



GREENPOWER PERSPECTIVES



A New Voice in New England's Clean Energy Future

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



The NREC team spent Thanksgiving morning volunteering at The Salvation Army, helping serve warm holiday meals to families and individuals in need. From plating turkey and sides to greeting guests at the door, our team came together with dozens of other volunteers to make sure everyone had a place to feel welcomed and cared for. The experience was a reminder of the power of community and how meaningful it is to share time, conversation, and kindness with neighbors who might otherwise spend the holiday alone.

This Thanksgiving, we are especially thankful for the opportunity to give back. Moments like these highlight why our mission matters and why service must stay at the heart of what we do. As we look ahead to the busy season of events, partnerships, and planning, we carry this gratitude with us. Serving our community is not just part of our work. It is who we are, and we are grateful to everyone who helped make this Thanksgiving morning a moment of connection, compassion, and purpose.



Saturday February 21st , 2026

Get ready for a green winter event with a deeper purpose. The NREC is proud to announce that Green Winterfest: New England Green Winter Games will not only bring clean energy innovation to the heart of the city, but will also help fight food insecurity across the region. All net proceeds from the event will now be donated to the Greater Boston Food Bank, Connecticut Foodshare, and the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, three organizations working every day to ensure families have access to the meals they need. With hunger at some of its highest levels in recent years, especially during the winter months, this expanded mission reflects NREC's commitment to serving both people and the planet.

On Saturday, February 21, 2026, Boston City Hall Plaza will transform into a vibrant winter arena powered entirely by clean energy. While the event takes place in Boston, Green Winterfest will feature businesses, community groups, and team competitors from all three states and across New England. The celebration remains rooted in friendly competition, creativity, and renewable power, but now carries a deeper purpose. As teams take on ten imaginative challenges, from the Blind Blizzard Run and Velcro Snowball Fight to the Glow Tug of War and Renewable Energy Trivia Tower, every game played helps support families facing hunger throughout the region. Food insecurity continues to affect hundreds of thousands of residents in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. By tying this event to leading food banks, NREC is helping ensure that proceeds go directly to feeding children, seniors, veterans, and households struggling to make ends meet.

Attendees can still expect everything that makes Green Winterfest unforgettable: the Celebrity Challenge Station where mayors, athletes, and TV personalities go head to head with corporate teams; the Vendor Village filled with great gifts; heated community lounges; delicious food trucks; and live music from Sustainable Sounds. And as always, the entire plaza will be powered by renewable energy, turning the city into a living example of what a cleaner, more resilient future can look like.

Green Winterfest is a call to community at a time when many families throughout New England must choose between heat, food, and basic necessities. NREC is stepping forward to make sure this event supports those who need it most. Admission is free, and companies, schools, and organizations from all three states are invited to participate as sponsors, team competitors, or vendors. Together, we can celebrate innovation, uplift our neighbors, and make a real impact.

This February, Boston will not just make clean energy history. It will help feed New England.

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Massachusetts & Rhode Island Launch Largest Offshore Wind Procurement in New England History

In November 2025, the states of Massachusetts and Rhode Island announced what is now the largest offshore wind procurement ever undertaken in New England. Under the agreement, Massachusetts selected a total of 2,678 MW from three major projects, including SouthCoast Wind, New England Wind 1, and Vineyard Wind 2, which together are projected to power roughly 1.4 million homes and significantly reduce the region's carbon emissions (roughly equivalent to removing one million gas-powered cars from the road).

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Clean Hydropower From Canada to Flow Into Massachusetts by End of 2025

Another major development for New England's clean-energy transition: the transmission line project known as New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) is moving forward and expected to deliver Canadian hydropower to Massachusetts by the end of 2025.

Once operational, the project will bring roughly 1,090–1,200 MW of clean electricity into the region, helping stabilize energy prices and reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

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New England Heat Pump Accelerator Kicks Off: \$450 Million to Supercharge Clean Heating

This month, the five New England states (including Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Maine) launched the New England Heat Pump Accelerator, backed by a \$450 million federal grant. The goal is to replace fossil-fuel heating (oil, propane, natural gas) with energy-efficient, low-emission electric heat pumps, potentially installing more than 500,000 units over the coming years.

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Updated Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program (SMART 3.0)

In late 2025, Massachusetts finalized updated regulations for its SMART solar-incentive program (known as SMART 3.0), designed to reinvigorate solar deployment across the state. The new structure provides predictable per-kWh payments for solar energy delivered to the grid, with incentives tailored by system size, and includes enhanced support for smaller rooftop systems, community solar, and installations in low-income areas.

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– BAN KI-MOON