



**EBC Leadership Webinar
Massachusetts Environmental and Energy Agenda for 2021**

Secretary Kathleen Theoharides
*Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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AGENDA

4:00 p.m. Welcome: Daniel K. Moon, President and Executive Director, EBC

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4:15 p.m. Keynote Presentation



Kathleen Theoharides, Secretary
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

4:45 p.m. Moderated Discussion

Following the presentation, a moderated discussion with Secretary Theoharides will focus on issues of concern to the EBC membership and their clients. The discussion will include participation from the audience.

Moderator: Catherine Finneran

Chair, Board of Directors, Environmental Business Council
Vice President, Sustainability and Environmental Affairs
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5:30 p.m. Adjourn

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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In 2016, Katie Theoharides joined the Baker-Polito Administration as Director of Climate and Global Warming Solutions in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. As Director and later Assistant Secretary, Theoharides guided the development and implementation of the Administration's efforts to safeguard Massachusetts from the impacts of climate change, support cities and towns, and coordinate efforts across state government to reduce emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. She worked to implement Executive Order 569, led the development of the State Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan and created the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program, working to grow the program to reach 50 percent of cities and towns in the Commonwealth in less than 3 years. Theoharides was promoted to Undersecretary in 2019, and continued to lead the Commonwealth's efforts on climate change, including working to strengthen regional and national coalitions focused on bipartisan state climate leadership including the United States Climate Alliance and the Transportation Climate Initiative.

Trained as a field biologist, Theoharides began her policy career working in Washington, D.C. at the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition and Defenders of Wildlife. During her time in DC, Theoharides worked on the federal farm bill and conservation policy, and helped establish a national program that partnered with federal and state agencies to incorporate climate change adaptation into policy, budgets, and planning. After returning to Massachusetts, Theoharides served as the Executive Director of the Hilltown Land Trust, and founded Theoharides Consulting which provided climate and environmental policy analysis, strategic planning, and facilitation to universities, government agencies and non-profits.

Theoharides received a B.A. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Dartmouth College and Masters of Science in Ecology and Environmental Biology from University of Massachusetts-Boston.

Originally from western Massachusetts, Theoharides lives with her husband, three young children, and dog in Arlington, Massachusetts.

DISCUSSION MODERATOR

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Catherine Finneran is Vice President, Sustainability and Environmental Affairs at Eversource Energy, New England's largest energy delivery company serving 3.6 million electric and natural gas customers in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. She manages 50 scientists, engineers and specialists focused on project siting and permitting, compliance, and sustainability.

Ms. Finneran comes to Eversource Energy with more than 20 years of experience focused on clean energy, environmental protection, and economic development. Before joining Eversource Energy, she

served as Senior Director of the Renewable Energy Generation Division at the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), where she oversaw the design and implementation of rebate and grant programs targeted at growing the Massachusetts clean energy market to increase deployment of various clean energy technologies. She previously served as the Director of Clean Energy for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). Ms. Finneran also served as the Brownfield Director for MassDEP.

Ms. Finneran serves on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for the Environmental Business Council (EBC) and on the Board of Directors of the New England Women in Energy and the Environment (NEWIEE).

UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

JANUARY 2021

January 22: Rhode Island Webinar – Stormwater Management Updates – RIDEM, RIDOT, NBC
January 25: Climate Change and Air Committee Virtual Program Planning Meeting
January 25: Site Remediation and Redevelopment Committee Virtual Program Planning Meeting
January 26: Emerging Contaminants Webinar – 1,4-dioxane update
January 26: Ascending Professionals Committee Virtual Program Planning Meeting
January 27: Ocean and Coastal Resources Webinar – Protecting Coastal Structures, Part One
January 28: TSCA Webinar – PCB Remediation Case Studies and Innovative Approaches
January 29: 15th Annual Construction and Demolition Materials Management Regional Summit

FEBRUARY 2021

February 2: Connecticut Resiliency Webinar – Future of Climate Mitigation and Adaptation
February 5: New Hampshire Leadership Webinar – New Hampshire DES Division Directors
February 9: 2nd Annual PFAS – The Forever Chemical – Seminar
February 23: TSCA Webinar – Alternative PCB Cleanup Approaches – Landfilling is not the Only Option!
February 24: Ocean and Coastal Resources Webinar – Protecting Coastal Structures, Part Two

MARCH 2021

March 2: New Hampshire Webinar – Managing PFAS in Soil – Key Technical & Regulatory Issues
March 3: 4th Annual Charity Networking Night in Support of Keep Massachusetts Beautiful
March 5: Climate Adaptation Forum – Think Globally, Act Locally – Municipal Adaptations
March 17: Leadership Webinar – Update from MassDEP Commissioner Suuberg