## Local Considerations in Siting Renewable Energy



### Climate Change Impacts in New England



#### Municipal Permitting Considerations

- Municipal planning and zoning limit land uses in certain areas
- In Massachusetts, municipal conservation commissions are tasked with protecting wetland resources and conservation land



#### Municipal Regulation of Solar Siting



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# Responsible Siting of Offshore Wind

- Offshore wind will be integral to achieving climate policies and mandates throughout New England
- Important to balance offshore wind development with protecting ocean resources
- Offshore wind is moving forward in New England

#### Thank You

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