of our environmental challenges.

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*Thank you to **Nancy Goodman**, former Vice President of Policy, for her 25 years of service to ELM.*

*We also recognize **Susannah Hatch** and **Juan Pablo Jaramillo** for their contributions in fiscal year 2023.*

A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends,

This past year, ELM made impressive progress to set our Commonwealth on a path to a thriving, inclusive clean energy future. While we accomplished a lot, there is more work to be done.

For 125 years, ELM has been on the vanguard of environmental policy. Since 1898, we have been a force on Beacon Hill, advocating for policies that meet the scale and urgency of our most pressing challenges. We protected our land, air, and water from degradation, spearheaded the creation of our state park system, and helped pass landmark laws such as the Environmental Bill of Rights and the Global Warming Solutions Act.

We are proud of our track record and recognize that leadership has never been more necessary. In the past year, we have demonstrated:

- **ELM's voice empowers our state's leaders to take action.** Our advocacy turns ideas into laws by helping bills such as *An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind* cross the finish line and by making environmental spending a "must-fund" through our Green Budget leadership.
- **Our deep and diverse partnerships yield results.** The New England for Offshore Wind coalition, founded and led by ELM, exemplifies the power of our relationships. Massachusetts' groundbreaking climate legislation, and ELM's advocacy to pass it, provided our coalition partners with the knowledge and skills to steward a 2023 offshore wind bill through the Maine legislature to become law.
- **The ELM Action Fund's endorsement is powerful.** More than 90% of our endorsed candidates were elected to office this past year. The significantly increased power and resources of the ELM Action Fund IE PAC provided pivotal visibility for environmental candidates such as Attorney General Andrea Campbell.

Every day, we work to ensure our state takes effective steps toward national leadership on climate. By expanding our team's expertise, deepening our cross-sector partnerships, and equipping candidates to be effective environmental champions, we are building a Commonwealth where our residents, economy, and natural world thrive.

A prosperous clean energy future is within our reach, but only if we commit to bold policy action. We hope you will continue to support our vital work.

In gratitude,



Elizabeth Turnbull Henry
President



Gordon Burnes
ELM Board Chair



Dr. Natalia Linos
ELM Action Fund Board Chair

SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS



125
YEARS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY

30
CORPORATE COUNCIL MEMBERS

550
EARTH NIGHT ATTENDEES

2K+
MESSAGES SENT BY ELM ACTION FUND MEMBERS TO LAWMAKERS

50
ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPIONS ENDORSED BY THE ELM ACTION FUND

92%
OF ENDORSED CANDIDATES ELECTED TO OFFICE

14K+
VISITORS TO THE GREEN VOTER GUIDE WEBSITE

50%
INCREASE IN ELM STAFF

14
YOUNG LEADERS SERVED AS FELLOWS

CELEBRATING ELM'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

125
YEARS OF ADVOCACY

In May, ELM launched a celebration of both our legacy as the state's oldest environmental advocacy organization and our ongoing work to secure the health and wellbeing of the environment and of future generations.

Despite shifting priorities, one thing has never changed during our 125 years; since 1898, ELM has remained a powerful force on Beacon Hill, building the political power of environmental advocacy in Massachusetts.

HIGHLIGHTS IN THE NEWS

The Boston Globe

Biden to visit Brayton Point in Somerset today to discuss the next steps in his climate agenda

By Sabrina Shankman and Liz Goodwin | Globe Staff | Updated July 19, 2022, 8:41 p.m.

Even without declaring a national emergency on climate, there's much Biden can do via executive action, said Casey Bowers, executive director of the action fund for Environmental League of Massachusetts. That could include strengthening clean truck and car regulations from the EPA, issuing cleanup standards for climate pollution from power plants, or issuing new standards for methane emissions through the Environmental Protection Agency and the Interior Department.

"Especially with the heat wave that we're in, it's clear we need to take as much action as we can, whether it's declaring a climate emergency or announcing a suite of executive orders that get at reducing emissions," said Bowers. "We're really seeing that we must act now because we cannot afford to wait any longer."



In our latest miniseries, PNC C-Speak is highlighting the BBJ 2021 Power 50 Movement Makers, a list of community leaders whose work and actions are helping to shape a more equitable Boston.

