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**TownGreen Launches First Climate Impact Public Education Series
Workshop/Webinar Will Focus on the Good Harbor Beach Ecosystem**

Gloucester, MA: TownGreen, the Cape Ann climate-based non-profit, is launching the first of a three-part workshop/webinar series focusing on the Good Harbor Beach ecosystem:

[*Protecting and Preserving the Good Harbor Beach Ecosystem for Current and Future Generations*](#). The Good Harbor Beach ecosystem includes Good Harbor Beach, Salt Island, the marsh, and the surrounding connected ecosystem.

The first workshop/webinar will be held on **Wednesday, October 26th from 6:30-8:30pm on Zoom** ([register here](#)). Local historian Mary Ellen Lepionka will review the history of the beach and Denton Crews will summarize research commissioned by the conservation group Friends of Good Harbor Beach. Harvard Graduate School of Design Professor Charles Waldheim will outline current climate threats to the ecosystem and Jayne Knott, TownGreen board member and founder of HydroPredictions, will address incremental sea level rise, surface water and groundwater flooding, ecosystem adaptation, and vulnerable infrastructure. Breakout groups after each section will allow participants to discuss the issues raised and reflect on the changes that have already happened.

Event: The first of a three-part workshop/webinar series focusing on the Good Harbor Beach ecosystem: [*Protecting and Preserving the Good Harbor Beach Ecosystem for Current and Future Generations*](#)

When: Wednesday, October 26th from 6:30-8:30pm on Zoom ([register here](#))

What: An online workshop/webinar with several small group breakout sessions for participants to discuss the issues raised and reflect on the changes that have already happened

Speakers include:

- Professor Charles Waldheim from the Harvard Graduate School of Design
- Jayne Knott, TownGreen board member and founder of HydroPredictions
- Denton Crews from Friends of Good Harbor
- Mary Ellen Lepionka, local historian

Participants will learn about:

- The history of Good Harbor Beach
- The Good Harbor Beach ecosystem and current climate threats
- Incremental sea level rise, flooding, ecosystem adaptation, and vulnerable infrastructure
- The Great Storm scenario based on research from Harvard Graduate School of Design

The first workshop will be followed by a Good Harbor Beach field trip to tour vulnerable areas identified in the workshop. The second and third workshop/webinars will address adaptation options and project planning for the Good Harbor Beach area. The Good Harbor Beach ecosystem workshop/webinar series is a pilot public education program that TownGreen will replicate to focus on climate impacts in Essex, Manchester-by-the-Sea, and Rockport.



About TownGreen, Inc.

TownGreen, Inc.'s mission is to act as a catalyst in assisting the greater Cape Ann region in becoming a vibrant and inclusive model of sustainability that is fossil fuel free and prepared for the impacts of climate change. TownGreen, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that has been promoting climate mitigation and adaptation strategies, including clean energy, since 2015. For more information, visit the TownGreen website at www.towngreen2025.org.

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