



The Martha's Vineyard Commission is looking to hire an Energy Planner. Applications will be accepted until May 20, 2022.

Please email your resume to: durkee@mvcommission.org

Please call Liz Durkee, MVC Climate Change Planner, at 508-560-7324, for any questions regarding this position.

Job Title: Energy Planner Fellow at the Martha's Vineyard Commission

Job Overview:

The Energy Planner Fellow will be a staff member at the Martha's Vineyard Commission and will also be a Martha's Vineyard Vision Fellow. They will work to advance Island-wide energy priorities at the MVC, while joining a network of other Island people working to address sustainability issues for our community through the Fellowship.

The Energy Planner Fellow will be a leading advocate in the community for the Island-wide transition to 100% renewable energy by 2040 and increased energy resilience. They will play a vital role in helping guide our community toward a responsible and resilient energy future.

The Energy Planner Fellow will work with the guidance of an Advisory Council of energy experts who will support their efforts and serve as a sounding board for the Fellow's work.

This position is funded by the Vision Fellowship for two years with the understanding that after the two-year period it will become a permanent MVC staff position.

The Energy Planner Fellow will join the Vision Fellowship community, a thriving community of Fellows and alumni, and their mentors and sponsoring organizations. This group meets periodically to share knowledge of their particular fields and of their work towards the mutual goal of a healthy, sustainable future for Martha's Vineyard. The Energy Planner Fellow will participate, as time permits, in the Vision Fellowships' networking and community building activities.

The Energy Planner will focus on implementation of regional energy actions identified in the Martha's Vineyard Commission's Climate Action Plan and the Martha's Vineyard Commission's Climate Action Task Force Energy Working Group's Resilience Blueprint.

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Tasks are anticipated to include:

- **Develop a prioritized work plan and timeline for regional energy priority actions**
- **Develop strong working relationships with Eversource** with a focus on improved and increased electrical supply, grid modernization, and resilience strategies. Work with them, where possible, on beginning steps toward achieving these goals
- **Support regional adoption of electric vehicle technologies:** Island-wide electric vehicle charging plans, and transition to electric and commercial vehicles (i.e., delivery trucks, school busses, rental cars) and ferries
- **Help identify sites for community solar arrays** in coordination with towns and Eversource
- **Collaborate with town energy and climate committees**
- **Coordinate the development of an Island-wide energy resilience plan** to support the transition of key regional and municipal buildings to 100% electric and to ensure resilience during long-term power outages
- **Serve as energy advisor to the MVC**, commenting on District of Regional Impact (DRI) projects and collaborating on other on-going planning initiatives relative to energy issues.
- **Stay abreast of energy initiatives at the Federal, State, and regional levels**
- **Pursue grants for regional energy projects** and coordinate fundings needs.

Successful candidates will have the following qualifications:

- A degree in engineering, architecture, or equivalent professional experience
- At least 3 years of work experience in the energy field
- Excellent organizational skills
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Strong research, analytical, and quantitative skills
- Ability to work effectively with others, including community stakeholders
- Demonstrated understanding of Island climate change issues and impacts

Successful candidates will possess the following characteristics:

- Broad thinker
- Open-minded
- Committed to island sustainability
- Passionate about this work

Candidates who live on Martha's Vineyard or have Vineyard ties are preferred. Salary commensurate with experience and grant fund availability.

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