



Environmental News

Upcoming Events

Tomorrow, This Weekend, and Later This Month

Thursday, April 23, 2026 - 5pm to 7pm

Talking Water Quality in Waquoit Bay

Mashpee TV, 168 Industrial Drive, Mashpee

Sponsored by Citizens for the Protection of Waquoit Bay, **learn about Mashpee's Town Warrant Article 4: The Design of a Wastewater Facility and Collection System for the Waquoit Bay Watershed**. As space is limited, registration is required. Information about the program and how to register may be found [here](#). To read the full Warrant Article, please refer to the May 4th Town Meeting section below.

Thursday, April 23, 2026 - 6pm to 8pm

Cresta Alta: Climate Science & Sustainability Documentary Screening

Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, 131 Waquoit Highway (Rt 28), Waquoit

This documentary chronicles a journey to Alaska, Iceland, Chile and Peru to document **glaciological research expeditions and sustainability**. A panel discussion will follow where environmental filmmaker, Todd Anders Johnson, will be joined by local experts working on strategies to increase renewable energy and prepare our communities for climate change impacts. The **Registration link** as well as **additional information** may be found [here](#).

Saturday, April 25, 2026 – 9am to 1pm (Rain or Shine)

Textile Recycling, Secure Shredding, and Composting Earth Day Event

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

MEC is again partnering with Mashpee's Department of Public Works in holding our **3rd Annual Earth Day Event**. This year's event features **Textile Recycling, Secure Shredding, and Composting Containers and Information**. Click [here](#) to view a copy of our **Earth Day 2026 Event Flyer**. The **Full List of Textiles** that may be bagged and dropped off for recycling is available [here](#). Questions may also be sent to info@masheemec.us.

Monday, April 27, 2026 - 6pm to 8pm

Mashpee River Restoration Community Meeting

Mashpee Public Library, 64 Steeple Street, Mashpee

Sponsored by the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, learn about the ongoing project to **restore the Mashpee River at the Route 130 Crossing**, by the Mashpee River fish ladder and Mill Pond. Additional information is available [here](#).

Thursday, April 30, 2026 - 3pm to 5pm

Wetlands at Work: Natural Solutions for Wastewater

Cape Cod Clean Water Center, 4 Kittridge Road, Sandwich

Learn from two experts who will discuss what, exactly, are wetlands for -- and how they can help clean wastewater. For program information and to register, click [here](#).

Looking Ahead

Monday, May 4, 2026 - Starting at 7pm

Mashpee Special and Annual Town Meetings

Mashpee High School, 500 Old Barnstable Road, Mashpee

Mashpee voters will be asked to decide a number of critical issues, including Phase 3 of the Wastewater Plan to reduce nitrogen in Waquoit Bay, resources to help operate the Wastewater Facility, etc. To review the entire **Town Meeting Warrant** before May 4th, click [here](#).

Saturday, May 9, 2026 - 7am to 8pm; Early Voting is Also Available

Annual Town Election - by Precinct at Senior Center, Town Hall, and Mashpee Public Library

A number of Warrant Articles, even if passed at the May 4th Town Meeting, **must also be approved by voters** as part of the **Annual Town Election**. In addition, this year's ballot includes two Proposition 2 1/2 override requests. Details on early voting opportunities, ballot questions, and where to vote on May 9th may be found [here](#).

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - 4pm - 5:30pm

Harmful Algal Blooms in Freshwater Ponds: What Real-time Monitoring and Root Cause Analysis are Revealing: Webinar via Zoom

This program is sponsored by the Falmouth Ponds Coalition. For additional information and to request a Zoom link, click [here](#).

Let's Take a Hike

Saturday, April 25, 2026, Child's River Conservation Area - 9am

Coming Soon: Guided Nature Tours for the Month of May

Guided nature tours, sponsored by the Mashpee Conservation Department, are offered each month free-of-charge. Registration is not required, but stormy weather may cancel. For directions and information about these walks, and those in the coming months, click on the "Guided Nature Tour Schedule" link along the left-hand margin at <https://www.mashpeema.gov/1456/conservation-commission> or call (508) 539-1400, ext. 8538.

Information Items

Waterways in the News

The Boat Ramp at **Mashpee-Wakeby Pond** is still currently closed for the stormwater retrofit project. The ramp will remain closed through mid-May, with the exact reopen date to be determined. For questions, contact the DPW at 508-539-1420 or dpw@mashpeema.gov.

Cape Cod's Drought - Still at Level 2

As of April 8, 2026, Cape Cod remains at a **Level 2 "Significant Drought"** status. Residents are urged to continue conserving water, both indoors and outside. Latest drought updates may be found at the [MA Drought Status website](#).

MEC's Chemical-Free Yard Sign Campaign

Since April 2025, MEC's **Chemical-Free Cape Cod Yard Sign Campaign** has been in full swing, aimed at promoting Chemical-Free Yards that are safe for our Children, Pets, Waters - and Nature as a whole.

Already, our signs are proudly being displayed in yards across Cape Cod, including Dennis, Falmouth, Mashpee, Pocasset, and Sandwich. Thanks to all



who have chosen to set an example for their friends, neighbors, and local associations - by helping to save our environment, one yard at a time!

Information on how to join our campaign may be found [here](#).

Reminders

Cape-Wide Conservation Calendar of Events

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.blit.org/capeconservationcalendar.

Cape Cod Freshwater Strategy Report - Ponds and Lakes

The Cape Cod Commission released its final **Cape Cod Freshwater Strategy Report** last summer. This guide outlines a data-driven approach to evaluating, protecting, and restoring Cape Cod's ponds and lakes, and a framework for improving their overall health. Additional information and the report itself may be found [here](#).

State of the Waters: Cape Cod 2025 Report

In December, the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) released its latest data regarding Cape Cod's **State of the Waters** in our estuaries, ponds, and municipal water supplies. Details may be found at: <https://capecodwaters.org/>.

Textile Recycling is Now Mandatory - It's the Law!

Due to the solid waste crisis in Massachusetts, effective November 2022, it is **now illegal to discard any clothing or other textile item in the trash**, even if stained, ripped, threadbare, or one of a pair. This includes footwear, bedding, table linens, accessories such as belts and scarves, and even stuffed animals for children and pets. The full list of textile items that must now be recycled is available [here](#), courtesy of Bay State Textiles. To assist residents in complying with this law, **MEC now sponsors textile recycling drives twice each year** — in **April** as an Earth Day event, and in **August** alongside the County's Hazardous Waste Dropoff. Exact dates and times for each April and August event, once known, will be posted in our newsletters and at www.mashpeemec.us.

River Restoration Projects

Under the program name, "**Source to Sea**," projects continue which aim to help restore the health of the **Mashpee River, Quashnet River, and Red Brook**. To learn more, information may be found at: <https://waquoitbayreserve.org/coastal-training-programs/source-to-sea>

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, our region, and the environment!

To Join or Donate

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 our natural resources for over 25 years.

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