In this episode, Elizabeth discusses how the business community can support ELM's mission, why tackling climate change is an issue of equity, and how cross-country biking tours helped shape her leadership style. *Powered by PNC Bank.*

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Massachusetts' new 'green bank' for climate-friendly housing, explained

June 28, 2023 | By Miriam Wasser

"This is a really successful and proven model," said David Melly, the Environmental League of Massachusetts' legislative director. "It has shown great impacts from an equity perspective in terms of the investments directly benefiting folks that wouldn't otherwise benefit from standard decarbonization incentives."

BOSTON BUSINESS JOURNAL

Mass. climate experts: Daunting challenges bring 'abundant hope and opportunity'



'Extraordinary potential'

Henry, who suggested that anyone "paying attention to what we're doing to the environment often dwells in a place of grief and frustration and sadness," said she and ELM remain encouraged in Massachusetts' "extraordinary potential."

"We're not an economy that's dependent on mining or fracking," she said. "When I look at the offshore wind economy that's coming ... they're projecting \$100 billion in private capital investment to deploy the offshore wind that we're going to need over the next 20 years – billions of dollars across the United States, most of that disproportionately in Massachusetts. We're looking at kind of the future of our tax base coming from climate solutions and the power of innovation. There's just abundant hope and opportunity and potential for real prosperity that can come from winning and leadership on this issue."

The Boston Globe

Whale tales

To block wind farms, Big Oil is hiding behind big mammals.

By Yvonne Abraham | Globe Columnist | Updated April 5, 2023, 6:46 p.m.



"It looks like grass-roots groups in local coastal communities are raising issues with offshore wind, but the evidence points to the fact that many of these groups have connections to Big Oil," said Susannah Hatch, director of clean energy policy at the Environmental League of Massachusetts.

ADVOCACY

Building on the success of the 2021-2022 legislative session, ELM and the ELM Action Fund's 2023-2024 Policy Agenda focuses on seizing our state's greatest opportunities to decarbonize: catalyzing our clean energy transition, greening our buildings, and electrifying our transportation. To ensure a transition that is inclusive and achievable, we work to integrate equity and environmental justice, secure financing for innovation and infrastructure, and hold our leaders accountable.

As we enter the second half of this two-year legislative session, our organization knows Massachusetts cannot slow down our pace of progress. We urgently need our leaders to take action for our Commonwealth to meet its 2025 and 2030 climate and clean energy goals. Utilizing our team's expertise and robust relationships, we will advocate for the passage and implementation of key policy initiatives, including another comprehensive climate bill, that will set Massachusetts on track to reach our net-zero goals.

OUR PRIORITIES

Catalyzing the Clean Energy Transition: Develop and deploy clean energy infrastructure to reduce emissions, stabilize consumer costs, increase reliability, secure energy diversity and independence, grow and modernize the grid, and create new high-quality jobs.

Advancing Sustainable Transportation: Invest in zero-emission transportation solutions and electrified, reliable public transit options to make communities healthier and drive our state's competitiveness.

Greening our Buildings: Build efficient and resilient green infrastructure by reducing barriers to adoption of new technologies, increasing access for underserved communities, and growing a diverse workforce to meet demand for net-zero construction and building retrofits.

Pursuing Equity and Environmental Justice: Ensure that our clean energy transition offers equitably-distributed benefits and reduces historic burdens in communities that have been most impacted by past harm and are most vulnerable to future impacts of climate change.

Financing for Innovation and Infrastructure: Fund the implementation of MA's Clean Energy and Climate Plan with robust funding for our state's environmental agencies and natural resource protection programs, while making decarbonization affordable and accessible to all residents.

Reducing Waste: Shift the responsibility of paying for packaging from municipalities to producers, therefore incentivizing waste reduction, reducing plastic pollution, and reducing emissions.



OUR STATE'S FIRST CLIMATE BANK

In June 2023, the Healey Administration announced the creation of the Massachusetts Community Climate Bank, the first of its kind in the nation. The bank has received \$50 million from the Department of Environmental Protection and is located within the state's MassHousing agency to prioritize reducing emissions in the building sector.

