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Climate in Maine

Do you have questions about the most current science surrounding climate change in Maine? Please join the Gardiner Library Association's Zoom presentation with ecologist Shri Verrill who will present on climate change and its significance to Maine. Join us for this very informative program on Thursday, September 24, 2020 from 6:30PM – 7:30PM.

New clean energy businesses are starting up. Offshore wind is blowing. Maine has a new Climate Council. Recent polling from the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication indicates most Mainers think global warming is happening and caused mainly by human activities. While Maine's resources are vulnerable to climate change, Maine resources represent solutions as well. People in Maine are noticing a changing climate.

What do climate impacts and solutions mean to flooding risks and what are the challenges and opportunities in Maine agriculture and fisheries?

Ms. Verrill is a volunteer member of the Union of Concerned Scientists Science Network. In her professional capacity Shri has worked with communities in southern, Downeast, and now Midcoast Maine to implement fish passage, salt marsh, tidal, estuarine and riparian zone restoration.

The event is free but registration is required:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZMuduCvrTwjEtGYdRvUebDtXW8maVoi3s51>

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Shri Verrill is a restoration ecologist, wetland scientist, and field botanist with a Master of Science degree in Biology from the University of Southern Maine. Her thesis research focused on coastal salt marsh, estuarine ecology, and tidal restoration as a model for sea-level-rise. Shri has worked with communities in southern, Downeast, and now Midcoast Maine to implement fish passage, salt marsh, tidal, estuarine and riparian zone restoration. In 2017 she co-founded the Alliance for Economic Democracy with her husband, Alex Jackimovicz. In 2019 she participated in a Science and Democracy Fellowship with the Union of Concerned Scientists, and consequently co-founded the Maine 500 Women Scientists' Pods. She has previously served and assisted in legislative efforts with Maine Association of Wetland Scientists, the New England Chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration, Maine Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Natural Resources Council of Maine, 500 Women Scientists, and with the Downeast Science Watchdogs. She deeply values her connection with the land, water, hills, and forests in Maine and works to inspire ecological consciousness and a democratic economy locally.