



2026 EEC Annual Report & Policy Recommendations Update

Consultant Team Presentation

April 16, 2026

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Annual Report Requirements



The Powers and Duties section of the EEC’s enabling legislation requires the Council to:

“Submit to the joint committee on energy an annual report on/or before April 15 of each year, commencing in 2008, regarding

- The activities of the council,*
- Its assessment of energy issues,*
- The status of system reliability, energy efficiency and conservation procurement, and*
- Recommendations regarding any improvements which might be necessary or desirable”*

EEC Annual Report: Timeline



~~**March 11** – Request high-level Councilor input~~

~~**March 19** – Council Meeting: Discuss 2026 policy recommendations~~

April 16 – Council Meeting: Discuss plan priorities & request Councilor input on Annual Report content

May 14 – Distribute updated draft for Council review

May 21 – Council Meeting: Potential vote on Annual Report

Timing of final Annual Report will depend on when 2025 program results from RI Energy are finalized and available.

Council can choose to approve the Annual Report pending final numbers.

Last Year's New Approach



- Less overlap with RIE Year-End Report
- Written in consistent EEC voice
- Shorter, easier to digest
- Focus on:
 - Climate
 - Energy affordability
 - Equity

Annual Report Sections



- Executive Summary
- Letters from the Chair & Executive Director
- About the EEC
- Energy Efficiency Essentials
- 2025 Energy Efficiency Program Highlights
- Policy Recommendations
- Priorities for the 2027-2029 EE & SRP Plans
- 2025 Energy Efficiency Program Results
- Council Public Education Efforts
- Energy Justice & Equity Efforts
- Planning Initiatives

New content for 2026 will include:

- *The Council's role in the 2026 planning process*
- *How EE is considered in the state's Climate Action Strategy*

*Would you like to see **any additional updates to the structure or content** of the Annual Report or Executive Summary pamphlet?*

2026 Primary Policy Recommendation



Core policy recommendation around sustaining robust investments in energy efficiency

- Reinforcing core principles of energy efficiency
- Ensuring balanced consideration of fixed budgets
- Supporting transition to multi-year plans
- Aligning decisions with Climate Action Plan

Presented as a primary recommendation to allow clearer focus on urgent challenges facing energy efficiency programs

2026 Secondary Policy Recommendations



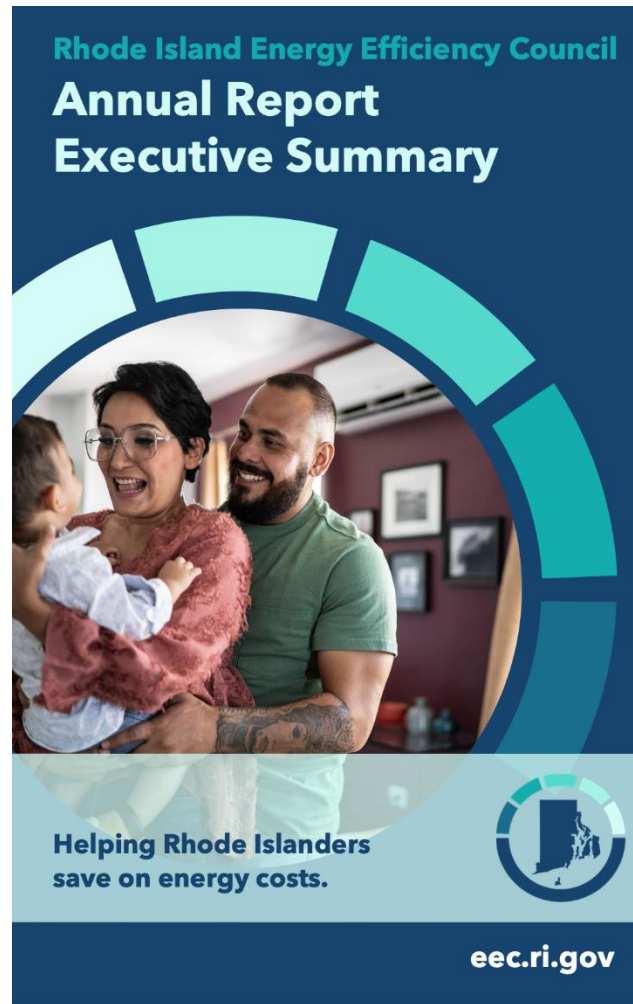
Secondary policy recommendations presented as supplemental items that

- reflect Council’s broader priorities
- Complement, rather than compete, with primary policy recommendation

Secondary recommendations include:

- Increasing investment in historically underserved communities
- Leveraging workforce development to advance climate and energy affordability goals
- Building energy disclosure and home improvement requirements
- Advancing integrated weatherization and building rehabilitation support
- Strengthen support for high performance buildings and schools
- Expand capacity for energy benchmarking and data-driven building management

Executive Summary Pamphlet



- In 2024 & 2025, the Council decided not to print copies of the full report
- Instead, an Executive Summary pamphlet was created and printed
- Intended to provide a brief overview of EE in RI for a broad audience

Would you like to take this approach again this year?

Executive Summary Pamphlet



What is Energy Efficiency?

Energy efficiency is the practice of using *less energy* to achieve the *same result* or perform the same task.