ELM made climate banking a centerpiece of its funding-related advocacy to the Legislature, the outgoing Baker Administration, and the incoming Healey Administration. By working with stakeholders, including experts from neighboring states, we articulated the benefits of this financing model and the urgency of building the necessary infrastructure to pursue available federal funding. ELM built awareness and support for this new but fast-growing model while ensuring equity protections are incorporated from inception.

The Healey Administration's swift work to establish the Climate Bank is an impressive example of responding to challenges with innovation. ELM hopes to see this model expand in the coming years.



EXPANDING OUR GREEN BUDGET

Our environmental agencies have suffered from decades of significant and sustained underfunding, resulting in structural deficits that impact services and staff for critical conservation programs. We require historic investment to implement the Clean Energy and Climate Plan, incorporate environmental justice and climate resiliency into existing work, and respond to new threats to public and environmental health.

As leaders of the **Green Budget Coalition**, ELM and the ELM Action Fund are proud that the final FY24 budget includes over \$540 million to address pressing environmental challenges. Through our efforts, this budget dramatically increases funding for key climate and conservation programs to meet our present needs and build capacity for the future.

\$21M

(\$4.9M Increase)
Administration of the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs

\$52M

(\$6.6M Increase)
Department of Environmental Protection

\$10M

(\$4.6M Increase)
Climate Adaptation and Preparedness

\$20M

(\$1.3M Increase)
Department of Public Utilities

\$8.8M

(\$7.5M Increase)
Environmental Justice

\$105M

(\$20.5M Increase)
Parks and Recreation

CATALYZING OFFSHORE WIND

ELM's advocacy for responsibly developed offshore wind has culminated in a third banner year of leadership in expanding the impact of New England for Offshore Wind. This coalition of more than 100 environmental organizations, academic institutions, businesses and business associations, and labor unions is committed to protecting the environment and wildlife, strengthening our regional economy, ensuring stable energy prices, improving public health by reducing pollution, and creating high-quality jobs and equitable access to economic opportunity.

In late 2022, ELM drove the collaborative design of key coalition priorities for the coming years. These priorities include encouraging New England states to commit to supplying one-third of the region's electricity with offshore wind by 2030 and building opportunities for regional collaboration to accelerate development and improve project outcomes across our shared power grid.

COORDINATED TRANSMISSION SOLUTIONS

By engaging with the New England states' Energy Vision and Regional Transmission Initiative as well as working directly with states and key federal agencies, ELM plays a pivotal role in advancing the national dialogue on the need for a regional offshore wind transmission system.

ELM advocates for strategic collaborative investments in transmission solutions for offshore wind. This includes the request for near-term solutions by the New England states in coordination with other regions to save billions in transmission-related costs, significantly reduce effects on marine habitats and wildlife, diminish onshore impacts to communities, and spur investment in the clean energy economy.

Recent outcomes include:

- A New England states-submitted concept paper for a networked offshore grid, advocated for by the coalition;
- A request from Northeast states to the U.S. Department of Energy to convene and support interregional planning;
- A Brattle Group report showing that an offshore grid would result in \$20 billion in cost savings, 60-70% fewer onshore and offshore impacts, and increased reliability.

THE ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHY TOMORROW

The Alliance for a Healthy Tomorrow works to protect people from toxic chemicals, advocating for a precautionary approach that prioritizes testing chemicals and eliminating toxic hazards that harm the environment. ELM joined efforts to build consensus around pending legislation to implement the recommendations. Our team is working with legislative leaders to ensure that this common-sense policy advances swiftly to "turn off the tap," banning products containing PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances that pose dangers to human and animal health) from entering the environment.

THE ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE COALITION

The Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Coalition is a broad-based coalition that promotes the decarbonization of the transportation sector. ELM worked as a member of the ZEV Coalition to advocate for the transition to 100% electric vehicle fleets by 2035. We also work toward the elimination of exhaust emissions and the increase in electric vehicle accessibility in environmental justice communities.

RESPONSIBLY DEPLOYED SOLAR

Our work prioritizes siting solar development where it has the least environmental impact. By lowering barriers to solar installations on built and disturbed lands, we are protecting natural and working lands.

