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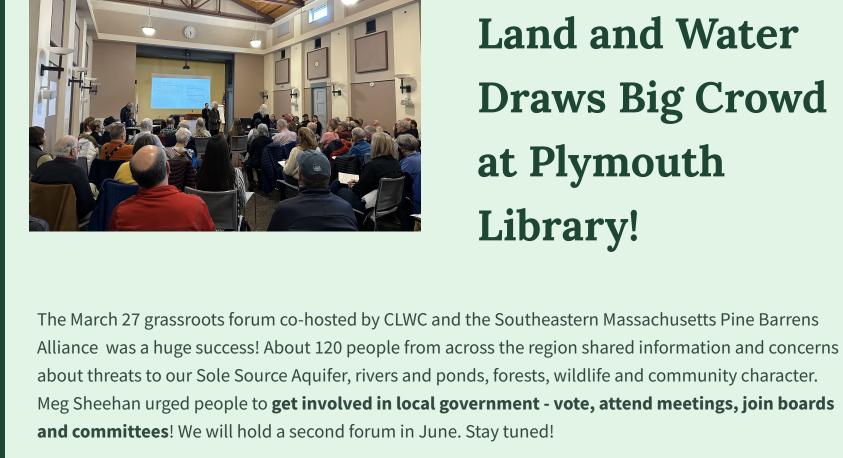


<u>communitylandandwater.org</u> sandwarssoutheasternma.org

NEWSLETTER

April 17, 2024

Victories and updates from the Southeastern Massachusetts campaigns to protect our land and waters!



Library! The forum recording is <u>here</u>. The presentations and press release are on <u>CLWC's website</u>.

Open Forum on

Land and Water

Draws Big Crowd

at Plymouth

Major Victory in Grassroots Campaign to Stop Plymouth Airport Expansion

April 6, 2024: Plymouth Town Meeting voted 117 to 26 to DENY funding for the Plymouth Airport

Expansion. This is a major grassroots victory. While the fight isn't over, it sends a strong message to the

Plymouth Select Board: the public will oppose expansion until the Select Board addresses the intolerable

noise, toxic air pollution and other harms to the community. Read the Plymouth Independent article on the vote here. Join the campaign! **Take Back Our Plymouth Airport** Contact: TakeBackOurPlymouthAirport@yahoo.com

Join @NOPE2 on Facebook Sign the Petition Attend monthly meetings of Airport Commissioners 1st Thursday of the month - next meeting May 2, 7:00 pm Stay informed: study of the Airport's impact on our drinking water coming soon!

Sand Mining

Read more >>> CLWC blog

Above: EJ Pontiff Cranberry starts clearing land,



Carver:

MassDEP:

They expose drinking water to contamination, destroy forests EJ Pontiff Cranberry Co. has started clear-cutting 17 acres of forests at 104 Tremont Street in Carver. This new years-long sand mine will bring in about \$15 million in revenue. Read more >>here

Carver grants

permits for \$30

million in more

sand mining

mine will also take years and extract about \$15 million in sand revenue. Read more>>here Take Action! Sign the petition to Gov. Healey, Carver, Plymouth and

Wareham Officials for a sand mining moratorium!

Click here!

A.D. Makepeace Cranberry Co. is expanding its massive sand mines at 46 Federal Road in Carver. This

Call and write state and local officials to stop sand mining!

Commissioner: Bonnie Heiple, 617-292-5856, <u>Bonnie.Heiple@mass.gov</u> Wetland Section Chief SERO: Dan Gilmore, <u>daniel.gilmore@state.ma.us</u> Mass Attorney General's Office, Environmental Protection Division, Betsy Harper, Chief betsy.harper@mass.gov Attend the Carver Conservation Commission meeting, April 24, 2024

Really?

