March - May Update

PENOBSCOT

CLIMATE ACTION

You're receiving this email because you indicated on our survey that you'd like to receive monthly email updates about progress on Penobscot Climate Action. We're glad you'd like to stay involved and up to date! Here is the update for June 2023.

Between March and May we focused on understanding local principles, priorities, and values to guide the project.

Specifically we connected with community members through the following channels:

- Survey #1: We had over 320 total responses and 10 out of the 11 communities in the region were represented.
- Pop-ups: We attended Bangor Greendrinks in April and spoke directly to dozens of community members.
- Community conversations: We had in-person conversations with town staff in 10 out of the 11 communities in the region, with community members, students at UMaine, Orono High School Environmental Club, and more!
- Advisory Committee discussions: Our advisory committee is composed of 25 people from across the region who continuously provide local perspectives to this work.

OUTREACH PHOTOS







https://www.penobscotclimateaction.org/

Lessons Learned

From these various engagements, we heard the following:

- Transparency, collaboration, action, and equity are important guiding principles.
- Regional priorities center on transportation; housing; environment; workforce development and small business support; and emissions reductions.
- Communities in the region have a lot of strengths to call on. People care about their communities, value the environmental resources for recreation, and have a strong desire to work together to showcase and enhance what makes the region special.



WE HAVE A LOT OF EXCITING UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES, AND WE HOPE YOU'LL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE AND FOLLOW ALONG.

SURVEY #2



OPEN NOW! Take the survey by scanning the QR code or entering this link: https://tinyurl.com/PCAsurv ey2. Share with friends and family in the region.

POP UPS



Talk to us in person at a number of pop up events. Check out the website for updates on where we will be: https://www.penobscotclima teaction.org/event

WORKING GROUPS

Community members are being invited to join working groups to directly develop climate action strategies for the region. Email <u>info@bactsmpo.org</u> for more information or to sign up.

THANK YOU FOR FOLLOWING ALONG!

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