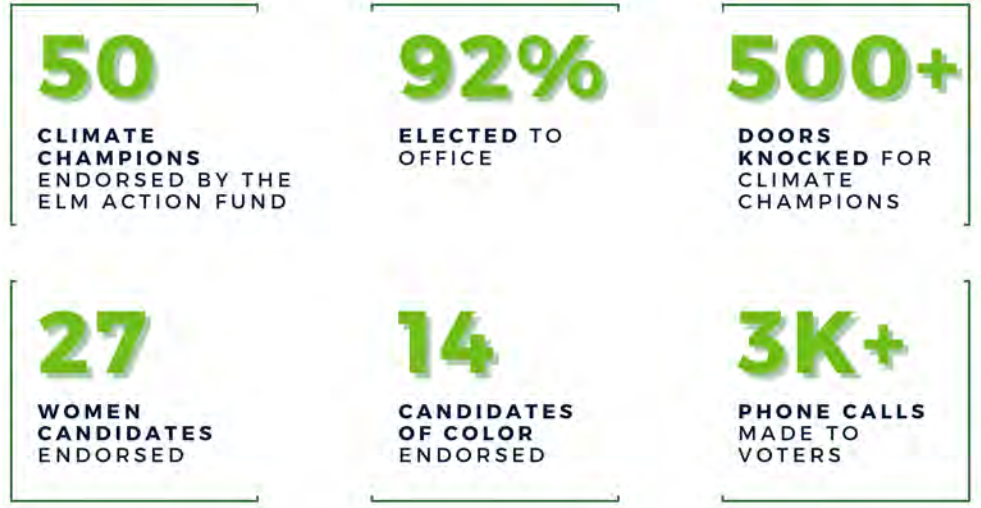
The July 2023 Technical Potential of Solar study from the Department of Energy Resources provides a foundation for ELM's ongoing advocacy for state leaders to update clean energy policies and reduce the regulatory hurdles that keep residents and businesses from building and interconnecting solar projects.



There are many advocacy groups on Beacon Hill, but ELM stands out as the most hard-working, strategic, and knowledgeable group of people I have had the pleasure of working with. There is no bigger challenge to humanity than climate change and their team has been remarkably effective in passing nation-leading policy to address this crisis.

REPRESENTATIVE DYLAN FERNANDES,
Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket District

ELECTIONS



In 2022, the ELM Action Fund endorsed a powerhouse slate of environmental champions running for state office throughout Massachusetts. For example, we successfully supported Second Suffolk Senator Liz Miranda, a diligent voice for environmental justice, in her competitive race to move from the House to the Senate. In early 2023, the team supported candidates in municipal races, including Mayor of Salem Dominick Pangallo, who demonstrated commitment to electrified transportation, environmental justice, offshore wind, and more. From door knocking and reaching voters digitally to advising campaigns on key environmental issues, the ELM Action Fund served as an influential partner throughout their run.

Massachusetts voters prioritized climate at the ballot box, electing almost all of our ELM Action Fund-endorsed candidates. With 46 of our 50 endorsed candidates winning this fiscal year, it is clear that the ELM Action Fund's endorsement is increasingly an influential differentiator within Massachusetts elections.



The ELM Action Fund's support was invaluable to my campaign. Organizing climate justice advocates and bringing out young people to knock on doors, make calls, and get out the vote on my behalf, they ensured voters from every pocket of the district knew that as their climate justice candidate I would bring their agenda and voices to the halls of Beacon Hill with me.

SENATOR LIZ MIRANDA, 2nd Suffolk District

DOMINICK PANGALLO
 ✓ Elected Mayor of Salem
 As the Chief of Staff to former Mayor Kim Driscoll, he ran with a strong commitment to climate action and a focus on resiliency, infrastructure, and environmental justice.



MAURA HEALEY
 ✓ Elected Massachusetts Governor
 With her detailed, ambitious, and strategic climate plan, her campaign was a historic commitment to accelerating climate progress in the Commonwealth.

ANDREA CAMPBELL
 ✓ Elected Massachusetts Attorney General
 MA's first Black AG, she has a history of working holistically to address climate issues and campaigned to promote clean energy choices.



SECURING STATEWIDE OFFICES

With open seats in the positions of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General, the 2022 elections presented a historic opportunity to elect climate champions to statewide office. The ELM Action Fund was an early and robust supporter of both Maura Healey for Governor and Andrea Campbell for Attorney General.

