

Developing a Climate Strategy for Rhode Island: The Role of Energy Efficiency

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6:00 - 7:30 p.m

Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center, 45 Upper College Road, Kingston, RI

Moderator:

Jennifer Wood

Executive Director | Rhode Island Center for Justice

Speakers:

Peter Gill Case

Founder and Developer | Truth Box Architects

How can building energy efficiency help combat climate change? Peter is an architect and real estate developer in Providence, Rhode Island. He focuses on bringing sustainable design to the urban core; his recent work includes affordable, energy-efficient multi-family housing. Peter serves on the Energy Efficiency Council of Rhode Island, and is also co-founder of Equation Campaign, which funds movements in the US to stop the growth of the fossil fuel industry.



Greg Miller

Business Development Officer | Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank

How are energy efficiency projects in Rhode Island funded and financed? How are schools in Rhode Island becoming more efficient? Greg Miller is a Business Development Officer with the RI Infrastructure Bank and administers the Bank's energy program portfolio. Greg oversees Rhode Island's inclusion in the Coalition for Green Capital to tap EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reduction funds. Additionally, Greg oversees the development of a new Clean Energy Fund designed to finance cities and towns as well as the manufacturing and private sector to bring their facilities up to compliance with Rhode Island's Act on Climate mandate.



Sarah Doherty

Thermal Decarbonization Manager | Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources

Sarah Doherty is the Thermal Decarbonization Manager for the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER). She's responsible for advancing the development of cleaner, more affordable, and reliable heating options for Rhode Islanders by finding funding and engaging the public and private sector to identify options to pursue clean heating. Sarah runs Clean Heat RI, the state's \$25 million program that provides heat pump rebates (heating, water heating, and electric panel upgrades) to homeowners, income-eligible homeowners, small businesses, and nonprofit organizations.

