

After 2½ years of COVID delays

# We're Finally Celebrating Earth Day's 50<sup>TH</sup>

Fun activities for young and old!  
Learn what others are doing and  
what you can do every day!

## Saturday Sept. 17



## Lee Founders Weekend 1:00-4:30

COVID precautions permitting

## Why Celebrate?

The National Environmental Policy Act, one of the most important pieces of environmentally oriented federal legislation, was enacted January 1, 1970. The first Earth Day events took place April 22 1970 to protest environmental degradation, raise awareness of environmental issues, and celebrate the environment. Earth Day is the world's largest secular holiday, with more than 500 million people taking part in 174 countries.

## Why Now?

Growing environmental threats are driving people to learn how to have a positive impact. The celebration reminds us that we must rededicate ourselves and treat every day as Earth Day: reduce waste, cut our carbon footprint, and care for the environment and each other!

We planned the event to entertain and engage one and all, with live music, hands-on activities for all ages, and opportunities to learn from a wide range of organizations serving as stewards of our corner of the planet.

## Join us!

# The Festivities

**Location: First Congregational Church Park/Annex Courtyard (or inside if weather requires)**

**1:00-2:00: Garden tours**

- Lee Elementary School
- St. Mary's School
- the Downtown Community Garden at St. Mary's Church
- Brown Memorial Court - Marble St.

**1:00-4:30: Music by Steve Adams, Robin O'Herin, and Micah Stone**

**2:00-2:30: Kickoff**

- Senator Adam Hinds and local teen activist Keely Rose O'Gorman
- Exhibitor and activity leader introductions
- Litter sculpture unveiling
- Lee's Dick Lindsay will emcee

**2:30-4:30: Activities and exhibits**

**Activities for all**

- BagShare Project - make durable reusable totes
- Art activities - make veggie prints and art from recycled materials
- Nature scavenger hunt
- Seed bombs for home planting
- Leaf rubbing
- En-ROADS - introduction to science-based interactive climate change simulation

**Exhibits by local, regional, and state organizations** - ask questions, learn what you can do!

# Giveaways and Raffles

# Participating Individuals and Organizations

350ma-Berkshires

Berkshire artists Brandon Boule, Nicole Webster Clark, and Diane Firtell  
Berkshire musicians Steve Adams, Robin O'Herin, and Micah Stone  
Berkshire Center for Justice  
Citizens Climate Lobby  
Cooler Communities Program  
En-ROADS Climate Workshop  
Fair Share for MA  
State Senator Adam Hinds  
Housatonic Valley Association  
Lee Downtown Community Garden  
Lee Elementary School (Paula Duhon)  
Lee Greener Gateway Committee  
Lee Land Trust  
Dick Lindsay  
St. Mary's School  
MASS Audubon Society  
MA Department of Environmental Protection  
NAACP - Berkshire Chapter  
Keely Rose O'Gorman  
Tommy's Compost Service

**We especially thank our sponsors:**

- Lee Chamber of Commerce
- First Congregational Church of Lee
- Lee Cultural Council

**And our raffle prize donors:**

- Berkshire Food Coop
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- Highlawn Farm
- Starving Artist Creperie and Café
- Ward's Nursery & Garden Center