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## REGIONAL GOVERNMENT: BARNSTABLE COUNTY

### **Cape Cod Commission** (<http://www.capecodcommission.org/>)

The Cape Cod Commission is the regional planning and regulatory authority for Barnstable County, commonly known as Cape Cod. The Commission is guided by a sustainable development mission and is authorized under special state legislation to regulate developments that are considered to have regional impact, oversee land-use planning on Cape Cod, and recommend the designation of areas as Districts of Critical Planning Concern (DCPC). The Commission is supported by a staff of full-time planners and specialists in the areas of water resources, transportation, housing, natural resources, coastal and marine resources, and economic development.

### **Cape Cod Economic Development Council** (<http://www.capecodedc.org/>)

The Cape Cod Economic Development Council (EDC) is a fourteen member advisory council to Barnstable County. The mission of the EDC is to improve the quality of life of the residents of Barnstable County by fostering a stronger year-round economy. The EDC administers the Cape and Islands License Plate Grant Program offering approximately \$400,000 in grants annually.

### **Cape Light Compact** (<http://www.capelightcompact.org/>)

The Cape Light Compact is a cooperative effort of all 21 Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard towns and Barnstable and Duke counties. The purpose of the Compact is to protect and represent consumer interests in emerging competitive markets for electricity. The Compact offers: 1) an opportunity to reduce power costs—through purchase of power supply at competitive rates; 2) an opportunity to reduce a consumer's total bill—through energy efficiency and conservation programs; 3) an opportunity to lay the groundwork for new technology—through development of policies for distributed generation and renewable energy which can improve local electric reliability and power quality; 4) an opportunity for professional representation to protect consumers—giving consumers a voice at the state level and in negotiations with Commonwealth Electric/NSTAR, the local electric distribution utility, on a range of electric rate and service issues.

### **Department of Human Services** (<http://www.bchumanservices.net/>)

The Barnstable County Department of Human Services seeks to address access to health care; youth and adolescent wellness; and the efficient provision of health and human services throughout the county.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The 15 towns that make up Cape Cod each participate in the CEDS planning process.

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## EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

### **Cape Cod Community College (<http://www.capecod.mass.edu/>)**

The Cape Cod Community College delivers educational programs and services to meet the diverse needs of the residents of Cape Cod, the Islands, and adjacent areas of Southeastern Massachusetts. The College provides associate degree and certificate programs; career and technical training; basic skills training; educational programs for seniors; distance learning programs; library and information services; K-12 educational partnership programs; and, in partnership with other institutions of higher education, baccalaureate and advanced degrees programs.

## REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

### **Arts Foundation of Cape Cod (<http://www.artsfoundationcapecod.org/>)**

The Arts Foundation of Cape Cod, Inc. (AFCC) is a tax-exempt not-for-profit corporation founded in 1987. The mission of the AFCC is to support, promote and celebrate art and culture on Cape Cod. The goal is a stable, diverse and vital arts community, contributing to the quality of life and economic vitality of our region. Funding for the AFCC derives from special events, the most prominent being Pops by the Sea; program grants; tuition and fees for service; and financial and in-kind donations from individuals and businesses. The Arts Foundation seeks to:

- Strengthen the Cape's art-based businesses and organizations through grants and technical assistance
- Support individual artist through trainings and conferences
- Promote the arts and culture assets of the region, build audience and revenue for arts organizations, and raise the visibility of Cape Cod as an arts and culture destination through its website and printed directory and calendar of events
- Support regional cultural events, including Pops by the Sea, Maritime Days, Arts by the Sea, and the Music on the Green series

### **Association to Preserve Cape Cod - Business Roundtable (<http://www.apcc.org/>)**

The Business Roundtable is a 28-member group of business, environmental and civic leaders who meet regularly to address issues of regional significance. Founded by the Association to Preserve Cape Cod and supported by the Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank and the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, the Roundtable's philosophy is based on the tenet that certain regional issues affect the quality of life of all Cape Codders, and that people from diverse backgrounds, possessing different talents and areas of expertise, can bring a fresh collaborative perspective to the search for workable solutions to these problems.

The members of the Business Roundtable are concerned about the effects of the current amount, pace, form and location of residential development on the environment, community character and economic vitality of Cape Cod communities. Less than one third of the land on Cape Cod

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remains undeveloped and current zoning provides for an additional 37,000 houses and an additional 64 million square feet of commercial development, which could be built in a form that perpetuates sprawl and inappropriate consumption of land. The Business Roundtable believes it is imperative to initiate and implement actions quickly to address these issues.

## **Cape Cod Association of Chamber Executives**

The Cape Cod Association of Chamber Executives, known as Cape Cod “Aces,” was founded as a way to bring together representatives from the Cape’s local chambers of commerce to compare programs and events, and share education and experience. During monthly meetings, public policy issues that may have a local, regional or statewide impact are discussed. In addition, topics such as membership and board development, improving revenue streams, cooperative marketing strategies and other topics relevant to organization management are discussed. Cape Cod “Aces” is an official committee of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce.