Our new statewide leaders reflect both the diversity of the Commonwealth and that climate is a winning campaign issue among Massachusetts voters. Maura Healey is the first woman and first LGBTQ+ identifying person to be elected Governor in Massachusetts and Healey and Kim Driscoll were elected as the first all-women Governor-Lieutenant Governor ticket in U.S. history. Andrea Campbell is the first Black woman elected to statewide office in Massachusetts.

These three officials entered office with some of the strongest climate priorities in the nation, committed to making Massachusetts a leader on offshore wind, environmental justice, and the green economy.

A ROBUST & READY CABINET

The impact of our work to elect a climate leader as governor is further underscored by the powerful appointments in her administration. Among those leaders are **Chief Melissa Hoffer** and **Undersecretary María Belén Power**.

On her first day in office, Governor Healey appointed Chief Hoffer to be the state's first Climate Chief. Hoffer served in the Attorney General's office to set Massachusetts on track to reach its net-zero goals. Undersecretary Power, whom ELM recognized in 2022 for her leadership on the Environmental Justice Table, was appointed to be the first Environmental Justice Undersecretary. She focuses on centering justice in the state's climate plans. We are proud to work alongside these leaders to implement climate solutions.



CLIMATE LEADERS IN OUR LEGISLATURE

With the ELM Action Fund's strategic support, an impressive number of both new and incumbent House and Senate environmental champions won their races. Our candidates won elections to represent districts from the Berkshires to Barnstable and Lawrence to Hampden. Voters across the state made it clear that climate is a deciding factor for Massachusetts residents.

Out of 43 candidates endorsed in the legislative election season, 40 won their races, with historical successes for women candidates and candidates of color. In 2022, legislative redistricting created thirty-nine new Majority Minority Opportunity Districts; the ELM Action Fund made endorsements in nine of them. Seven of these candidates won their races, making great strides for representation.

The leaders endorsed by the ELM Action Fund are building a State House ready and committed to accelerating the pace of progress and building a greener, more equitable Commonwealth for all.

THE GREEN VOTER GUIDE

Since its launch in 2020, the ELM Action Fund's Green Voter Guide (greenvoterguidema.com) has been an influential tool for environmentally-conscious voters, allowing voters to enter their address and see which candidates on their ballot have earned the endorsement of any of our state's top five environmental organizations.

This year marked the first time that voters were able to donate to climate champions directly through the site, providing voters a trusted platform to find and support endorsed candidates simultaneously. During the election cycle, over 11,000 voters used the guide to find environmental leaders on their ballots.

TOMMY VITOLO

- ✓ Re-Elected State Representative, 15th Norfolk District

He has proven his commitment to climate action, from renewable energy expansion to wildlife protection.

PAVEL PAYANO

- ✓ Elected State Senator, 1st Essex District

After five years on the Lawrence City Council, he ran to expand environmental justice efforts and promote an equitable green economy.

EXPANDING OUR POSSIBILITIES WITH THE ELM ACTION FUND IE PAC

The ELM Action Fund Independent Expenditure Political Action Committee (IE PAC) reached new heights in the 2022 election season, both in our ambitions and our successes. The IE PAC allows us to massively scale up our outreach and campaigning.

The team running the 2022 IE PAC set a goal of raising \$1M to support climate candidates. We exceeded this goal, investing \$1.35M in races across the Commonwealth. The expenditures leading up to the September primary represented roughly a quarter of outside spending in all primary races across the state.

Using various paid media tactics including mail, digital and social advertising, and direct ad buys in local news outlets, our IE PAC team supported a slate of ten candidates who were passionate about protecting our environment and combating climate change. We used environmentally focused messaging to target and activate our base of progressive climate voters, reaching over a quarter of a million voters. With just over one million ballots cast in the primary out of almost five million eligible voters, we were able to connect – often repeatedly – with a significant percentage of the electorate.

In 2022, the ELM Action Fund IE PAC sent a clear message that we are building the political power of our state's environmental movement.