Plymouth Independent reports on "that giant excavation site on

Route 3" in Plymouth. This is not just "expansion of the Industrial

Select Board Chair: Mark Townsend, <u>mark.townsend@carverma.gov</u>

Earth Removal Committee: Scott Hannula, Chair, earthremoval@carverma.gov

Conservation Commission: Savery Moore, Chair, savery.moore@carverma.gov

Park" as some claim. Find out why here: <u>CLWC's blog</u>. Right: Photo courtesy of Plymouth Independent

Sand mining in Plymouth:

just "expanding the Industrial Park" —

More Take Action To Stop Sand Mining! • Carver: Wed. April 24: Attend the next Town of Carver **Earth Removal Committee meeting.** Check the website and email the chair of the committee Scott Hannula of Oiva Hannula Cranberry Co.

with any questions! earthremoval@carverma.gov



Learn More: • **Experts explain** how sand mining harms our underground drinking water aquifer

- Drones of sand mining operations, educational webinars and more: You Tube channel • Watch the <u>5 minute Sand Wars documentary</u> • Read report: <u>Sand Wars in Cranberry Country: An investigation into the money, politics and</u>
- <u>corruption behind sand mining and its silent environmental crisis in Southeastern Massachusetts</u> **Solar Gone Wrong**

Soils strip mines our aquifer and runs hundreds of trucks a day hauling of sand! Stay tuned for

updates. **Email the ZBA** with your questions or concerns about sand mining!

• Wareham: **<u>Demand the sand audit</u>** voted unanimously at Town Meeting in 2023!

• <u>Fearing Hill Road solar and battery</u> <u>storage</u> • Four AD Makepeace Cranberry Co. solar and battery storage projects: 27 Charge Pond Road 140 Tihonet Road (includes sand mining) 150 Tihonet Road

• 370 County Road solar: attend the

• March, 2024: <u>State MEPA office tells AD</u>

Makepeace to do a more thorough

solar and battery projects - four in

Wareham and one in Plymouth

environmental impact report on five new

<u>0 Tihonet Road</u>

Wareham coalition fights 6

scale solar projects: 260

acres targeted

Projects include:

MORE destructive industrial

Planning Board April 17 at 6 pm! Read more:

Take action: Sign the letter to support the law to empower municipalities to regulate large solar Plymouth: AD Makepeace Co. solar at Frogfoot Brook in South Plymouth raises alarms

Vote YES to improve safety of **Cranberry Point Battery Storage Project**

Read more here

Carver Coalition Heads to Town

Meeting June 4

AD Makepeace Cranberry Co. solar, mining & Redbrook expansion face challenges Read more here: Redbrook Expansion: Save Deer Pond **Canning Bog Solar Project** at Frogfoot Brook "Farm of the Future" — or <u>"Farce of the Future"?</u> Sand Mine Expansion

Attend Your Spring Town Meeting!

Vote in Local Elections!

It's town meeting time and local election time!

Go to your town's website and find out what's happening! Vote for candidates who care about our land

and water! You can make a difference!

Demand accountability from local government officials, boards and committees!

Other Meetings

Old Colony Regional Planing Council Regional Water Plan Steering Committee, Tuesday, April 23, 9:00am - 12:00pm Work on plan to recommend sustainable water supply strategies. In-person and open to all.

Upcoming CLWC Events

Online calendar for weekly updates

Annual Herring Run Festival

Saturday 10 am to 3 pm

Plymouth Center: Plimoth Grist Mill

Stop by CLWC's talbe for a fun hands-on experience to learn where our drinking water comes from! **Craigville Beach Rally** Saturday April 20 11 am to 1 p.m Barnstable, Cape Cod

Grassroots network rally about protecting our land and waters. CLWC will be speaking. Food, music, fun!

Learn more >>> <u>Barnstablespeaks.org</u>

Webinar: Why Trees Matter for Green Development Sunday, April 21 7 to 8:30 pm on Zoom **Register Here**

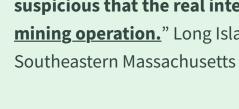
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Informational hike on the Pine Barrens - ecology and threats like

Learn from speakers including Meg Sheehan from CLWC about

balancing protection of our trees with development projects. All



In the news

Opinion by CLWC's Katherine Harrelson

Why Forests and Sand Matter Wareham Week, April 13, 2024



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