

2026 Earth Day Actions and Resources

Remove, Restore, and Stop Future Environmental Destruction. Remove the Negative Impacts We Have Had On the Natural Cape Environment:

- 1) Replace all invasive plants with indigenous ones.
- 2) Bring back streams and natural water corridors.
- 3) Stop using insecticides and pesticides that kill pollinators and wildlife.
- 4) Stop releasing destructive waste and chemicals into our waterways and the ocean.

Restore the Environment:

- 1) Only eat local, seasonal food from sustainable gardens and farms.
- 2) Replace personal, school, and public gas-powered transportation with electric vehicles.
- 3) Build sewage management systems with urine diversion and nitrogen treatment for homes, neighborhoods, and towns.
- 4) Promote the Cape as a green place to live and for eco-tourism.

Stop Future Destruction:

- 1) Establish growth boundaries, cluster zoning, and town-center development.
- 2) Require 100% renewable energy and increased energy conservation in your town.
- 3) Redevelop properties rather than starting any new development, zone for diverse forms of housing: co-housing, townhouses, tiny houses, and green homeowners associations.
- 4) Retain healthy trees to benefit from their removal of carbon dioxide, production of oxygen, and fruit, and nuts for wildlife.

How to Sustain Yourself and Persist to Save the Cape and Earth:

- 1) Innovate, be flexible, resilient, and self-compassionate.
- 2) Collaborate with UU Falmouth's SEAC Committee and your town's Climate Action Network and sustainability leaders.
- 3) Focus on what's possible and celebrate progress.
- 4) Invest your personal assets: time, talent, and wealth.
- 5) Help others when you get down or frustrated.
- 6) Stay informed and involved with established groups.

- UU Falmouth's Social and Environmental Action Committee (SEAC) (<https://uuffm.org/justice-environmental-justice-climate-justice-food-security/>)
- APCC (Association to Preserve Cape Cod) (<https://apcc.org>)
- Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative (<https://capecodclimate.org>)
- Cape Cod Climate Action Networks (<https://capecodclimate.org/climate-action-networks/>)
- The Center for Coastal Studies (<https://coastalstudies.org>)
- Cape Cod and Islands Sierra Club (<https://www.sierraclub.org/massachusetts/cape-cod-islands-group>)
- Mass Audubon (<https://www.massaudubon.org>)
- The UN Environment Programme (<https://www.unep.org>)
- The Natural Resources Defense Council (<https://www.nrdc.org>)
- Woodwell Climate Research Center (<https://www.woodwellclimate.org>)
- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (<https://www.woodwellclimate.org>)
- Buzzards Bay Coalition (<https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org>)
- Project Drawdown (<https://drawdown.org>)
- Faith Communities Environmental Network (<https://fcen.earth>)
- Cape Cod National Seashore (<https://www.nps.gov/caco/index.htm>)
- Earth.org (<https://earth.org>)
- Cape Cod Commission (www.capecodcommission.org)
- The Nature Conservancy (<https://www.nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/places-we-protect/hoft-farm-preserve/>)
- 350.org (<https://350.org/?r=US&c=NA>)
- Third Act (<https://350.org/?r=US&c=NA>)
- World Wildlife Fund (<https://www.worldwildlife.org>)
- UUA's Environmental Justice Programs (<https://www.uua.org/environment>)
- International League of Conservation Photographers (<https://www.conservationphotographers.org>)
- National Geographic (<https://www.nationalgeographic.com>)
- Earthday.org News (<https://www.earthday.org/earth-hub/#news-stories>)