



Verifies



As the 1st Green Business



Green Design Center, of Mashpee, became the first company to be verified as a Green Business by the newly formed organization, *Cape & Islands Green* at a breakfast for reception for business leaders on Wednesday, June 30th.

Cape & Islands Green is an environmental initiative organized by a collective of environmentally-conscious business owners, with support from the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, and the following local Chambers: Hyannis, Falmouth, and Sandwich. The mission of this initiative is to educate and encourage local businesses to engage in more environmentally sensitive practices to lessen our collective impact on the natural environment while creating a healthier workplace and reducing costs.

The program consists of a three level certification process, incentivized by receiving recognition for meeting specific criteria. Benefits include cost-savings from reducing energy usage, leadership in the green business industry, and ensuring the health and beauty of Cape and Islands communities.

Nicole Goldman, Founder and President of  Green Design Center, who played a leadership role in bringing *Cape & Islands Green* to the business community believes that "thinking green in the workplace is thinking smart. Each of these measures improves our environment and the efficiency of our business. It's a win/win and we want to engage Cape & Island businesses to commit to working smart."

For more information visit the Cape & Islands Green [facebook](#) page (Their website will be up shortly)

Cape & Islands Green is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping Cape & Islands businesses be successful and responsible by reducing their impact on the natural environment while lowering their operating costs and increasing their competitive advantage, and be leaders in their fields.




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Donates 1st Seed Money Grant
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The  Foundation was pleased to provide the step-off grant for *Cape & Islands Green* business verification program, making the announcement during a breakfast reception for business leaders on Wednesday, June 30th.

Nicole Goldman announced the gift and hopes her action will inspire others to support this worthwhile business initiative. "As the Founder and President of  Green Design Center in Mashpee Commons...I recognize the value of sharing the knowledge about sustainable business practices with the community at large...my company has become the 1st verified Cape & Islands Green business and I want to engage those around us to find out that being green is good for business as well as being good for the environment."

The grant will provide vital seed money to hire an administrator for the program, to develop the website and to support the program workshops which are a mandatory element for participating business where they will get hands-on information on how to bring sustainable, green practices into their workplace.

For more information on Cape & Islands Green visit [CIG Facebook](#)