270K+

VOTERS REACHED BY MAIL

600K+

PIECES OF MAIL SENT

12K+

VISITS TO THE MA CLIMATE CHAMPS WEBSITE

11.6M

DIGITAL AD IMPRESSIONS

5.7M

VIDEO AD VIEWS

4M+

COMPLETED DIGITAL VIDEO AD VIEWS

CLIMATE CHAMPIONS FOR MASSACHUSETTS

LÍDERES AMBIENTALES PARA MASSACHUSETTS



Maura Healey
Governor / Gobernadora



Andrea Campbell
Attorney General / Fiscal General



Chris Dempsey
State Auditor / Auditor Estatal



Pavel Payano
State Senate / Senado Estatal
1st Essex District / Distrito 1 de Essex



Scan this code to find your voting information and learn about MA climate champions.
Escanee este código para encontrar su información de votación y obtener información sobre los líderes ambientales de MA.

As the next "People's Lawyer," **Andrea Campbell** will protect your rights and be an advocate for progress.

- ✓ Hold politicians and the powerful accountable
- ✓ Expose big oil and companies that jack up prices
- ✓ Uphold reproductive healthcare rights and protect gender-affirming care

Vote by mail, early, or in person by **September 6**

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VOTE FOR CLIMATE CHAMPIONS

by Sept. 6

**HEALEY
CAMPBELL
DEMPSEY
DZINEKU**

for State Representative
16TH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

LEARN HOW

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CORPORATE COUNCIL

In 2010, ELM launched the Corporate Council, a group of dedicated, strategic business partners who know that the goals of a healthy environment and a thriving economy go hand in hand. Now at 30 members, the Corporate Council provides opportunities for businesses and institutions leading on sustainability to productively engage with the legislative process and encourage others in their sector to follow their example. These businesses exemplify the possibilities of a pro-business/pro-environment future and use their power to help drive policy that promotes a thriving and equitable Commonwealth.

We are proud to be a member of the ELM Corporate Council where we use our voice as a financial institution to advocate for bold policy solutions to the climate crisis. Transitioning to a just, clean economy benefits our customers and shareholders as a socially responsible bank and will allow us to reach our critical greenhouse gas reduction goals.

KATHY GASPERINE, First Vice President, Social Impact Banking, Amalgamated Bank



BRIDGING THE CORPORATE AND GOVERNMENT SECTORS

In September 2022, the ELM Corporate Council met with **Dr. David Cash**, Regional Administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency, at Amalgamated Bank to discuss the implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act, the EPA's role in clean energy siting, and Massachusetts' ability to utilize federal funding.



In April 2023, our members gathered at Verizon with **Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll**, who spoke about the Administration's work to integrate climate initiatives throughout their cabinet and how businesses can support decarbonization efforts.



THE BUSINESS CASE FOR ADVOCACY

At our annual Energy & Environmental Policy Briefing in January 2023, ELM welcomed over sixty guests, virtually and at MIT Sloan School of Management, where our team discussed policy targets for the coming year. Corporate Council members and guests left with a thorough understanding of ELM's priority issues and how they can best engage with environmental advocacy.



OUR FELLOWS AND INTERNS



ELM and the ELM Action Fund oversee a longstanding and highly successful Campaign & Advocacy Fellowship program that attracts students across Massachusetts interested in environmental policy and political campaigns. Our program brings in talented young changemakers and helps develop their skills to advance their environmental careers.

This year, fourteen students joined our team — as Campaign & Advocacy Fellows or as interns — specializing in a wide range of work including politics, videography, and communications. Since completing the program, many of them have begun exciting careers at workplaces such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Clean Energy Ventures, Harvard University, and even ELM.

CAMPAIGN & ADVOCACY FELLOWS

CAITLYN EGAN
UMass Amherst

ALEXIS FALLER
The Heller School at Brandeis University

ROBERT HART
UMass Amherst

ARIEL HYRE
The Heller School at Brandeis University

MARY MCMAHON
Wellesley College

KRISHNA MUHUNDAN
Tufts University

ANNA O'SULLIVAN
Tufts University

AHMAD PEREZ
Boston University

CATHERINE TIFFANY
Boston University School of Public Health



INTERNS

BELYNDA CESAR
UMass Amherst

ALEXANDER COLMAN
Emerson College

JASPER GITZENDANNER
Emerson College

RACHEL MADISON
Tufts University

BIANCA POKRZYWA
Boston University



The ELM team's expertise, unwavering work ethic, and, above all, their genuine commitment to mentoring and guiding me have been a constant source of inspiration for my work in climate action.

