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About the cover:
Top left: Block Island Wind Farm, Block Island, RI.
Top right: Monhegan Island community-owned solar array.
Bottom: A solar array at Islesboro Central School.

The 2018 Island Energy Conference: Resilient Together features a trip to Islesboro to visit the island’s power infrastructure and learn about the community’s diverse energy projects.
With the devastating effects of hurricanes and storm events hitting hard in island and coastal communities around the world, the winds of change are blowing briskly. These places are among the first to feel the effects of a disrupted climate but have also found themselves on the frontlines of the clean energy revolution. In the face of their common challenges, islanders are increasingly sharing solutions and coming together to inform their efforts to rebuild and strengthen their communities.

From Isle au Haut to Ocracoke and Alaska to Barbados, local leaders are exchanging ideas and engaging in experiences that help to further their own sustainability. As a result, they are developing innovative new energy systems that are more affordable, more resilient, and built for the future. Last year, we celebrated the work of communities charting their own course toward sustainable energy. This year, we gather at the Island Energy Conference to explore the connections that make our communities stronger and celebrate the progress that has been made in tackling our unique energy challenges. Caribbean energy expert Martyn Forde joins us as our keynote to share his perspective on how these islands are building resilience together across the region.

The winds of change are blowing, but there is strength in numbers. By sharing ideas and experiences we can build a stronger future together. Thank you for joining us.

Brooks, Harry, Alli, Andy, Bri, Rebecca, and Suzanne
The Island Institute Energy Team

Keynote Speaker: Martyn Forde
Rocky Mountain Institute

Martyn Forde is an energy management consultant responsible for the knowledge exchange and capacity building component of the Rocky Mountain Institute’s Islands Energy Program. In addition, he is the Community Leader of the CARILEC Renewable Energy Community (CAREC), an online platform designed to enable Caribbean utility companies and energy professionals to share their knowledge on low-carbon technologies and steward organizational knowledge development through webinars, virtual working groups, and workshops. Prior to this role, Forde was a project manager with the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI), where he was responsible for energy planning and the Island Energy Program’s activities in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Montserrat. Before joining the Islands Energy Program, Martyn assisted the Climate and Energy Program of the Worldwatch Institute with research for the Caribbean Sustainable Energy Roadmap and Strategy.

Prior to his work in the energy field, Martyn was a member of the Barbados National Swimming Team and represented the island in international competitions such as World Championships and the 2008 Beijing Olympics.
ANNOUNCING THE 2018 ISLAND ENERGY INNOVATION AWARD

The Island Institute presents the 2018 Island Energy Innovation Award to:

The Community of Islesboro
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| 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. | Opening Remarks  
Screening of Short Film: Sharing Solutions in Offshore Wind  
Presentation of Awards (Great Room 2) |
| 9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Keynote Address (Great Room 2)                                      |
| 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Networking Break                                                     |
| 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Breakout Session #1                                                  |
| 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. | LUNCH (Great Room 1)                                                 |
| 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. | Lightning Talks - Lessons from the Frontlines (Great Room 2)        |
| 1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Networking Break                                                     |
| 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Looking Ahead: A discussion about building a resilient energy future (Great Room 1) |
| 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Breakout Session #2                                                  |
| 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | No-host dinner at Rí Rá Irish Pub,  
72 Commercial Street in Portland |
Panel Descriptions

**Film Screening  |  8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.**

**SHARING SOLUTIONS IN OFFSHORE WIND**

Tackling complex issues in small communities can be a challenge, but residents of many New England islands have learned that they don't have to go it alone. After years of networking on issues related to offshore wind development, leaders from four New England island communities gathered on Block Island, RI, to continue their discussions and tour the nation’s first offshore wind farm in 2017. This short film tells the story of how Block Island leaders are informing the work of their peers in Maine and Massachusetts, sharing their strategies to navigate relationships with wind developers and identifying ways to balance impacts with community benefits.

