

Your monthly update on the Town of Natick's sustainability efforts has arrived. Please enjoy responsibly.

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Natick Sustainability Newsletter

Solar panels – they're so hot right now.



Did you know more than 275 Natick residents use solar to save money and protect the environment? The Town also uses solar to power 20% of our schools' electricity needs. (Wow! Cool!)

Some motivated residents want to keep the party going, so the Town is working with them to apply for [Solarize Mass](#), a state program that would help reduce costs for future residential and small business solar installs. It would also lower

pricing on Power Purchase Agreements (a way of financing solar without paying any upfront costs).

To qualify for Solarize Mass, we need to confirm Natick homeowners are interested in learning more about solar options. Please take our [survey](#) and share it with your network. The more people who express interest, the more likely we are to get the grant.

We're also looking to recruit volunteers to support this initiative. If you'd like to get involved, please take the survey and join us for a kick-off meeting on 10/29 at 7:30pm at the Natick Community Senior Center. We're hopeful we can get this grant and start helping Natick customers this spring.

Hungry for more? You can find additional details about the program [here](#).

Crazy for compost!

More than 1,000 people have taken Natick's curbside composting survey. Yay! Thank you for your help spreading the word.

We made a fun [infographic](#) to share our findings and plans for a spring launch. We're also planning to launch a logo design contest soon. Stay tuned!



Take a hike – and bring your shovel.

Thanks to everyone who came to support Natick Trails Day – the Town's 6th annual celebration of our trails. Volunteers built a new and improved trail leading up a steep slope from Fisk Pond up to the Henry Wilson grave site, and cut back encroaching

vegetation and invasive species. Way to go!



Speaking of volunteers – Natick's trails and open space need your help. Will you answer their call? Here are some ways you can get involved:

1. The Town's [Trail Maintenance Committee](#) has openings. Contact the [Committee's Chair](#) to learn more.
2. Friends of Natick Trails is a new nonprofit that supports trail fundraising and other efforts. It has an initial focus on the Rail Trail. Click [here](#) to connect with its founders.
3. Pat Conaway, a volunteer who won the Town's 2013 Shining Light award, leads weekly litter and trail projects. [Email Pat](#) to find out how and when you can help.

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