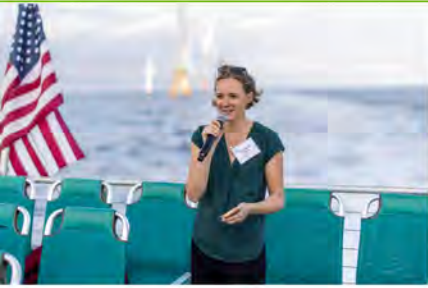
ANNA O'SULLIVAN, Tufts University

KEY EVENTS

CELEBRATING REGIONAL COLLABORATION BY TOURING THE BLOCK ISLAND WIND FARM

On September 20, the New England for Offshore Wind coalition hosted 125 guests from across the region for a boat tour of the Block Island Wind Farm, the first commercial offshore wind farm in the U.S., located in Rhode Island state waters. We invited legislators and community partners from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine to promote further regional collaboration on offshore wind.

While on site, the boat navigated around the five wind turbines that make up the wind farm as attendees listened to a speaking program that featured industry insights on labor, ports, business, fishing, and wildlife.



USHERING IN A NEW LEGISLATIVE SESSION

To kick off the 2023-2024 legislative session, ELM hosted our Legislative Breakfast on February 16, as we do at the beginning of each two-year session. We welcomed over 100 guests, including Representatives, Senators, and staff from 67 State House offices. The event served as an opportunity to reconnect with lawmakers in person, introduce them to the ELM team, and discuss our shared climate and environmental priorities for 2023.

Attendees heard from Senate Majority Leader Cindy Creem; House Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy Chair Jeffrey Roy; and ELM President Elizabeth Turnbull Henry.



LABOR & CLIMATE CANVASS WITH KIM DRISCOLL

In the final days of the 2022 election season, the ELM Action Fund showed support for the Healey-Driscoll campaign's commitment to grow our clean energy sector and create thousands of good-paying, sustainable jobs. On Saturday, October 29 the ELM Action Fund organized a canvass kickoff in Dorchester alongside the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, the Massachusetts Sierra Club Chapter, and 350 Mass Action. Soon-to-be Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll spoke to the crowd of over fifty canvassers.



OUR LARGEST EARTH NIGHT YET



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COMMONWEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARDEES

Speaker Ronald Mariano, honored for playing a key role in passing momentous state climate legislation. *Presented by Former Speaker Robert DeLeo*

Gina McCarthy, honored for her over thirty years of advocacy for environmental protection at the state and federal levels, most recently serving as the first-ever White House National Climate Advisor. *Presented by Secretary John Kerry*

Mayor Michelle Wu, honored for her bold, pragmatic leadership, with climate action at the forefront of her ambitious policies as Mayor. *Presented by Chair Aaron Michlewitz*

On May 18 we held our largest Earth Night celebration yet at Fenway Park. We enjoyed hosting almost 600 guests representing a diverse group of climate leaders in Boston – lawmakers, corporate supporters, advocates, and more. The event also served as the kickoff to our 125th anniversary, celebrating ELM's legacy as the state's oldest environmental advocacy organization.

Congratulations to our Commonwealth Environmental Leadership Awardees who have led the way to address the climate crisis on the local, state, and federal levels. At the event, each awardee spoke about how those in the room at Earth Night had the power and opportunity to work together to address the urgency of the climate crisis.

Thanks to our generous sponsors and donors, we raised over \$535,000 to support our mission, nearly doubling our previous record of over \$280,000 in 2022.

