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JESSICA MASON
ISLAND EATS MV

Jessica is a social entrepreneur and the founder of Island Eats MV, a reusable takeout container system on Martha's Vineyard. With a love for the island's natural environment, she is on a mission to help the island's residents and visitors embrace zero waste. Learn about Island Eats and hear how reuse programs could be built on Cape Cod. Jessica has deep experience leading innovation ventures in the social and public sectors. She holds an AB Magna Cum Laude from Brown University and an EdM from Harvard Graduate School of Education.



MAC HAY
MAC'S SEAFOOD

Growing up, Mac spent summers on the Cape learning to fish with his grandfather. Learning to fish inspired Mac to source sustainably and eat well. Founded in 1995 by Mac, Mac's Seafood, one of the largest employers on the Outer Cape, serves local and sustainably sourced seafood and seasonal fare at several restaurants and seafood markets on Cape Cod - in Wellfleet, Provincetown, Eastham, Chatham, and in Dennis. The business also includes a wholesale division, as well as the Cape View Motel in Truro.



AMBER SCHMIDT
RETHINK DISPOSABLE

Amber started her environmental journey canvassing in Connecticut to pass laws on a variety of issues. She loves talking about the issues surrounding environmental policy. She became successful in helping win real, tangible, transformative campaigns. Her love of the ocean drew her to Rhode Island where she continued to work on policy and became a Canvass Director for Clean Water Action. Amber brings her experience and passion to her position and continues to engage to reduce single-use disposable food ware and utensils.

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JUSTIN SANDLER
BLACK EARTH COMPOST

Justin joined Black Earth Compost in 2011 when it was just a one person company. He is admittedly not a lifelong composter, but was hooked when he first witnessed the steam coming off a backyard pile. He is now a partner at Black Earth Compost and has worked over the years as a driver, loader operator, door to door salesman, and everything in between in order to help spread the composting mission. Justin still wears quite a few different hats in the company, but is primarily focused on onboarding and educating new compost customers on the Cape and beyond.



SAMANTHA SALVATORE
RECYCLING WORKS

Samantha is a Program Consultant at The Center for EcoTechnology (CET) which administers the RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts program. She assists businesses across the Commonwealth with waste reduction and diversion, providing direct support over phone and email, and producing written content to educate and inspire businesses to make change. Samantha holds an MBA and is a TRUE Zero Waste Advisor.



PATSY MARCHANT
EDDY SCHOOL

Patsy has taught special needs, third and fourth grade in Brewster Schools since 1977, retiring from full time teaching in 2011. She was then hired to work part time, developing the science curriculum for Eddy Elementary, incorporating Massachusetts STE standards. She has connected Eddy's science program with community organizations including Brewster Conservation Trust, MA Audubon, Brewster Ponds Coalition, Coastal Studies and others. In addition to teaching at Eddy, Patsy delivered training for schools across New England for Accelerate Learning, a STEM based learning program, specifically STEMscopes.