



PENOBSCOT CLIMATE ACTION

PCA Committee

April 14th, 2026

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Location: Zoom

Minutes

1) Opening (2:00 - 2:05)

- Facilitator Maddie Jensen (BACTS) explained the agenda.

Participants
Anja Collette, City of Bangor Jen Boothroyd, Northern Light Health Kristen Settele, EMDC Gerry Gross Karen Marysdaughter Paul Wilson John Wilson Kimberlee Hammond Amelia Mooney Mary Kellogg Sharon Klein Tiffany Wilson Tricia Hall Collins Laura Nobel Maddie Jensen, BACTS

2) Northern Light Health Presentation (2:05 - 2:45)

- Jen Boothroyd (Manager of Environmental Sustainability) presented Northern Light Health's system-wide Climate Resiliency Plan (2023) and GHG Emissions Inventory (2024). The presentation included an overview of vulnerabilities that Mainers face, climate risks that impact the hospital network, and actions that NLH is taking to shore up system vulnerabilities; serve the community; and reduce their impact on the climate (ex. reducing single use products).

3) Catch-Up (2:45 - 3:10)

- The following local updates were provided by attendees.
 - Gerry Gross: Friends of Lower Kenduskeag Stream (FOLKS) is doing a stream cleanup from 8-9:30am on Saturday, September 18th. FOLKS holds stream cleanups monthly. Check out their Facebook page for more information.
 - Anja Collette: Bangor's Public Works Department is working on an Urban Forestry Management Plan. Take the survey [here](#). The City has hired a Sustainability Intern to conduct research on solar potential for municipal buildings. The City is almost done with



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their municipal building energy audits and with the installation of bike parking at park, school, and downtown locations in Bangor. The City is also making progress on their updated Land Development Code. More information can be found [here](#).

- Maddie Jensen: BACTS is continuing to work through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant. Safety Action Plans have been drafted and will be released publicly soon. Also through the SS4A grant project, demonstration projects will be installed at locations throughout the greater Bangor region in the summer of 2026 and 2027. BACTS is also drafting a Complete Streets Plan for the region which will, ideally, be adopted and personalized by individual communities. This plan should systematically improve roadways for all users.
- Sharon Klein: MaineCAN hosted a conference in March where groups from around Maine shared exciting climate project updates. A video featuring these projects can be found [here](#). The State is hosting a Community Resilience Partnership Summit on June 10th.
- Jen Boothroyd: The Brewer Planning Board has approved updated ordinance language around data centers.
- Laura Nobel: Food and Medicine is hosting an urban garden tour this summer showcasing how residents are using their space to grow their own food or support pollinators. Keep an eye out for more information.

4) Working Group Update (3:10 - 3:25)

- The following working groups updates were shared:
 - Public Advisory Working Group: The group prepared and released a newsletter highlighting climate work within the greater Bangor region. The newsletter can be found [here](#). Another newsletter will be released next quarter.
 - Resilience Hub Working Group: The group released a survey for municipal staff to gauge how prepared communities are for weather related emergencies. The survey received responses from most communities in the region. The group is now meeting to decide what next steps are, which may include more conversations with town staff or outreach to the public.

5) Other Business (3:25 - 3:30)

- The group discussed Efficiency Maine's rebates and the current lack of education/support for weatherization BEFORE heat pump installation. Participants proposed forming a PCA Working Group to discuss the issue further and potentially reaching out to Efficiency Maine to encourage changes to their programming.

6) Closing (3:30)