



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

CONSULTANT TEAM

EERMC Public Education Update

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Presentation Outline

2021 Public Education Overview

Status of Public Education Efforts

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2021 PUBLIC EDUCATION OVERVIEW





EERMC Education Working Group

Objective:

To recommend and oversee activities related to the EERMC's education budget allocations

Current Composition:

- Sue AnderBois
- Peter Gill Case
- Karen Verrengia
- EERMC Consultant Team
- RI Office of Energy Resources
- National Grid



2021 EERMC Education Budget Allocations

Energy Education & Outreach	\$30,000
- Public Forum, Lecture Series, Video Outreach	
Educational Energy Videos	\$75,000
Energy Training for K-12 Teachers	\$44,890
OER Energy Fellow Intern	\$7,500
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TOTAL	\$157,390



STATUS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION EFFORTS



EERMC Annual Public Forum

“Grid Resilience: How investments in sustainability and environmental justice will shape our energy future”

Keynote Speaker – Global lens

- High level perspective

Panel Discussion #1 – Regional lens

“Building Energy Resilience in New England”

- Featuring insight from regional leaders

Panel Discussion #2 – Local lens

“Addressing Climate Change and Environmental Justice at Home”

- Featuring Rhode Island leaders and activists

Date: Early December

Location: Virtual



EERMC Energy Lecture Series

Virtual Lecture #1 – October 28th

- ***How to Save on Your Electric Bill through Energy Efficiency***
- Brian Kearney, RISE Engineering

Virtual Lecture #2 - Week of November 8th

- ***The Economics of Energy Efficiency: A Business Community Roundtable***

Virtual Lecture #3 – Week of December 13th

- ***Workforce Development: How are we training Rhode Island's energy efficiency workforce?***



Call To Action

3 Ways you can join the energy efficiency conversation

The Rhode Island Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council (EERMC) is a group of stakeholders that serves all customers to ensure the utility is investing in the least expensive resource – energy efficiency. Learn more at www.rieermc.ri.gov



Learn about energy efficiency policies and programs in Rhode Island: www.rieermc.ri.gov and www.energy.ri.gov



Attend a public EERMC meeting about energy efficiency. Meeting schedules and materials are available online: www.rieermc.ri.gov



Public comment is welcome at all EERMC meetings. We want to hear from you!



Educational Videos

Kicked off video production contract with Duffy & Shanley (D&S) in early September

Video Topics:

- Understanding Your Utility Bill
- Energy Efficiency
- Energy Use and Climate Change
- The Electric Grid
- Demand Response
- Decarbonizing Thermal and Transportation
- Solar Energy
- Wind Energy
- Natural Gas
- How to Engage with RI Energy Policymakers
- Intro Video for OER
- Energy Storage



Energy Training for K-12 Teachers

Kicked off new contract with Green Buildings Research Institute (GBRI) in early October

Timeline is being developed now

Deliverable:

Five teacher training workshops focused on NEED's K-12 curriculum, developed with EERMC funds



OER Energy Fellow

Tasks:

- Outreach
- Website updates
- Building a contact database of all RI farms
- Development and production of a video case study of a past participant

Energy Fellow will present her work to the Council in December



COUNCIL MEMBER EDUCATION





EERMC Retreat – Session 2

November date TBD

Planning for a 3-hour session

Seeking input on deep dive topics:

- HVAC market transformation
- Strategic Electrification
- System Reliability Procurement
- Appliance Standards
- Demand Response
- Grid Resilience
- Program Oversight
- Other?



Council Member Discussion

