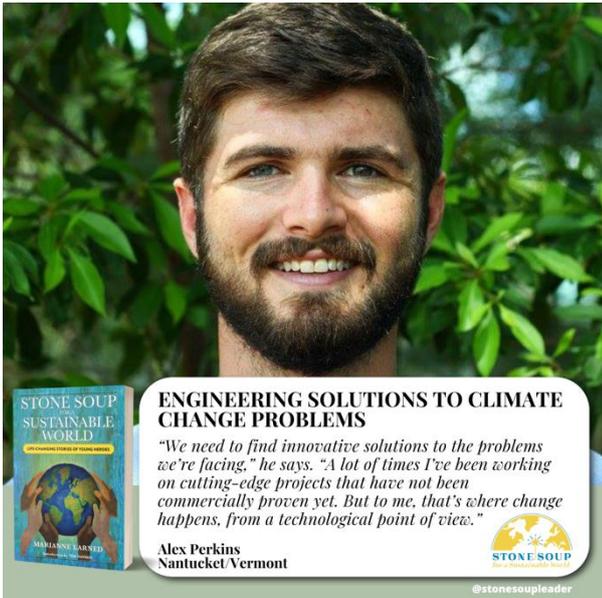




The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's  
Story of the Week: MASS STEM Week & Alex Perkins  
Week of October 15 –21, 2023



Sunday Story: Alex Perkins

READ how Alex Perkins was appalled to see the destruction caused by burning plastic waste in the Bahamas in a semester as a high-school student.

LEARN how he decided to use his technical skills to find engineering solutions to the problems created by climate change.

<http://sustainabilityisfun.net/climate-education-curriculum/alex-perkins/> #sustainability #PlasticPollution #STEMWeek #YourBNRep

“It’s about collaboration: talking about problems with friends, talking about ideas you can build together,” says Alex Perkins. <http://sustainabilityisfun.net/climate-education-curriculum/alex-perkins/> #sustainability #PlasticPollution #STEMWeek #YourBNRep



Monday: MASS STEM Week

Thank you, Massachusetts Senator Markey for your kind words and your leadership.



INNOVATE! Green Entrepreneurs and Inventors chapter introduction.

LEARN about brilliant young scientists around the world who are creating the solutions to our environmental problems. <https://thriveglobal.com/stories/innovate-green-entrepreneurs-and-inventors/> #GreenSolutions #Technology #ClimateSolutions

Tag Massachusetts leaders – Governor Healy, Sect of Education, MASS STEM Week



Tuesday: Hero Report

WATCH Alex share how his curiosity led him to many different projects relating to the blue economy and sustainability. “Growing up on a small Island is what really gave me an appreciation for the environment, for the ocean and for sustainability,” says Alex Perkins, sustainability engineer. #Sustainability #HealthyOceans #BlueEconomy

<https://youtu.be/mk054LkRXek>

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Wednesday: Honor Roll

MASS STEM Week is a statewide effort started in 2018 to highlight the importance of STEM education in our fight against the global climate crisis.

#STEMWeek #ClimateEducation #BlueEconomy #GreenJobs <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stem-week>

2<sup>nd</sup> post. Congratulations to Massachusetts Governor Maura Healy for signing executive order to make Massachusetts the first state to ban the purchase of single-use plastic bottles by state agencies. Add Tags



**MASS STEM Week: The Stone Soup Climate Education Curriculum Workshop**

**FREE for Future Teachers**  
 Invited: ALL Massachusetts SEAM Chapters  
 Learn how you can inspire your students with The Stone Soup Climate Education Curriculum

Meet The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's BSU Sustainability Summit Facilitators

Orientation & Registration: Oct. 4 @ 5-6 pm  
 MASS STEM Week:  
 Workshop I: Oct. 19 @ 6-7 pm  
 Workshop II: Oct. 25 @ 5-6 pm

Secondary Ed Encouraged. All welcome!

