

# Has Your Livelihood or Business Been Affected by Climate Change?

The ABCD team has been wondering how local people's livelihoods and businesses are being affected by climate change - and we recently learned just how challenging the impacts are for our Waldo County farmer friends, and what they are doing to adapt.



*Pictured above are the Waldo County farmers who took part in ABCD's January 2022 virtual panel discussion, "Growing Resilience: Local Farmers Respond to Climate Change." Left to right: Bahner Farm, Dickey Hill Farm, and Daisychain Farm.*

## Learning how our farmers are affected

On January 20th, ABCD hosted a wonderful and eye-opening panel discussion with the farmers of Daisychain Farm, Dickey Hill Farm, and Bahner Farm. We invite you to check out the excellent article from the Village Soup and [read the summary at abcdbelfast.omeka.net](https://www.villagesoup.com/abcd-belfast-omeka-net/). You can [watch the recording](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) of our discussion with the farmers on the Belfast Free Library's YouTube channel.

## Has climate change affected YOUR job or business?

We invite you to share how climate change has affected YOUR business or livelihood:

- > Take a quick survey: [belfastlibrary.org/abcd-surveys](https://www.belfastlibrary.org/abcd-surveys), or
- > Post your thoughts on the ABCD website, [abcdbelfast.omeka.net](https://www.abcdbelfast.omeka.net)

Sharing the concerns of our Belfast area community is so important: It can help us connect with each other about the impacts we are experiencing. It helps us recognize that we aren't alone. It helps us figure out more ways to address these issues together.

## Upcoming Events

### Maine Offshore Wind Initiative: How Maine is Charting Our Own Course

**Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30 PM on Zoom**

Stephanie Watson, Maine Offshore Wind Program Manager in the Governor's Energy Office, will provide an overview of the Maine Offshore Wind Initiative established by Governor Mills in 2019, with a focus on the Maine Offshore Wind Roadmap. The goal of the Roadmap is to identify the best course for Maine to maximize benefits of the rapidly growing offshore wind sector to meet clean energy and economic goals, while sustaining existing ocean users and the environment. *Hosted by Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition and ABCD.*



*Stephanie Watson, Maine Offshore Wind Program Manager in the Governor's Energy Office*

**Go to [www.belfastlibrary.org/abcd-events](http://www.belfastlibrary.org/abcd-events) to learn more and get the Zoom link.**

### Growing Food and Ornamentals in a Changing Climate

**Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30 PM on Zoom**

This presentation will give an overview of global climate change, with special attention to effects in Maine and the Northeast. Haley Jean and Sara Keleman, M.S. students at the University of Maine School of Food and Agriculture, will discuss local effects of global weather patterns and the challenges they may pose to growing vegetables, fruit, and flowers in our region. They will suggest ways to mitigate some of the more confounding challenges, and will showcase tools for learning about, understanding, and addressing climate change impacts. *Hosted by Belfast Garden Club and ABCD.*



*Haley Jean and Sara Keleman*

**Go to [www.belfastlibrary.org/abcd-events](http://www.belfastlibrary.org/abcd-events) to learn more and get the Zoom link.**



## New Books About Climate Change



We invite you to check out the great new titles in the ABCD collection at the Library.

Learn more about the ABCD project on the Library website, Facebook, and Instagram, and by chatting with your librarians.

[www.belfastlibrary.org/all-of-belfast-climate-dialogues](http://www.belfastlibrary.org/all-of-belfast-climate-dialogues)

Sign up to receive this newsletter by email:  
[www.belfastlibrary.org/abcd-newsletter](http://www.belfastlibrary.org/abcd-newsletter)

*The All of Belfast: Climate Dialogues (ABCD) project is capturing community perspectives - photographs, written stories, videos and more - on the ABCD website. This collection will help increase our awareness of each others' experiences, create a point of reference for the future, and perhaps prompt us to take action now in preparation for the challenges ahead.*

*This project of the Belfast Free Library was made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. IMLS grant number: APP-246100-OLS-20. Read the proposal on the IMLS website.*

