



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative, Partners to Present Virtual Seminar: Forests vs. Solar—A False Choice

A must-attend for elected officials, conservation trusts, board members, and citizen activists

YARMOUTH -- The Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative (Climate Collaborative) — in partnership with the Cape Cod Commission, Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts, and the Faith Communities Environmental Network — is pleased to present a virtual meeting entitled *Forests vs. Solar - A False Choice: Protecting Forests & Making Smart Solar Decisions in Your Community*. The event will be held free of charge on Thursday, May 27, 2021 from 12:00 – 1:30 PM. Interested parties should visit <https://conta.cc/3y5Ud1l> for more information and to register (space is limited).

The presentation will explore the value of forests, tensions associated with large-scale solar installations, and tools for town officials and citizens to make wise planning decisions for their communities. It comprises three parts: 1) Ecology and Value of Forests; 2) Mapping & Policy Tools for Sensitive Lands and Large-Scale Solar Installations; and 3) Q&A to further explore available tools, resources, policies, and programs for wise solar siting. Event panelists are state and regional experts from the Woodwell Climate Research Center, Mass Audubon and the Cape Cod Commission and include:

- Wayne Walker, Ph.D., Carbon Program Director and Associate Scientist at Woodwell Climate Research Center, an ecologist and remote sensing specialist with expertise in the workings of forests and how carbon cycle science translates into climate solutions
- E. Heidi Ricci, M.S., Director of Policy and Advocacy at Mass Audubon, with expertise in environmental policy and public engagement and assisting communities in building resilience through nature-based solutions and low-impact development
- Jessica Rempel, M.S., Natural Resources Analysts for the Cape Cod Commission, specializing in solar siting and open space, wetland, and plant and wildlife habitat planning and protection

The event will be moderated by Eve Zuckoff, radio station CAI climate change reporter, and emceed by Mon Cochran, vice president of the Climate Collaborative's board of directors.

The Climate Collaborative is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) established in 2016 whose mission is to reach carbon neutrality — or net zero — on Cape Cod and the Islands of Massachusetts by enhancing communication, collaboration and activism among organizations, programs and individuals committed to mitigating the climate crisis. Its membership and leadership teams include regional leaders across energy, business, built environment, planning, conservation, transportation, government, education, faith community and other sectors.

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