



Moving the Cape & Islands to a carbon-free and sustainable future

ABOUT THE CAPE COD CLIMATE CHANGE COLLABORATIVE



The Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative is a coalition of organizations, businesses and citizens committed to mitigating the climate crisis in the Cape and Islands region. An all-volunteer, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, the Climate Collaborative includes corporations, environmental advocacy groups, regional and municipal planning entities, renewable energy services, science and energy professionals, and everyday citizens working together to achieve a net zero carbon emissions goal for the region.

mission. Our mission is to reach carbon neutrality—or net zero—on Cape Cod and the Islands by enhancing communication, collaboration, and activism among organizations, programs and individuals committed to mitigating the climate crisis.

brief history. Inspired by the historic Paris Climate Accord of 2015, the Climate Collaborative was established in 2016 to help mitigate the climate crisis and mobilize Cape Cod and the Islands to move toward net zero. Original founding members included thirteen leading environmental and business organizations, many of whom constitute the current board of directors.

board and advisory council. Current board and advisory council members include leaders in business, housing, transportation, education, planning, energy, science and faith communities. Board member representatives include the Association to Preserve Cape Cod, Cape Air, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, Cape Cod Commission, Cape Cod National Seashore, Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Cape Cod Five, Cape Light Compact, Cape Youth Climate Action Network, Center for Coastal Studies, Habitat for Humanity, Pleasant Bay Community Boating, and the Faith Communities Environmental Network, a consortium of more than 30 faith communities throughout the region. All are united in work to address the existential threat of climate change on Cape Cod and the Islands.

the team. Networks are the heart and soul of the Climate Collaborative and include citizens, businesspeople, scientists and other professionals working to promote environmental justice, implement legislative initiatives to curb fossil fuel emissions, and move the region to net zero. Our networks include:

- **Built Environment**
- **Business**
- **Climate Action Networks (Local)**
- **Conservation**
- **Education/Outreach**
- **Energy**
- **Faith Communities**
- **Transportation**
- **Youth**
- **More to come!**

the work. Work areas of the Climate Collaborative include:

- **Climate presentations & forums**
- **Net Zero implementation & reporting**
- **Strategic planning across networks**
- **Network team building**
- **Climate Action Alerts newsletter**
- **Peer-to-peer tool-sharing**
- **Grassroots municipal organizing**
- **Annual Roundtable event planning**

Select Programs

- **Cape Cod Climate Emergency Initiative (new)** - The Climate Collaborative has joined a non-partisan coalition of citizens, environmental leaders and civic organizations to petition and pass Climate Emergency Declarations at every Cape Cod town meeting in spring 2020 and move municipalities to incorporate climate crisis mitigation measures in public, organizational and individual decision-making—and move the region to net zero. The Collaborative supports development of local Climate Action Networks (CANS) in each community, where collaboration among municipal boards, elected officials, NGOs, businesses and individual citizens are essential to campaign success.
- **Net Zero Cape & Islands Roundtable** - Our signature program, this day-long forum annually convenes federal, state, regional and local leaders in climate crisis work to enhance collaboration, share best practices, develop specific action plans, profile success stories, and advance the work of clean energy advocates throughout the region. Net Zero Goals for the Cape & Islands flowing from these forums are:

Goal 1: Achieve a 50% fossil fuel use reduction on the Cape and Islands by 2030

Goal 2: Achieve 100% use of renewable electricity by 2050

Goal 3: Preserve and protect the region's natural carbon balance and enhance carbon storage by natural process

Goal 4: Educate Cape & Islands residents about the climate crisis, Net Zero goals, and actions for meeting those goals

Our second annual Roundtable developed a set of pathways for Cape and Islands climate collaborators to reach Net Zero. These paths include: increasing use of renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and energy conservation; mobilizing a revolution in all modes of transportation; transforming our built environment to make it more energy-efficient, affordable and resilient; educating, engaging and motivating our communities to action; and preserving and enhancing the natural carbon storage capacity of our local resources. Reports detailing specific actions and tactics are developed to effect these goals.

- **Climate Action Alerts** – This new, semi-monthly newsletter delivers curated climate crisis news from around the globe and region to our stakeholders, who include elected officials, regional planners, business leaders, faith communities, environmental organizations and citizen activists. It provides a sharp focus on Cape and Islands' climate news, communicates member actions and success stories, and helps mobilize citizen activism and collaboration.

get involved.

- **Organizations** (businesses, nonprofits, civic, political and other groups) are eligible to join the Climate Collaborative as members. Contact us to learn about membership opportunities.
- **Individuals** are encouraged to join one or more of our networks to help advance their work.
- **Organizations and individuals** are encouraged to contact us to connect with Climate Action Network (CAN) leaders in every town on the Cape.
- **Volunteers** are the lifeblood of the Climate Collaborative and interested individuals are invited to contribute their skills and talents in our regional campaign to combat the climate crisis. Volunteer opportunities include high-level tech support, data entry, membership coordination, grant-writing, newsletter reporting and editing, community organizing and multi-media work.
- **Donations**, of course, are always welcome! Please make your check, in any amount, payable to the *Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative* and mail to attention: Jim Wolf, Treasurer, Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative, P.O. Box 46, Yarmouth Port, MA 02675. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

contact us. Here are some ways to get in touch and get involved:

1. Visit our **website** at www.capecodclimate.org.
2. **Subscribe** to our Climate Action Alert newsletter at <https://capecodclimate.org/climate-action-alerts/>.
3. If you represent an organization, **apply to join** the Collaborative at <https://capecodclimate.org/membership/>.
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4. **Email** us at capecodclimate@gmail.com to discuss where your skills and experience might be applied to the mission.
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