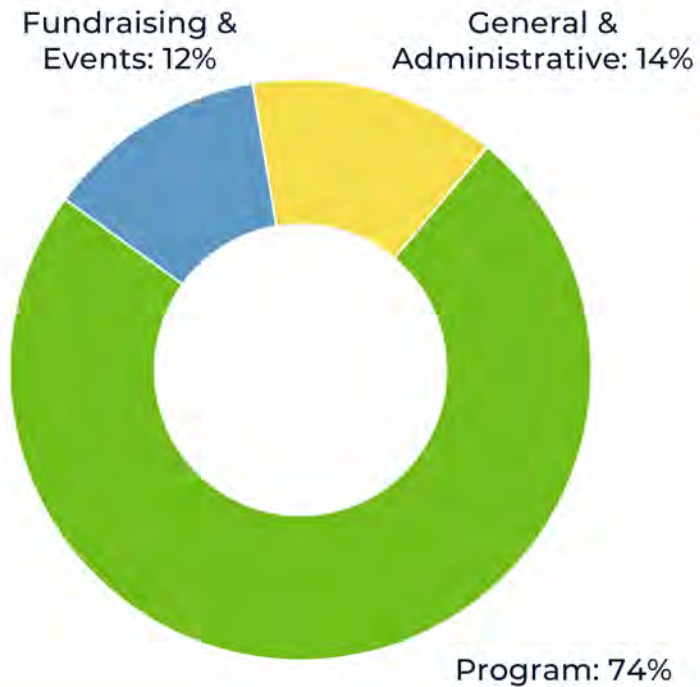


This is truly the Green Monster organization of Massachusetts, and we are grateful for your advocacy on every level.

MAYOR MICHELLE WU, Mayor of Boston

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK

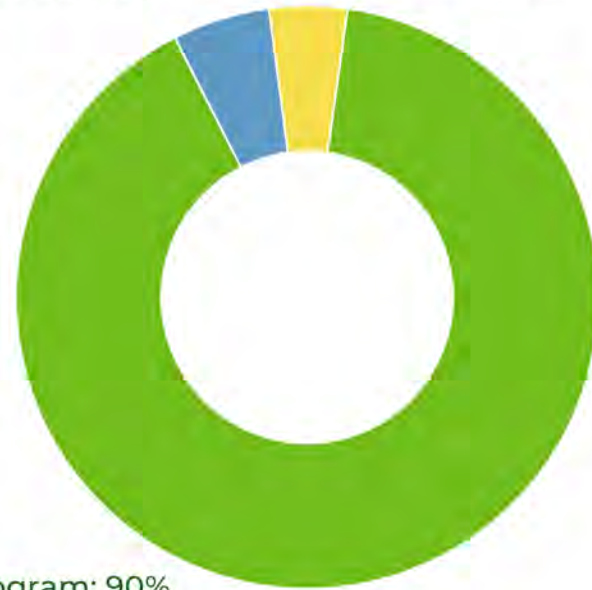
INDIVIDUAL + FOUNDATION SUPPORT



INCOME: \$2,329,821

EXPENSES: \$1,849,458

Fundraising & Events: 6% General & Administrative: 4%



INCOME: \$1,149,384

EXPENSES: \$1,053,542

\$25,000+

- BARR FOUNDATION
- GORDON BURNES AND SUZIE TAPSON
- ALEXI AND STEVEN CONINE
- E4 THE FUTURE
- ENERGY ACTION FUND
- ENERGY FOUNDATION
- FIDELITY CHARITABLE GIFT FUND
- JEREMY AND HANNELORE GRANTHAM
- NANCY HAMMOND
- AMOS AND BARBARA HOSTETTER
- LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS
- LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS EDUCATION FUND
- BILL LUNDBERG AND YENKUEI CHUANG
- METTA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
- NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION
- DR. ROBERT PETERSEN
- THE GRANTHAM FOUNDATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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Bob Fishman, an ELM board member since 2015, served as an attorney with Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP for more than forty years, with a particular interest in public policy. So, when he first became acquainted with ELM eight years ago, he was drawn to the organization's policy perspective. ELM was committed to fact-based decision-making and was more focused on Beacon Hill than fellow nonprofits – leading to effective relationships with lawmakers. **"I wanted to commit my time and resources to protecting our environment for my children and grandchildren,"** he said, and seized the opportunity to support ELM's unique approach.

"When I speak about ELM, I use the word 'strategic.'" Bob sees this in ELM's decisions to partner with businesses on its Corporate Council and to be an early environmental supporter of offshore wind, as well as in the ELM Action Fund's focused support of progressive climate candidates. Over the last five years, he has **"seen ELM deepen its policy expertise even further and bring on new staff that set up our organization and state to succeed."** He looks forward to ELM continuing to grow and using its position as a trusted State House partner to set Massachusetts on track to achieving a thriving green economy.




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