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## Press Release

# Groups Combine Earth Day Efforts to End Plastic Pollution

Volunteers to distribute flyers on the hazards of plastic at all Cape Cod transfer stations

**Brewster, MA, April 11, 2018:** Three nonprofit groups on Cape Cod are rallying volunteers on Earth Day, April 22, in order to raise public awareness of their efforts to limit the purchase and distribution of plastic bottled beverages and straws on Cape Cod. The volunteers will be at all 15 town transfer stations across Barnstable County, handing out flyers which detail the problems plastics create for the environment, wildlife, and public health.

The three groups spearheading the effort are the Cape Cod Branch of the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom (WILPF), CARE for the Cape and Islands, and Sustainable Practices. CARE has focused on reducing the use of plastic straws, citing estimates that some 500 million straws are used and discarded daily. Sustainable Practice has been leading the charge for a Cape Plastic Bottle Ban. The group points out that the US is the largest consumer of plastic bottles -- about 30 billion a year -- most of them containing water. About 80 percent of these bottles are not recycled, winding up in landfills, beaches, or the ocean.

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**Cape Cod's Women's International League for Peace & Freedom (WILPF)** is a group of women and men who work for peace, climate, and justice locally, nationally and internationally.

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**CARE, Creating A Responsible Environment for the Cape and Islands**, facilitates connections among visitors and residents to preserve and protect our natural and historic assets and ensure the sustainability of our community.

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**Sustainable Practices**, a nonprofit committed to improving human and environmental health, well-being, and ultimately stewardship for long-term sustainability, is the initiating organization of the Cape Plastic Bottle Ban.

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