Examples of Energy Efficiency in the Home:



- INSULATION
- AIR SEALING
- WINDOWS & DOORS
- HEAT PUMPS
- THERMOSTATS
- WATER HEATING
- APPLIANCES
- ELECTRONICS
- LOW-FLOW FIXTURES

Energy Efficiency Programs in Rhode Island

Rhode Island Energy, the primary utility in the state, currently administers most of the state's energy efficiency programs. They offer an array of energy saving programs that benefit all Rhode Islanders.

Rhode Island Energy's Efficiency Programs:



- Are available to residential, commercial & industrial customers
- Offer financial incentives & rebates, loans & grants, and technical assistance
- Must pass cost-effectiveness tests
- Have significant oversight & regulation
- Are funded through a small surcharge on all gas & electric bills

Energy Efficiency Supports Economy, Jobs & Climate

Benefits of energy efficiency for the most recent year of data available (2024).



Energy efficiency programs in Rhode Island resulted in...
\$448 million
in total benefits to Rhode Islanders



Over their lifetime, energy efficiency measures installed this year will prevent more than...
364,000 metric tons
of greenhouse gas emissions



Equivalent to taking almost...
85,000 cars
off the road for one year



Energy efficiency programs in Rhode Island created...
740 jobs
(full-time equivalent)



789 companies
Delivered energy efficiency services this year

What is the Rhode Island Energy Efficiency Council?

MISSION

The Energy Efficiency Council monitors the state's energy efficiency programs to maximize cost-effective energy savings for all Rhode Islanders through comprehensive stakeholder representation and expert technical evaluation.

ABOUT

The Energy Efficiency Council, formally the Energy and Efficiency Resource Management Council, was established by statute in 2006 to provide oversight of the state's ratepayer-funded energy efficiency programs. The Council includes fifteen appointed members that represent the interests of homeowners, renters, workers, businesses, municipalities, and the environment.

Rhode Island has been a leader in energy efficiency in North America. The Council is a key driver of that success, providing technical expertise and informed stakeholder input that shapes energy strategy, planning, and implementation.

Cost-effective energy efficiency is the foundation of a sustainable energy future. The Council is committed to helping Rhode Island achieve its climate mandates and work toward a clean, reliable, and affordable energy economy. This is achievable when all Rhode Islanders have access to the full benefits of energy efficiency.



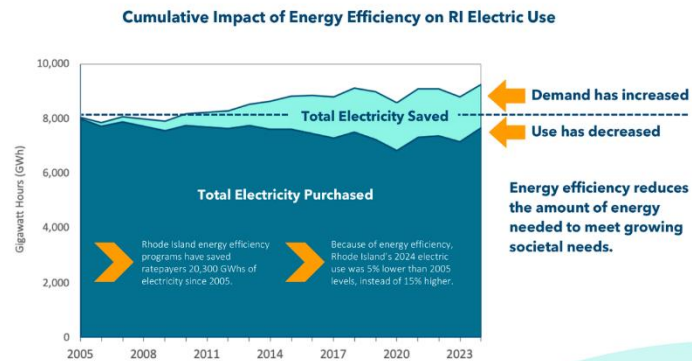
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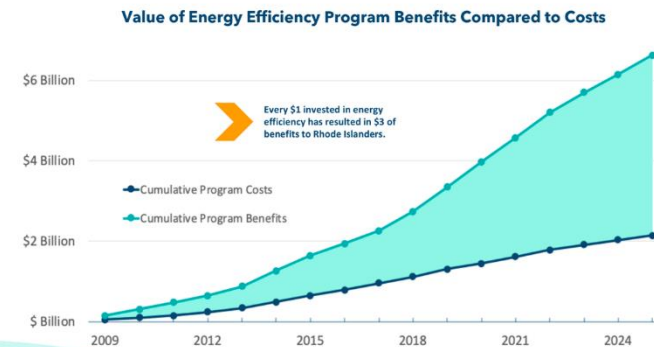


ENERGY EFFICIENCY IS A RESOURCE



To meet the growing needs for the services provided by energy systems, we can either generate more energy or use it more efficiently. Energy efficiency is capable of displacing energy generation and is often less expensive. It can also defer expensive upgrades to utility infrastructure, improve system reliability, reduce peak demand, and increase energy security.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY IS COST EFFECTIVE



Over time, the cumulative benefits of energy efficiency programs far outweigh the costs of implementation. Since 2009, Rhode Island's ratepayer funded energy efficiency programs have realized about \$6.15 billion in societal benefits, compared to total program costs of about \$2.03 billion. These benefits include the need to generate and deliver less energy to customers, reduced emissions and associated environmental benefits, and improved reliability of our utility systems.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Sustain Robust Energy Efficiency Investment to Meet Act on Climate Mandates
- Support Ambitious Energy Savings Targets to Reduce Customer Costs
- Increase Investments in Historically Underserved Communities
- Leverage Workforce Development to Advance Climate and Energy Affordability Goals



Council Member Discussion



Would you like to see any additional updates to the structure or content of the Annual Report or Executive Summary pamphlet?

Would you like to print Executive Summary pamphlets again instead of the full report?

Any other thoughts about the Annual Report development or distribution?



Appendix
