



Sustainable Fall River Day  
October 6, 2022

**You are invited to join in to celebrate and envision the future of Fall River.**

Fall River has the unique opportunity to unite with the emerging regional powerhouse to create a strong sustainable economy for all its people. Innovative projects are thriving on the Southcoast – from Providence hosting the prestigious Discover Global Markets: Blue Economy to Herreshoff Marine Museum’s Blue Technology Innovation Center – and they are bringing fresh new capitol to the region. Innovate Newport cultivates entrepreneurs and Bristol Community College’s National Offshore Wind Institute are educating our youth for a wealth of new jobs. The New Bedford Ocean Cluster is building a strong local coalition of companies connected with forerunners in Maine, Iceland, and Norway. The designation of **Fall River’s Waterfront Cultural District** as Mass Cultural Council’s 50th Cultural District makes it eligible for economic development resources for the city’s Gates of the City, the Maritime Museum at Battleship Cove, Fall River Heritage State Park, Borden Light Marina, and the Veterans Memorial Bicentennial Park.

Building a Sustainable Fall River will require everyone’s involvement. And you’re invited!

### **Sustainable Fall River Day Highlights**

At this day-long event, young people, parents, educators, and the community at large will be inspired to discover all the exciting resources in our region – from exciting waterfront activities; to sustainable living; and inspiring educational opportunities that lead to good-paying jobs that care for the planet and are building a Blue-Green Economy on the Southcoast. Business, government, and investors will be impressed to see the economic renewal and the emergence of this great city.

**Sustainable Business Lunch:** will bring together business and government leaders like Secretary John Kerry, Governor Baker, State Senator Rodrigues, State Senator Pacheco and U.S. Senator Markey to share a vision that engages business to champion the transition to a sustainable economy. A City Proclamation will be presented by Mayor Coogan.

**A Sustainable Community Forum** will culminate the day’s activities with a 2-hour televised event. Hosted by a prominent TV host like Fall River native George Stephanopoulos (invited), people of all ages will share their dreams for a Sustainable Fall River. Prominent speakers will include leaders from sustainable businesses, and champions for sustainable education and workforce development. Everyone will sign the **Sustainable Fall River Pledge** and respond to the **Call to Action** by signing up to volunteer for projects and economic planning committees. The Stone Soup Leadership Institute will be presenting the **Walter Cronkite Award for Climate Reporting**.

**Sustainable Visioning Session:** During this day-long event, the Institute will facilitate a multi-visual art visioning exhibit and invite Fall River citizens to share their dreams for a Sustainable Fall River. **Fall River Community Television** will produce video segments to document everyone’s dreams; the segments will premiere at the **Sustainable Community Forum** and will be broadcast to the wider community.

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**This Day-Long Event will Feature Something for Everyone!**

**The Sustainable Educational Showcase** will feature regional organizations like the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, and UMass Dartmouth's SMAST Fisheries. Bristol Community College will showcase its sustainability-oriented certificates: Offshore Wind, Solar Energy, Green Building, Sustainable Agriculture, and Clean Water Management.

**Education: Science Fair Winners:** Schools are invited to showcase their students' accomplishments - from sustainability projects and past Science Fair winners. Durfee High School, Diman Regional Voc-Tech, Atlantis Charter School, Bristol County Agricultural High School, Bishop Connolly High School, Northeast Maritime Institute are invited to bring students for a field trip and hands-on learning experience to expand their imaginations!

**Sustainable Business Exhibits** from Mayflower Wind to Mass Clean Energy Center as well as inventors, start-ups, and companies like E2SOL will show the way to the future of sustainable careers and economy.

**Sustainable Workforce Development:** Creating a workforce development pipeline and an ecosystem for building a sustainable economy depends on a strong partnership between local education systems and companies and their communities. Fall River students will benefit by pursuing sustainable career pathways for high-paying jobs in the emerging sustainable economy.

**Sustainable Living** will feature healthy foods from local establishments. Exhibits from Durfee High School's CTE School Garden project, Dartmouth's Southcoast YMCA Sharing the Harvest Farm and Martha's Vineyard Island Grown Schools.

**Sustainable Culture:** Exhibits will share sustainability practices from cultures including local indigenous tribes.

**Sustainable Foods/Aquaculture:** Invited exhibits include aquaculture champion Perry Raso's Matunouk Oyster Bar; Martha's Vineyard's Cottage City Oysters, and the Southeastern Massachusetts Aquaculture Center.

**Waterfront Activities:** Invited guests include Sail Rec! (Greater Fall River RE-CREATION) and Sail Newport with fun educational opportunities for young people. The Borden Light Marina could host a Power Formula E-boat races or even a Newport to Fall River Regatta.

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**About the Creative Arts Network Inc. (CAN)** Established in 2014, Creative Arts Network is a 501c3 nonprofit corporation, committed to creating a vibrant artistic and cultural community for our residents and visitors. CAN is a recognized leader in Fall River for successfully employing innovative and creative solutions to address the manifold local and regional economic and social challenges facing many of Massachusetts's Gateway Cities. CAN's initiatives have a local focus and a regional strategy working throughout the South Coast region in supporting and partnering with a collective of local and regional organizations dedicated to the advancement and growth of our communities. CAN has continuously evolved and expanded its portfolio of programs to address the ever evolving social and economic needs of its constituents. CAN showcases the area's best features and is spurring growth by supporting and promoting cultural events, activities, and resources throughout the city. CAN is where you can find information on events, places to eat, shop, and explore for residents, tourists, and business leaders-of all ages.

**About the Stone Soup Leadership Institute:** For over 25 years, The Institute has developed innovative sustainable workforce development initiatives for multicultural youth and their communities. For the last 5 years The Institute worked with Southcoast leaders of the Blue Economy to shape the design of the Institute's Sustainable Workforce Development Network (SWDN™). **VIDEO:** [Southcoast Blue Economy: The Opportunity](#). In 2021-2022 The Institute partnered with Durfee High School's CTE's Environmental & Technology Program to empower high school students, through using the Institute's curriculum *Stone Soup for a Sustainable World* to help them envision Sustainable Career Pathways for jobs with local companies. [East Coast Final Report](#). On the Sustainability Tour students had a first-hand experience on the impact sustainable projects can have on their community. [Sustainability Tour Video](#)

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