

**Watertown (and environs) groups, organizations and committees
interested in trees, ecosystems, and climate change**

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Symposium Co-Sponsor: Trees For Watertown

<https://treesforwatertown.org>

Trees for Watertown is a volunteer citizen organization. Our mission is to care for our community and environment, by

- promoting the planting and preservation of shade trees
- serving as an educational resource as to the beauty, value, and requirements of trees
- collaborating with town departments, local, regional and national organizations, and the public to support a healthy urban forest in Watertown, Massachusetts.

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Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee (WE3C)

This is a Town committee of appointed citizens and other volunteers. The committee researches matters regarding the environment and energy efficiency and makes recommendations to Town Council, also provides information and opportunities to Watertown citizens. Some recent projects of the WE3C have included Watertown Electricity Choice, advocating for our net-zero schools that are being built, participating in the Climate and Energy Master Plan process that is underway. WE3C is a co-sponsor of this event. The committee meets the third Monday of the month.

Other relevant Town committees include:

Watertown Conservation Commission

Watertown Stormwater Committee

Calendars, access info and agendas for Town committee meetings can be found on the Watertown website.

Resilient Watertown

<https://resilient.watertown-ma.gov/home>

A website developed by the town as part of Watertown's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness, loaded with relevant info and links.

TFW Teens for Trees

Information on this program for teen engagement with the urban forest, their work, and their findings on Watertown's trees:

<https://tfwteensfortrees.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Trees-for-Watertown-Teens-for-Trees-FINAL-REPORT.pdf>

Watertown Faces Climate Change/350 Mass

<https://watertowncitizens.org/working-groups/climate-action/>

Friends of Bees

Friends of Bees has a new document about planting pollinator gardens that we'd like to share. There is a brief introduction here:

<http://watertowncitizens.org/recommendations-for-pollinator-gardens/>

A direct link to the document is here:

<http://watertowncitizens.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Recommendations-for-Pollinator-Gardens.pdf>

Watertown Community Gardens

<https://watertowngardens.org>

Elders Climate Action

<https://www.eldersclimateaction.org/mass-chapter/>

Extinction Rebellion

<https://www.emergencywatertown.net/>

Emergency Watertown is part of XR Boston's Emergency Everywhere campaign to compel our leaders to start actively telling the truth about the climate and ecological crisis and do everything in their power to make each Massachusetts town and city sustainable and to prepare their citizens for what's coming. Emergency Everywhere is an umbrella campaign comprised of small municipal campaigns. We currently have local campaigns in Arlington, Cambridge, Somerville, Wellesley, Needham, Newburyport and Watertown. The Emergency Watertown campaign has focused on collaborating with the local Sunrise Movement hub and Watertown Faces Climate Change. In November, 2020, we presented our collective Watertown specific demands to the Town Council, and in March, 2021, Town Councilors debated our Climate Emergency Resolution. Our Resolution will appear on the agenda of the Joint PW & EDP Committees, Thursday March 25 from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Sunrise Watertown

Local chapter of the international Sunrise Movement.
For information contact leyla@thecorner.net

Watertown High School Environmental Club

For information contact jennifer.macdonald@watertown.k12.ma.us

Mount Auburn Cemetery

This local arboricultural jewel (which is mostly in Watertown!) has programs on Citizen Science Training and on Local Climate Change Preparedness.

https://mountauburn.org/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI1Nvztc287wIVDjyzCh0AqwQuEAAYASAAEgJfyPD_BwE

Mystic Charles Pollinator Pathway

Join the [Mystic Charles Pollinator Pathways Google group](#) for updates and links to their Zoom meetings. You can find them on Facebook, or email mysticcharles.pollinatorpaths@gmail.com.

Grow Native MA

<https://grownativemass.org>

Local information, advice, and plant sale regarding native trees, plants, gardening. Has a popular “Evenings with Experts” series.

Native Plant Trust

<http://www.nativeplanttrust.org>

Native Plant Trust (formerly Garden in the Woods) is another local source for information, courses, workshops and webinars, as well as native plant and tree sales: