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Kohler's reinvented toilet, Cape Cod Commission's Black Box to exhibit at SmarterCape Summit



The SmarterCape Partnership is pleased to announce that Kohler Co. and the Cape Cod Commission will offer two day-long exhibits as part of the May 6 SmarterCape Summit, May 6 at the Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis.

Kohler Co. closed loop flush toilet system

Kohler Co. will show why it's a leader in kitchen and bath design and technology. Sponsored by Cape Cod Community College, Kohler Co. will exhibit a design for the next generation of toilets for the developing world. For more than two years, Kohler Co. collaborated with the California Institute of Technology to develop a photovoltaic toilet as part of the Reinvent the Toilet Challenge, hosted by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

In response to this successful project, the Gates Foundation recently approved a two-year grant to Kohler to design and fabricate five closed-loop flush toilet systems for field testing in developing world locations without adequate sanitation. This new grant recognizes Kohler's dedication to improving global sanitation conditions and supports continued research and innovation of its toilet system.

Members of the Caltech team and Kohler Co. staff and will be on-hand during the Summit and offer a demonstration at 3:30 p.m.

More information on the closed loop flush toilet system is available through the Kohler Co. website: <http://www.corporate.kohler.com/press-releases/2014/11/18/kohler-co-to-design-next-generation-closed-loop-flush-toilet-system-for-field-testing>.

Cape Cod Commission to reprise “The Black Box”

The Cape Cod Commission will reprise its Black Box exhibit of mapping and analytical technologies that debuted at the Section 208 Plan Wastewater Summit in February. The technologies were featured in a Cape Cod Times column on the democratization of data.

The Black Box has expanded to include other applications created at the Commission, including those supporting the ongoing work to update the Regional Policy Plan, such as the Chronology Viewer. This tool brings together historic development, event and statistical data. It also presents geo-rectified aerial photography of Cape Cod spanning more than 75 years, allowing side-by-side comparisons across multiple decades.

Members of the Commission staff who developed and work with these tools will be on hand for demonstrations and to answer questions.

This year’s Summit focuses on Cape Cod’s unique housing market and needs, with industry experts, panels and keynote speaker Gov. Charlie Baker. Summit 5 includes presentations on housing alternatives from multiple perspectives including developers, architects, bankers, planners, policy makers and researchers. A short interactive survey will start and finish the event and direct results from the Young Professionals housing survey will be highlighted.

The full agenda is available at summit2015.smartercapecod.com

Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank and Mass. Office of Business Development are the lead sponsors of SmarterCape 5. Other sponsors include the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, Alkove Design, Cape Light Compact, Cape Cod Economic Development Council, Cape Cod Commission and OpenCape.

Cost is \$25, or \$15 if you are a member in good standing of the one of the SmarterCape Partnership organizations: Cape Cod Chamber, Cape Cod Commission, Cape Cod Technology Council, Cape Cod Young Professionals, Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Cape Cod, The Cape Cod Economic Development Council, Cape Cod & Islands Association of Realtors. The cost is also \$15 for faculty, staff and students at Cape Cod Community College.

Registration is open at summit2015.smartercapecod.com

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Formed after the inaugural SmarterCape Summit in 2011, the Smarter Cape Cod Partnership’s objective is to create a vibrant Cape Cod community for the 21st century—one that supports the evolution of our economy from service-based to knowledge-based, and uses our recently-built technology infrastructure to improve our quality of life by making the way we do things “smarter.”