The film will be introduced by Monhegan Island resident, Marian Chioffi and Block Island resident, Bill Penn.
Breakout Session #1 | 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**GREAT ROOM 1**

**LEADERSHIP FOR RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

One way to build resilience is to build local understanding and leadership around issues of energy and sustainability. This session will highlight programs from around the world that are helping island and remote communities learn from each other about how to make their communities more resilient and more sustainable.

*Panelists include: George Roe, Alaska Center for Energy and Power; Larry Bean, Town of Lapointe Energy Committee, Madeline Island, WI; Andrea Russell, College of the Atlantic; Kyle Coulam, Clinton Climate Initiative*

*Moderator: Brooks Winner, Island Institute*

**GREAT ROOM 2**

**PUSHING THE ENVELOPE: INNOVATION ON THE WATERFRONT**

We often say that islands are microcosms for the rest of the world that can provide a view to the future. This panel will feature island communities that are pushing the envelope, reimagining what the energy systems of the future might look like and taking bold steps to ensure that their communities are vibrant, resilient places for generations to come.

*Panelists include: Chris Smith, Monhegan Plantation Power District; Jim Wilson, Isle au Haut Power Company; Chris Rose, Renewable Energy Alaska Project*

*Moderator: Stephanie Nowers, K.I.S. Consulting*

After Lunch | 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**GREAT ROOM 2**

**LIGHTNING TALKS: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE FRONTLINES**

As Senator Angus King observed at the 2015 Island Energy Conference, "we are in the middle of an energy revolution, and islands are Bunker Hill." At last year’s conference, we explored courses that islands are charting toward their own sustainable energy futures. This year we reflect on the key role that island communities are playing in energy transitions happening throughout the world, and the connections built over past years that make our communities stronger and more resilient together.

*Panelists include: Jon Calame, Thermal Efficiency Eastport, ME; Alexis Chatzimpiros, Samso Energy Academy/Tentou Project; Veronica Rocha, Hawaii State Energy Office; Lauren Sinatra, Town of Nantucket Energy Office*

*Moderator: Suzanne MacDonald, Island Institute*

**GREAT ROOM 1**

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**A DISCUSSION ABOUT BUILDING A RESILIENT ENERGY FUTURE**

This will be a structured conversation in small groups, allowing group members to gather information and understand synergies and share expertise from conference attendees.
GREAT ROOM 1

BRIDGING THE RURAL EFFICIENCY GAP

Rural communities pay higher energy costs than their urban counterparts, so the case for energy efficiency is compelling. However, it can be difficult to get energy efficiency upgrades done in rural areas. This session will feature program designs and community-based outreach models that are bridging the gap between remote places and the resources needed to make homes warmer, more affordable, and more energy efficient.

Panelists include: Sarah Brock, Vital Communities; Natalie Hanson, Nuvista Light and Electric Cooperative
Moderator: Katie Conway, Alaska Energy Authority

GREAT ROOM 2

PLANNING FOR UNCERTAINTY

In 2017, natural disasters caused over $300 billion in damages in the U.S., a new annual record. Island communities are often some of the hardest hit when disaster strikes, and their remoteness makes it even more essential that their systems be built for resilience in an uncertain climate. This session will feature stories and lessons learned from islands that are planning for uncertainty and building resilient energy systems.

Panelists include: Clay Koplin, Cordova Electric Cooperative; Tracy Fredericks and James Stockman, Block Island Power Company; Heidi Jernigan Smith, Tideland Electric Membership Corporation, Ocracoke, NC
Moderator: Stephen Walls, U.S. Department of Energy
SITE VISIT TO ISLESBORO, MAINE

Saturday, May 5

Join us on Saturday for a trip to Islesboro! This island community off the coast of Lincolnville, Maine, has made major strides on energy issues in recent years. Attendees will visit newly-installed solar installations at the school and town office and hear about locally-driven energy efficiency and community planning efforts from island residents.

We will depart from Lincolnville’s Ferry Terminal at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, and return to the mainland around 2:30 p.m. Attendees will be responsible for their own transportation to and from Lincolnville. We will be touring many outdoor areas to view projects and hear stories, so please dress accordingly. May on a Maine island can be cool and wet, so a rain coat and closed toe shoes are recommended. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited for this event.

