

# SAVE OUR SOUND

alliance to protect nantucket sound

## Summary of Purpose and Activities

The Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound (Alliance) was organized May 5, 2002 in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a tax-exempt organization. The Alliance's purpose as stated in the articles of organization:

1. Promote unfettered public access to and enjoyment of Nantucket Sound.
2. Promote educational activities and projects that will enhance the understanding of and commitment to the preservation of the Sound.
3. Defend the ecology and environment of both the Sound and the lands that surround it.
4. Support continued uses of the Sound that are consistent with and as sensitive to the Sound's ecology as is technologically possible.
5. Encourage research and the development of technologies that will reduce groundwater, airborne and marine pollution resulting degradation of the Sound's environment.
6. Carry out any other charitable purposes that is not inconsistent with or contrary to the purposed listed in paragraph 1 through 5 of this Article II and which is permitted to be carried out by a corporation organized under Chapter 180 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, provided that the corporation shall not pursue any purpose that is not permitted to be carried out by an organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501c3 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

## Background and Context

The Alliance's primary focus since inception has been to oppose the proposed Cape Wind project, the world's largest offshore wind farm, to be sited on Horseshoe Shoal in federal waters in the center of Nantucket Sound. The Cape Wind project would include the construction of 130, 3.6MW wind turbines, each larger than the Statue of Liberty, requiring an area of 24 square miles, the size of Manhattan Island. After careful examination, the Alliance's Board of Directors (BOD) determined that the Cape Wind project is an extreme threat to the existing state of Nantucket Sound. The BOD directed management to secure charitable donations that would be used to oppose the Cape Wind project because it threatens: 1) the ecology and environment of Nantucket Sound; 2) the unfettered public-access and safe enjoyment of Nantucket Sound, and; 3) the preservation of Nantucket Sound's pristine quality through the industrialization by the construction of an electric power plant.