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## Environmental News

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### Upcoming Events

**DATE CHANGE:** Saturday, May 3, 2025 - 9:30am to 12:30pm  
(Formerly scheduled on April 5th)

**Mashpee River Restoration Visioning Session - "Source to Sea"**

**Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Government Center, 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee**

The Town of Mashpee is working with the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC), Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (WBNERR), and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe on the **restoration of the Mashpee, Quashnet, and Red Brook Rivers**. This project is funded in part by a grant from NOAA. For additional information about this community engagement event, to attend, and/or to become a project partner, go to <https://waquoitbayreserve.org/coastal-training-programs/source-to-sea>.

**SAVE the DATES:**

**Monday, May 5, 2025 - Starting at 7pm**

**Mashpee's Special and Annual Town Meeting**

Voters will decide on a number of issues including Wastewater and Stormwater projects. We are hopeful the Town Warrant will soon be published on the Town of Mashpee website.

**Saturday, May 10, 2025**

**Mashpee's Annual Town Election**

Information on Vote-by-Mail is available [here](#).

### In Celebration of Earth Day 2025

**Saturday, April 12, 2025 - 11am to 4pm**

**Honor the Earth Fair**

**Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Government Center, 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee**

Co-hosted by the Native Land Conservancy and the Mashpee Wampanoag Natural Resources Department, this event is free, open to the public, and features **vendors and exhibitors (including MEC)** with a shared mission of protecting and preserving the ancestral homelands of the Wampanoag. Festivities will include opening remarks by **Mashpee Wampanoag Chief Earl Mills Jr.**, **cultural crafts**, **traditional singing and dancing**, and **activities for children**. More information is available [here](#). If you attend, please stop by the MEC table and say hello.

**Saturday, April 19, 2025 – 9am to 1pm**

## **Textile Recycling, Media Storage Recycling, Secure Shredding, and Composting Event**

### **Mashpee Senior Center, 26 Frank E. Hicks Drive, Mashpee**

MEC, in collaboration with Mashpee's Department of Public Works, will hold our **2nd Annual Earth Day Event**, featuring **Textile Recycling, Secure Shredding, Composting** Containers and Information, and (new this year) **Media Storage Recycling**. Details about this **free event** are available by viewing our [Earth Day 2025 Flyer](#), the [Full List of Textiles](#) that may be bagged and dropped off, and the [List of Media Storage Items](#) that can and cannot be recycled. Additional questions may be sent to [info@mashpeemec.us](mailto:info@mashpeemec.us).

**Saturday, April 19, 2025 - 10am to 2pm**

### **Cape Cod Canal Cleanup, Herring Run Recreation Area**

Co-hosted by Americorps and the US Army Corps of Engineers, this 24th Annual Cleanup is free and open to the public. All cleanup supplies and a complimentary lunch will be provided. Interested volunteers can register online at [www.capecod.gov/Canal-Clean-Up-2025](http://www.capecod.gov/Canal-Clean-Up-2025).

## **Let's Take a Hike**

**Saturday, April 5, 2025 - 10:30am to 12:30pm**

### **Quashnet River Trail Hike**

#### **Meet at the Martin Road Parking Lot, East Falmouth (off Route 28)**

The Southeast MA Walking Club invites you to join them for a moderate, 2.5-mile hike along the western and eastern trails of the Quashnet River, including some hills. Rain may cancel. For additional information and to register, go to: <https://waquoitbayreserve.org/events/quashnet-river-trail-hike>.

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

**Saturday, April 19, 2025**

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**

### **Mashpee Conservation Lands - Starting at 9am**

Guided nature tours, sponsored by the Mashpee Conservation Department, are offered each month free-of-charge. Upcoming walks for April include the **Mashpee River Woodlands North**, and the **Santuit Pond Preserve**. Registration is not required, but rain may cancel. For information about these walks and those in the coming months, click on the "Guided Nature Tour" link along the left-hand margin at: <https://www.mashpeema.gov/conservation>.

## **In Case You Missed It**

### **Cape Cod Ponds Network February 26th Meeting**

#### **Recording Now Available**

At this meeting, the Cape Cod Commission reviewed their **Freshwater Initiative Strategies, Water Quality Portal**, and **Vegetated Pond Buffer Guidance**, and Dr. Hambrook presented an update on the **Cape Cod Pond Watchers Bio-Survey Program**. The recording is available [here](#) by scrolling part-way down the page.

## **Information Items**

### **Waterways in the News**

As a reminder, Mashpee will soon have a **Freshwater Ponds Committee**, as approved by the Select Board on January 27, 2025. Four of the eight members of this committee will be representatives from **Ashumet Pond, Johns Pond, Mashpee-Wakeby Pond, and Santuit Pond**. Applications are still being accepted as outlined at: <https://www.mashpeema.gov/home/news/new-town-committee-vacancy-notice>.

According to the Town of Mashpee website, as of April 1, 2025, Mashpee's **Oyster Season is now closed**.

### **Herring Counters Still Wanted in Mashpee**

The Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) continues to actively recruit **Herring Counters** for this year, through April 15th. Registration is required. Information about this program may be found at

### **Cicadas are Coming! Cicadas are Coming (Back)!**

In case you have not yet heard, the Upper Cape's **Cicada Brood XIV** will be returning to Mashpee within the next month or two, after staying away for 17 years. If you lived here in 2008, you know what to expect! If not, you may wish to check out this informative Barnstable County [article](#). Good luck, everyone!

### **MEC E-Newsletters Now Available on our Website**

MEC's website has now been updated to include our recent E-Newsletters at [mashpeemec.us](http://mashpeemec.us), under the heading "About MEC."

### **Cape-Wide Conservation Calendar of Events - Reminder**

The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts and its nonprofit members publish updates to their **Regional Calendar of Events** on an ongoing basis. This Conservation Calendar includes programs from villages and towns across Cape Cod, encouraging both visitors and residents to take part in nature and environmental events. The wide list of current programs may be accessed at: [www.blt.org/capeconservationcalendar](http://www.blt.org/capeconservationcalendar).

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**Please share this newsletter with your friends, colleagues, and neighbors who may have an interest in this information.  
Our thanks to each of you for your own efforts on behalf of our town and the environment!**

To Join or Donate

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*Our Board meets the 2nd Thursday of each Month (January - November) via Zoom starting at 4pm, and our Annual Meeting immediately precedes the September Board Meeting. All are welcome.*

*The Mashpee Environmental Coalition (MEC) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization – dedicated to educating and advocating on behalf of Mashpee's natural resources for over 25 years.*

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