

Conservation, New England Style— The Cape Ann Story

Join us for a presentation by Dan McKanan

September 22, 2024, 2-4 pm

**Gloucester Unitarian Universalist Church,
10 Church St, Gloucester**

Free Event & Open to the Public



For nearly two centuries, Massachusetts has led the nation with a distinct approach to wild space conservation. Rather than focusing only on pristine wildernesses that are far away, Bay Staters have worked to foster greater biodiversity in the ordinary places where we work, live, and play. This vision led residents of Massachusetts to create the first state parks and the first conservation land trusts in the 1890s.

In this presentation, Dan McKanan will explore the spiritual roots of their vision, and the ways that vision was enacted on Cape Ann, and will include local panelists. He will also invite audience members to share their own stories of caring for the wild close to home.

Keynote speaker-Dan McKanan

Dan McKanan is the Emerson Senior Lecturer at Harvard Divinity School, where he has taught since 2008. His teaching and research focuses on religious movements for social transformation in the United States, with special emphasis on environmentalism, intentional community, and socialism.



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