Trip co-hosted by Islesboro Energy Committee and Islesboro Central School with support from: Islesboro Community Center, Pendleton Yacht Yard, Town of Islesboro, Bluewater Bakery, Islesboro Energy Team, and others. Many thanks to all of our gracious hosts!

Left: The interior of the Islesboro school greenhouse which is powered by its solar array. 
Top Right: The solar array on top of the Islesboro Town Office. 
Bottom Right: An electric car at the Pendleton Yacht Yard being charged.
PRESENTER BIOS

Sharing Solutions in Offshore Wind – Film

MARIAN CHIOFFI
Since 2003, Marian Chioffi has served as the bookkeeper/clerk for the Monhegan Plantation Power District (MPPD), a quasi-municipal company that generates and distributes power on Monhegan Island. In 2013, Marian revised MPPD’s business plan to increase the company’s economic viability through reducing Monhegan’s dependency on diesel fuel. Later that year, she began serving as the co-chair of the Monhegan Energy Task Force, the organization representing her community in discussions with the developers of the Maine Aqua Ventus offshore wind project. She is currently working to complete a USDA-funded project to upgrade MPPD’s power station with diesel-fired microturbines, heat recovery, and a 13 kW solar array. Marian is the co-owner of the Trailing Yew, a hotel on Monhegan, sits on several community organization boards, and was a participant in the Collaborative for Island Energy Research and Action.

BILL PENN
Bill Penn is the treasurer of the newly-formed, municipal Block Island Utility District and is president of the Block Island Residents Association, which played a major role in community outreach and support of the offshore Block Island Wind Farm. Bill previously served as treasurer of the Transition Board of Directors of the Block Island Power Company. Professionally, Bill provides finance advisory services to brownfields redevelopment projects.

Session: Leadership for Resilient Communities

BROOKS WINNER - MODERATOR
Brooks Winner is a community development officer at the Island Institute in Rockland, Maine, and works closely with island communities to assist with programming in energy efficiency, community-owned renewable energy, offshore wind and energy education. Brooks holds a B.A. in Environmental Studies and Spanish from Bowdoin College, where he received multiple awards for his work on community energy projects throughout the state of Maine. Prior to working at the Island Institute, Brooks worked as canvasser and community organizer for Opportunity Maine educating homeowners about energy efficiency and for La Capra Associates, an energy consulting firm in Portland. Brooks is also a descendant of the Starlings, one of the original three families on Monhegan Island.
LARRY BEAN
Larry Bean has served as the chair of the LaPointe, Wisconsin, town board established Energy Committee since 1998. He is retired after serving 22 years as the director of energy efficiency and renewable energy programs in Iowa. He has served as chair of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEBAB) advising the U.S. Congress and Dept. of Energy, chair of the National Association of State Energy Officials, chair of the Board of Directors for the Energy and Environment Research Center and the Energy Research Center at the University of Iowa and Iowa State University, respectively, and chaired the Iowa Rural Development Council. He was a college professor teaching biology and environmental science for 10 years in Iowa. He worked in electric power plant production for an Iowa investor-owned utility for 10 years.

KYLE COULAM
Kyle Coulam went to the University of Vermont, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History with a focus on international relations and global history. During his time at UVM, he interned abroad with Boston University at Green Cross International in Geneva, where he worked on a wide range of environmental projects which included creating a building efficiency guide for municipal buildings in Geneva. At the University of Southern California, Kyle received a Master of Public Policy and a Master of Planning with a focus on sustainability, as well as a certificate in Homeland Security and Public Policy. Taking his passion for the environment from the classroom into practice, he has worked at the U.S.-China Clean Tech Center, the USC Center for Sustainable Cities, Los Angeles Council District 14, as well as consulted for the Los Angeles Emergency Management Department to measure and improve Los Angeles’s resilience. Currently, Kyle is a project manager with the Clinton Climate Initiative's Islands Energy Program.

