

Climate Action Advisory Board
Director's Update
March 17, 2021



Concord Clean Comfort – Concord Municipal Light Plant has launched Concord Clean Comfort, a new program to build awareness of the benefits of air source heat pumps and make it easy for residents to explore and install this efficient technology that provides both home heating and cooling. If a heat pump is the right solution for you, getting the right system means finding the right installer who will put the right components in the right locations. Concord Clean Comfort's heating/cooling coaches will help residents and businesses understand if a heat pump is the right solution, find the right installer, and advise on system maintenance. Visit concordcleancomfort.org to learn about the benefits of heat pumps, meet Concord's heating/cooling coaches, review case studies and testimonials, and check out rebates available to Concord residents.

Grants – Concord will be applying for an EVIP grant for a DC fast charging station in Concord. Kate has been collaborating with David Wood at CMLP to identify a location and submit the application. The grant is due later this month and we expect to be notified within a few months.

Events – Below are descriptions of two of upcoming sustainability-related events. Please feel free to share with your networks.

Water Conservation in Concord – March 30th, 7pm

Did you know that Concord's water consumption can nearly double in the summer months? With high temperatures and low precipitation, climate change will continue to challenge our water supplies. Join Concord Free Public Library and Concord's Sustainability Division on Tuesday, March 30th at 7pm for a virtual program on water conservation in Concord. Learn from experts at Concord Public Works about where Concord's water comes from, how climate change is impacting our water supplies, and what you can do to conserve water this summer and year-round. Presenters include Alexandra Wahlstrom, Senior Environmental & Regulatory Coordinator for Concord Public Works and Melissa Simoncini, Environmental Services Program Administrator for Concord Public Works. Combined, Alex and Melissa have decades of experience managing water resources. Bring your questions! [Register here.](#)

League of Women Voters Climate Policy Discussion – March 22nd, 12pm

Join us for a conversation with our elected officials, **Senator Mike Barrett** and **Representative Tami Gouveia** to hear about the status of the Next Generation Roadmap for Climate Policy bill. The bill passed with overwhelming support in both houses of the Massachusetts legislature, but the Governor vetoed it amid concerns from industry lobbyists about the cost of implementation. **Kate Hanley, Concord's Sustainability Director**, will add to the conversation with an update of our local efforts and what to expect at Town Meeting this spring to help Concord achieve its goals for a reduction in Greenhouse Gas emissions. Register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtdeiqrjkrHdwcPg5Nt4MX7o_ELD8WkQE0