## **Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.capecodchamber.org/>)**

The Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce is a business organization with over 13,000 members that is actively involved in community and economic development issues. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts recognizes the Cape Cod Chamber as one of 13 Regional Tourism Councils. The Chamber’s mission is: *to strengthen, support and promote the economic viability, cultural richness, environmental sensitivity and the social needs of Cape Cod.* The objectives of the Chamber are to:

- Promote the economic and social well being of Cape Cod
- Promote a better understanding of the nation’s private enterprise system
- Coordinate the efforts of commerce, industry, and the professions in maintaining and strengthening a sound and healthy business climate on Cape Cod
- Sponsor an aggressive program of work and stimulate activities that will provide for full development and employment of our human and economic resources
- Provide creative business leadership and effective coordination of all interested parties in solving community problems and in initiating constructive community action
- Create a broad understanding and appreciation of the great opportunities on Cape Cod and to promote the advantages and assets of our region within the state, the country and the world

## **Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fisherman’s Association**

The Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fisherman’s Association is a grassroots organization working to build sustainable fisheries for the future, and representing the traditional communities that rely on this resource. The knowledge and expertise of the members is instrumental in helping protect fish habitat, promoting environmentally friendly fishing practices, and in working with fishery managers to stop those fishing practices that destroy habitat. The CCCHFA encourages fishery managers to consider the entire ecosystem when making management decisions and to take advantage of the wisdom and foresight of the Cape’s fishermen.

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## **Cape Cod Technology Council (<http://www.capetech.com/>)**

The Cape Cod Technology Council, Inc. is an organization of 200 technology-based companies located on Cape Cod. The Board of Directors is comprised of 19-member company CEOs, with a majority coming from technology firms. The Board of Directors also includes College, Banking and Healthcare industry representatives. The Tech Council member firms are engaged in the development, marketing, delivery, or support of technology and technology-based products and services. The Mission of the Cape Cod Technology Council is to foster the growth of the technology industry from Plymouth to Provincetown – *The Silicon Sandbar*. The Tech Council advocates that the local economy grow from within and is committed to supporting this growth by helping local entrepreneurs grow their technology companies on Cape Cod through a complement of programs.

## **Cape & Islands Workforce Investment Board (<http://www.ciwib.org/>)**

The Cape and Islands Workforce Investment Board (CIWIB) is a regional, private sector led agency responsible for overseeing all publicly funded vocational education and training programs. The Cape and Islands WIB is led by a 30- member Board of Directors, from a wide array of organizations and businesses, and is required to have at least 50% private sector representation. The chief role of the WIB is to ensure that public sector investments in education and training match up with local private sector needs. To meet this role the WIB guides the formation of a regional workforce-development system, serving as a major link between the region's economic development agencies, training providers, educational institutions, and employers.

## **Cape & Islands CDI (<http://www.capecodchamber.org/EDD/C&ICDI.htm>)**

Cape & Islands Community Development Inc. (CDI) was created in 1995 by the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce and offers a growing network of funds nationwide that loan money and provides technical assistance for economic development. It is a private, not-for-profit community development financial institution providing millions of lending dollars to Cape and islanders and creating jobs and businesses. CDI's technical assistance and flexible financing help borrowers succeed.

## **Lower Cape Community Development Corporation (<http://www.lowercape.org/>)**

The Lower Cape Cod Community Development Corporation (CDC) is an incorporated, non-profit organization with a multi-faceted mission serving the needs of the Lower Cape community in the areas of economic development and affordable housing. The Board is composed of representatives of each of the eight towns served by the CDC, local residents who are served by the CDC's programs, and other individuals who bring particular skills, perspectives and expertise. The Economic Development Committee of the CDC, which reports to the Board, has been the forum in which new program initiatives in economic development have been considered as well as the forum for monitoring the progress of those programs through review of staff reports.

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## **Smart Planning & Growth Coalition**

The Smart Planning and Growth Coalition is dedicated to defining the current economy of Cape Cod, and encouraging “smart growth” not just in the planning sectors, but in economic development. We believe that since there is a limited number of undeveloped commercial and industrially zoned parcels, that these should be dedicated to the growth of sectors that pay livable wages, provide career advancement opportunities, and contribute to building intellectual and human capital in Barnstable County. Targeted sectors to be encouraged for future development include marine and environmental sciences, telecommunications, software engineering, medical and health services, financial services, education as an economic driver, and arts and culture. The primary function of the Smart Planning and Growth Coalition is to provide research on the local economy and disseminate the results through a planned education process. We also serve to advocate for our principles, as well as work to assure that local ordinances and regulations support the agency’s mission.