GEORGE ROE
George Roe is a member of the research faculty at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, affiliated with the Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP), where he serves as deputy director. His work focuses on adaptation and integration of energy grid technologies, working in conjunction with industry, utilities, federal agencies, and communities. He is the principal investigator for the Alaska Center for Microgrid Technologies Commercialization program and is the program manager at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks for the Arctic Remote Energy Networks Academy (ARENA). Prior to joining UAF in 2013, George served in various engineering and management roles at Boeing for 35 years in research and development of aerospace-related energy subsystem technologies. George holds Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington.
ANDREA RUSSELL
Andrea Russell is program manager at the College of the Atlantic (COA) Community Energy Center, and COA’s sustainability coordinator. She holds a Master’s degree from COA and a BFA from Syracuse University. Andrea began working at the Community Energy Center as a graduate student, having previously worked at Mount Desert Island Hospital and the Bar Harbor post office. She enjoys her work connecting home and business owners with local sustainability initiatives.

Session: Pushing the Envelope

STEPHANIE NOWERS - MODERATOR
Stephanie Nowers is owner and president of K.I.S. Consulting LLC, an Alaska-based consulting firm committed to creating a sustainable energy future. From 1993-2009, she worked as a reporter and editor for the Anchorage Daily News covering government, crime, and the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. More recently, she served as communications director for Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP). For the past several years, she has focused on community-scale, islanded-grid systems and Net Zero Energy construction.

CHRIS ROSE
Chris Rose is the founder and executive director of the Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP). He earned a B.A. in Political Science and a Certificate in Global Studies from the University of Iowa and a law degree from the University of Oregon with a Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law. For over 10 years, his private practice in Alaska included representation of Native Alaskans from Northwest Arctic villages and the mediation of a variety of disputes around the state. He has been very active in local community affairs and has served on various statewide boards, including the state’s Renewable Energy Grant Fund Advisory Committee which he currently chairs. Since 2004, REAP has been a leading force in Alaska promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy, resulting in state clean energy investments of more than $900 million over the last decade.

CHRIS SMITH
Chris Smith is operations manager for the Monhegan Plantation Power District, a small quasi-municipal electric utility that serves customers on Monhegan Island, Maine. Chris has held this position since the district was established in 1999 and led the construction of its original power plant. He is a commercial lobsterman, contractor, and year-round resident of Monhegan. Chris and the MPPD team recently installed four diesel-fired, Capstone C65 microturbines and coordinated the installation of a 10kW solar array at the island’s power station to replace its fleet of diesel generators.
Lightning Talks: Lessons Learned from the Frontlines

ALEXIS CHATZIMPIROS
Alexis holds a Physics Degree and an M.Sc in Energy Production and Management. He has been developing and coordinating international energy and sustainable development projects for 13 years. He has extensive experience in island and sustainable development policies in the EU, advocacy for appropriate policies for local and regional authorities, and coordination of networks. Since 2017, he has coordinated an international project aiming to bring together and support communities around the world willing to engage in their own energy transitions.

JIM WILSON
Jim Wilson is a retired University of Maine professor of marine science and economics. As a resident of Isle au Haut, he is working with the island’s power company to shape a vision for the future of energy generation and use on the island.

LAUREN SINATRA
Prior to her work with the Nantucket Energy Office, Lauren served as special assistant to Yale Environmental Law & Policy expert Dan Esty—who is currently Connecticut’s Commissioner for the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection—and led the logistics, corporate communication, and client management efforts for his corporate environmental strategy consulting firm, Esty Environmental Partners. Lauren also worked several years at o.s.Earth, Inc., a start-up firm based upon the philosophies of R. Buckminster Fuller, for which she traveled extensively to facilitate sustainable resource management exercises for schools, universities, and corporations. Lauren is also a co-founder of Nantucket Solar LLC, established in 2007, where she spearheads the company’s renewable energy policy research and manages the “Nantucket Solar EXPRESS: Mobile Solar Generator” solar powered events. Lauren graduated Magna Cum Laude from Tufts University and has called Nantucket home since 2005.

