

## **CAPE ANN CLIMATE COALITION VISION, POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE GROUP**

**OUR VISION:** With nature as our guide, Cape Ann communities have become models of sustainability, are fossil fuel free and are prepared for the impacts of climate change. Our communities, households and businesses are thriving as we follow ecological principles mimicking natural cycles and rhythms providing for the livelihood of all our residents in a just and equitable manner.

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES:** Our vision is guided by the following principles:

- Human-made systems based on ecological principles are aligned with the health of natural systems
- Biomimicry principles have allowed us to create a thriving and equitable economy with innovative products and minimal waste
- We have achieved carbon neutrality through widespread use of Net Zero policies and practices
- We have constructed buildings and infrastructure to protect ourselves from sea level rise, storm surges, and increasing weather volatility
- We are living in a culture that has a strong spiritual connection and empathy with all humanity and with the natural environment
- Our roadmap to this vision has been made possible through the inclusive participation of all segments of our community and all stakeholders
- Our Vision sustains us and motivates us to share our success with others.