Location: Hybrid Event  
 Register: Eventbrite:  
<https://mass-stem-week-the-stone-soup-climate-education-curriculum-rsvp.eventbrite.com/>

Hosted by SEAM  
 The Student Education Association of Massachusetts

**FREE Book + Workshop + Certificate**

Wednesday: ALL + BSU Flier

**FUTURE EDUCATORS:** Join us for a FREE virtual [Climate Education Curriculum Workshop in conjunction](#) with MASS STEM Week: Oct. 19. Learn more Newsletter: <https://conta.cc/46dOmri> **Register today!**

#ClimateEducation #STEMWeek #Massachusetts #YourBNRep

Thursday: The Institute's Teachers video from the Sustainability Summit

**The Stone Soup Leadership Institute Leadership Program & Sustainability Summit 2023**

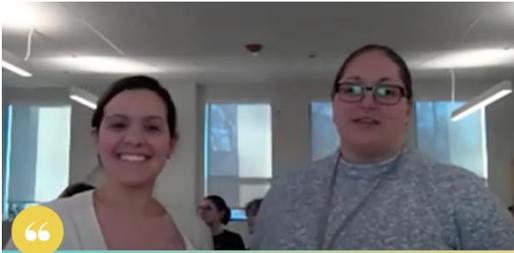
**Diana Hopkins**  
 Bristol County Agricultural High School

STONE SOUP  
 Inspiring Young People to Build a Sustainable World

**WATCH** Massachusetts biology teacher share how the Institute's Climate Education Curriculum supports ALL educators to bring sustainability solutions to their students.

[https://youtu.be/wnX\\_SzIpCGY](https://youtu.be/wnX_SzIpCGY)

#ClimateEducation #curriculum #LessonPlans  
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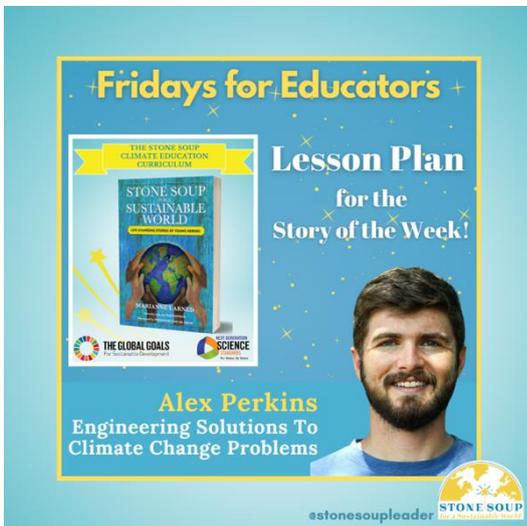


**Diana Hopkins, Biology Teacher, Massachusetts**

“It can be really challenging to find a meaningful science curriculum; to have learning that applies to a student’s life versus just learning because the state says you have to learn things. Teachers of all content areas can benefit from these tools and trainings. You can tie sustainability into all different content areas - not just science. You can build literacy by reading these real-life stories from 38 countries. You can design a civics project by building on [a story’s] call to action.”



**Diana Hopkins  
Biology Teacher  
Massachusetts**



**Friday: Lesson Plan**

**TEACHERS** This FREE Lesson Plan provides ideas for classroom and homework activities to help your students learn about engineering solutions to our environmental problems. #LessonPlans #ClimateEducation #STEMWeek #YourBNRep

This lesson plan can be found in the link in our bio.

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Quotes to feature throughout the week:



Your dedication, compassion and care for the island communities you work with is greatly appreciated and your efforts have not gone unnoticed. The work you have done for sustainable development across the globe is a valuable contribution to the future of our environment.

U.S. SENATOR ELIZABETH WARREN, MASSACHUSETTS



"We will all benefit from the work that the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Sustainability initiative will leave us with at the end of the day. This is so important and we are eager to see more initiatives like this in the future."

MA STATE SENATOR MARC PACHECO  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL WARMING AND CLIMATE CHANGE



Bristol County Agricultural High School (BCAHS) is pleased to share a collaboration with the Stone Soup Leadership Institute, providing an opportunity for our students with a remarkable learning experience for our students in areas of leadership development, sustainability, and civic engagement as a leader in the region and Commonwealth.

DEREK COSTA  
SUPERINTENDENT  
BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL



We are grateful for the Institute collaborating with the Leadership Class at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School to help model this online learning portal- connecting our students with other island youth around the world.

SUPERINTENDENT MATT D' ANDREA  
MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



Our relationship with the Stone Soup Leadership Institute has benefited our students immensely.

It's opened their eyes to jobs in the blue and green economies.

It's helped develop ideas about students in their pathways in life.

MATTHEW DEMARIS PRINCIPAL  
B.M.C. DURFEE HIGH SCHOOL  
FALL RIVER, MA

