PCA Committee

October 13th 2026
2:00 - 3:30 PM
Location: Zoom

Agenda

1) **Opening** (2:00 - 2:05)
   - Facilitator Maddie Jensen (BACTS) went over the Agenda.

2) **New England Environmental Finance Center** (2:05 - 2:45)
   - Andrea Berry is a Funding Manager at the New England Environmental Finance Center (NEEFC). In her position, she helps communities find viable funding mechanisms to support their resilience projects. In the presentation, she described a number of funding opportunities that are currently available as well as highlighting the benefits of approaching financing in partnership with other communities or through less traditional avenues such as philanthropy.

3) **Catch-Up** (2:45 - 2:55)
   - The following local updates were provided by attendees.
     - Kristen Settele (EMDC): Eastern Maine Development Commission is participating in the state's Regional Floodplain Assistance Program. Kristen will be a resource for a number of counties in Maine, including Penobscot County.
     - Anja Collette (City of Bangor): The City of Bangor has hired 2 interns that will be working on resilience based projects including a grant program for Bangor residents to support home retrofits.
     - Jennifer Boothroyd (Northern Light Health): Northern Light Health is in the process of updating their existing system wide resilience plan and individual plans for each hospital location. These updates will be publicly available by the end of 2026.
     - Sara Morrey: Window Dressers hosted a community event in October to build window inserts for residents to reduce energy costs this winter. Check out the Window Dressers website to learn more and volunteer.
     - Maddie Jensen (BACTS): The Safe Streets and Roads for All grant is still active. Temporary demonstration projects have been installed in multiple communities in the region for the last few months. Data is being collected at these locations to see if the project design has improved safety concerns.

4) **Working Group Update** (2:55 - 3:00)
   - The following working group updates were shared:
     - Public Advisory Working Group: The working group is preparing the next quarterly newsletter which will have an energy focus. Among other things, the newsletter will include information on the state's new energy plan.
     - Resilience Hub Working Group: This working group is currently on pause while we wait on Penobscot County Emergency Management's planning effort to proceed.

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5) **Other Business** (3:00 - 3:30)
   - The group discussed utilizing the “office hours’ that NEEFC offers to brainstorm priorities and funding options that the PCA Committee can pursue. A number of Committee members volunteered to meet with NEEFC to brainstorm this topic.
   - 2027 Presenter Brainstorm: The group discussed topic areas they were interested in seeing presentations about next year. Possible interest areas included Community Choice Aggregation, energy coaching, Bicycle Coalition of Maine and complete streets, and land development codes. The group also brainstormed possibly coordinating one in person meeting next year. We will be looking for a volunteer opportunity that the group can support
   - 2027 Meeting Scheduling: The group discussed keeping a similar schedule to 2026, including a quarterly frequency, tuesdays in the afternoon, etc.

6) **Closing** (3:30)