

OER's Mission Statement

The Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) mission is to lead the state toward a clean, affordable, reliable, resilient, and equitable energy future. OER develops policies and programs that respond to the state's evolving energy needs. OER is committed to working with state agencies, public- and private-sector stakeholders to ensure that all Rhode Islanders have access to cost-effective, resilient, and sustainable energy solutions, while meeting our Act on Climate objectives.

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OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES

2025 – 2028 STRATEGIC PLAN



STRATEGIC GOALS

01

ADVANCE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS AND POLICIES

- Expand residential adoption of solar through long-term renewable energy programs, with increased emphasis on low- to moderate-income households.
- Continue to collaborate with New England states on offshore wind procurement for the state and region.
- Implement the mandates in the Renewable Energy Standard law by the end of 2033.
- Continue to collaborate with the Northeast states on renewable energy and transmission projects that benefit Rhode Island and the region.
- Advance policies and programs that balance climate change, ratepayer costs and benefits, workforce development, and building the state's clean energy economy.
- Increase consumer protection for households across the state in collaboration with state agencies and elected officials.
- Leverage to the greatest extent all available federal tax credits in the deployment of the state's renewable energy programs.

02

OPTIMIZE FEDERAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT STATE ENERGY PROGRAMS AND POLICIES

- Implementation of federal funding for the state's energy efficiency, renewable energy, and grid resiliency policies and programs.
- Support marketplace transformation to aid distributors and manufacturers of heat pumps.
- Increase energy training programs and opportunities, including education outreach on energy building codes.
- Increase collaboration with state, quasi-state agencies, municipalities, and schools to deploy federal funding opportunities.

03

STRENGTHEN ENERGY STORAGE AND GRID RESILIENCE TO IMPROVE ADAPTABILITY AND RELIABILITY OF GRID INFRASTRUCTURE

- Formulate a strategic plan for allocating Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative funds and launch a dashboard to showcase how funds are deployed.
- Expand, develop, and implement a comprehensive energy storage strategy.
- Continue to advance the development of programs and initiatives related to the feasibility and deployment of microgrids.
- Advance policies and programs that balance climate change, ratepayer costs and benefits, workforce development, and building the state's clean energy economy.
- Develop an energy storage model ordinance for municipalities to have access to for residential and commercial energy storage systems.



04

ENHANCE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMS BY MAKING STEADY AND STRONG ENERGY EFFICIENCY INVESTMENTS AND IMPLEMENTING NEW PROGRAMS

- Prioritize thermal emission reductions through weatherization and heat pump rebate incentives.
- Advance policies and programs that balance climate change, ratepayer costs and benefits, workforce development, and building the state's clean energy economy.
- Maximize greenhouse gas emissions reductions from utility energy efficiency programs.
- Implement federal home electrification incentives for low- and moderate-income households and multi-unit housing.
- Develop an action plan for implementing building benchmarking and building performance standards for the largest buildings in the state.

05

ENHANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES BY PROMOTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- Identify current gaps in workforce programs.
- Provide additional support for income eligible and energy and environmental justice communities.
- Mentor and develop the next generation of the clean energy workforce.
- Raise household incomes through strategic long-term energy investments.
- Invest in workforce development and energy auditor training.

06

INCREASE CLEAN TRANSPORTATION ADOPTION AND EXPAND SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- Increase registrations of battery electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles.
- Expand accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the state.
- Promote and increase the use of electric bicycles.
- Increase the number of residential electric vehicle chargers.
- Develop and maintain clean transportation programs and incentives.
- Strengthen partnerships with stakeholders, including local governments, private sectors, and community organizations, to support clean transportation initiatives.
- Enhance education and outreach efforts to raise awareness of clean transportation benefits and available programs.

07

SUPPORT RI PUBLIC SECTOR TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND ACT ON CLIMATE

- Develop and implement clean energy projects on state, municipal and school properties.
- Develop a Building Decarbonization Strategy for the RI Public Sector.
- Complete energy benchmarking for state facilities.
- Increase municipal and public-school participation in the Lead by Example program.
- Support municipalities in creating and/or executing municipal energy management plans.
- Launch an energy dashboard that tracks the progress of the state's Lead by Example efforts.
- Expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure on state-owned properties.
- Manage energy supply procurement for state government.