JON CALAME
Jon Calame has coordinated the “Thermal Efficiency: Eastport” affordable heat coaching program since 2011, linking fuel poverty with public health outcomes in Washington County. Previously, he was a Fellow of the American Academy in Rome, a senior Fulbright Scholar in Cyprus, and partnerships manager for the World Monuments Fund. He is the author of “Divided Cities: Belfast, Beirut, Jerusalem, Mostar and Nicosia” (UPenn Press, 2007); his training is in urban planning and architectural history.
Lightning Talks: Lessons Learned from the Frontlines

VERONICA ROCHA
Veronica Rocha leads the Renewable Energy Branch (REB) for the Hawaii State Energy Office, responsible for Hawaii’s achievement of 100% renewable energy by 2045. Under her leadership, REB has guided the HSEO on key renewable energy strategies, policies, and programs. In 2016/2017, she was selected by the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Embassy in Armenia as a Professional Fellow Visiting Expert to Armenia to support the country’s policies and transition toward clean energy. As a follow-on activity, Veronica helped to co-found Women in Climate and Energy (WiCE) in Armenia. Beyond her work in renewable energy, she also serves in a governor-appointed position for Hawaii’s State Health Coordinating Council, dedicated to reducing healthcare costs in Hawaii, and is an advisor to #EquityHui, an organization dedicated to bringing greater gender equity in the workforce. Veronica graduated with a MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business and holds a BS from Stanford University in Mechanical Engineering.

SUZANNE MACDONALD - MODERATOR
Suzanne MacDonald is a community development officer at the Island Institute. For nine years, she directed the organization’s Community Energy Program, partnering with island communities in Maine, New England, and beyond to develop and implement practical strategies to lower their high energy costs. She is currently transitioning into a new role in which she is designing the organization’s strategic approach to sharing information and experiences across all areas of its work in order to further the sustainability of communities in Maine and elsewhere. Suzanne holds an M.A. in urban and environmental policy and planning from Tufts University and a B.A. in international development and political science from McGill University.
Session: Bridging the Rural Efficiency Gap

KATIE CONWAY - MODERATOR
Katie Conway is the Government Relations, Outreach and Efficiency Manager for Alaska Energy Authority. In her seven years with AEA’s energy efficiency program Katie has been working to improve statewide awareness of energy efficiency as a cost reduction strategy and investment opportunity. Her work includes facilitating the Alaska Energy Efficiency Partnership, an ad hoc working group of over 50 statewide public, private, and non-profit organizations that share the vision for Alaska to someday be the most energy efficient state in the nation. Prior to joining AEA, Katie worked on energy efficiency policy as a legislative aide in the Alaska State House. She has a Masters in Applied Anthropology with a focus on the critical relationship between communities and the natural resources on which they rely.

SARAH BROCK
Sarah Brock joined Vital Communities in 2013 as the energy program manager. Through her work, Sarah provides support for her region’s 40+ local energy committees, engaging with dozens of volunteers and clean energy businesses in programs like Solarize Upper Valley, Weatherize Upper Valley, and the Upper Valley Green Real Estate Network. Prior to joining the Vital Communities team, Sarah was an Environmental Philanthropy Associate with the High Meadows Fund, a supporting organization of the Vermont Community Foundation. Sarah now lives in Warner, New Hampshire, with her husband Zach and her chickens.

NATALIE HANSON
Natalie Hanson was born and raised in the rural, western Alaska town of Bethel. Now, as the executive director of Nuvista, her primary focus is to help alleviate the burden of energy costs in her home region of Alaska, the YK Delta. Natalie has a Bachelor’s degree in Hydrology from Boise State University and a Master’s in Civil Engineering from the University of Alaska Anchorage.
Session: Planning for Uncertainty

**STEPHEN WALLS - MODERATOR**
Stephen Walls works toward transitioning islands away from a dependence on imported fuels through a focus on local and renewable energy resources. Stephen helped create the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Energy Transition Initiative and was the lead content developer for its Islands Playbook, which was published in early 2015 (www.energy.gov/islandsplaybook). He is currently supporting the implementation of the Islands Playbook in Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and coordinates closely with partners who are implementing the Playbook elsewhere in the Caribbean and the Pacific. Before his consulting work with DOE, Stephen worked in global government relations and capital markets for a Fortune 50 company. He earned a J.D. with honors from The George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C., and undergraduate degrees in Economics and International Relations from the University of Delaware.

**CLAY KOPLIN**
Clay Koplin is the chief executive officer of Cordova Electric Cooperative, Inc. Clay has a Bachelor’s Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) and a Master’s Degree in Business Administration from Indiana University’s Kelly School of Business. Clay is also currently Mayor of Cordova. His professional specialties include project management, underground electric and communication line design and project management, electric utility business management, and strategic planning and execution.

**TRACY FREDERICKS AND JAMES STOCKMAN**
Tracy has lived on Block Island year-round for over 14 years. Prior to moving to Block Island, she worked as the special projects director at the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, NH. She has been with the Block Island Power Company for just over a year. In addition to working at BIPCO, she runs a telemedicine, psychiatry program on Block Island, affiliated with Brown University and Butler Hospital.

James Stockman has been a lineman with the Block Island Power Company for over five years. Originally from Connecticut, Jim first came to Block Island in the 80s and has been a year-round resident for over eight years.

**HEIDI JERNIGAN SMITH**
Heidi Smith manages cooperative outreach and education programs for Tideland Electric Membership Corporation and serves as the official spokesperson. She develops and manages the cooperative’s renewable energy and energy efficiency programs, and she carries out the grant making functions of the Tideland Electric Care Trust, a 501c3 organization. On top of managing the cooperative’s residential and commercial energy audit programs and providing supervision to the co-op’s energy auditors, she manages deployment of consumer Ecobees and Carina Technologies water heater control devices as part of the Ocracoke microgrid project.
OUR ENERGY TEAM: The Island Institute’s Energy Program helps Maine island and coastal communities better understand their unique energy challenges and transition to clean energy systems. For the last nine years, we have worked to reduce the high economic and environmental costs of energy use for homeowners, businesses, and municipalities through community-based, nationally-relevant models that increase energy efficiency and renewable energy options. We invest in local leaders, building capacity through energy education programs and leadership trainings. We invest in projects by connecting community leaders to technical and financial resources.

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Islanded Grid Resource Center

The Islanded Grid Resource Center, a collaborative project of the Island Institute, the Renewable Energy Alaska Project, and WINDEExchange, seeks to create a self-sustaining knowledge center and resource for remote islanded grids using or considering wind power. The Islanded Grid Resource Center hosts annual and semi-annual events, and operates www.islandedgrid.org, a resource to connect grid operators in remote communities.

WINDEExchange is the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Wind Program’s hub of stakeholder engagement and outreach activities. The purpose of WINDEExchange is to help communities weigh the benefits and costs of wind energy, understand the deployment process, and make wind development decisions supported by the best available science and other fact-based information.

Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP) is a coalition of large and small Alaska utilities, businesses, conservation and consumer groups, educational entities, Alaska Native organizations, and municipal, state, and federal agencies with an interest in developing Alaska’s vast renewable energy resources.

Bridging the Rural Efficiency Gap

Bridging the Rural Efficiency Gap is a project led by the Maine Governor's Energy Office and the Island Institute, with support from the U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program, that seeks to expand access to and participation in clean energy finance programs in rural communities throughout Maine and the U.S.

U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) State Energy Program (SEP) provides funding and technical assistance to state and territory energy offices to help them advance their clean energy economy while contributing to national energy goals. The Bridging the Rural Efficiency Gap project is supported by funding from SEP.

Maine Governor's Energy Office

The Maine Governor’s Energy Office mission is to create effective public and private partnerships that advance Maine’s energy security and economic development in an environmentally responsible manner. The Island Institute is partnering with the Governor’s Energy Office to implement Bridging the Rural Efficiency Gap to address the barriers that are preventing rural communities in oil-dependent states like Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Alaska from making energy efficiency upgrades and accessing financing resources.
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