



**Your support is
helping to save the
Bay's most treasured
places – forever**

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The #1 thing you can do to save Buzzards Bay? Upgrade your septic system

YOU CAN HELP PUT MORE NITROGEN-REDUCING SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN THE GROUND

To combat the Bay's biggest source of harmful nitrogen pollution, we've been working with towns and homeowners across the region to demonstrate how traditional septic systems and cesspools can be upgraded with nitrogen-reducing technology.

The positive effects of septic system upgrades are on clear display on West Falmouth Harbor, where 20 new systems we upgraded last year are already being shown to reduce nitrogen by at least 78%.

With your continued support, we're putting more of these nitrogen-reducing systems in the ground and changing the way our communities view and permit septic systems.

The Coalition is now working with partners from Barnstable County and Rhode Island to test a promising nitrogen-reducing technology called a "layer cake." Over the next year, 10 of these systems will be installed from Westport to Martha's Vineyard. And back on West Falmouth Harbor, another 10 homeowners are upgrading to nitrogen-reducing systems in Phase II of that project.

These projects are creating models we can use in communities across the region to reduce nitrogen pollution.

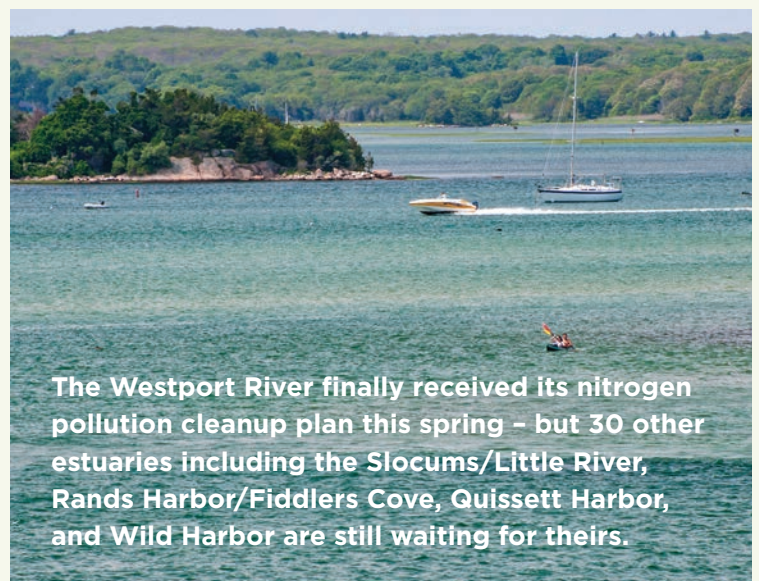


With your support, we can help more homeowners upgrade their septic systems to reduce the largest source of pollution to Buzzards Bay.

With your support, we'll keep fighting for clean water in your community

After languishing for 15 years on the state's "dirty waters" list, this spring the Westport River finally received its long-awaited Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) from the state and federal governments. This nitrogen pollution limit sets a course for action to restore clean, healthy water in the river's two branches.

But Westport isn't the only community waiting for a TMDL – 30 more Buzzards Bay estuaries need these nitrogen pollution limits. As of today, only three have them.



The Westport River finally received its nitrogen pollution cleanup plan this spring – but 30 other estuaries including the Slocums/Little River, Rands Harbor/Fiddlers Cove, Quissett Harbor, and Wild Harbor are still waiting for theirs.



Permanent pumpout service coming to Cuttyhunk next summer

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON THE WATER BY PUMPING OUT YOUR BOAT WASTE

The Coalition is working with the town of Gosnold to install and operate a permanent boat waste pumpout station in Cuttyhunk Harbor, one of Buzzards Bay's most popular boating destinations.

Your support helped us operate a free mobile pumpout service in Cuttyhunk Harbor aboard the *R/V Buzzards Baykeeper*® from 2000 to 2016. The new permanent pumpout at the fuel dock will better meet the demand from thousands of recreational boaters each summer.



Buzzards Bay Coalition is a member of the Waterkeeper Alliance.

Why We Give

KINDER WOODCOCK OF DARTMOUTH

"Our family values Buzzards Bay's warm waters, pristine beaches, and reliable southwesterly sea breezes. A clean and vibrant Bay supports a healthy aquatic ecosystem that is resilient to natural and man-made pressures. This is why we choose to support the critical work of the Coalition and why I volunteer my time as a Baywatcher."

Help the next generation inherit a safe, clean Bay by giving to the Annual Fund. Visit support.savebuzzardsbay.org/annualfund to donate now.



(IMAGE: KINDER WOODCOCK)

115-acre Ocean View Farm on Allens Pond in Dartmouth protected forever

THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT, WE'RE CONSERVING THE BAY'S SPECIAL PLACES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

From Horseneck Road to Barney's Joy, visionary local landowners and conservation organizations have worked together over decades to protect and preserve Allens Pond in Dartmouth – one of the most significant coastal habitats in southern New England.

Now we can add another piece of protected land to this jewel of Buzzards Bay: the aptly named Ocean View Farm, a 115-acre waterfront property that was one of the last large unprotected parcels in this area. Over the past 18 months, the Coalition negotiated with the landowner and built the partnerships needed to make the deal happen.

Members like you helped us raise over \$8 million to protect Ocean View Farm forever, including \$600,000 in Community Preservation Act funding from Dartmouth voters. Thank you!

Round the Bend Farm will now put the deep, rich soils on the northern 55 acres to work as an all-organic farm. The Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust (DNRT) will open a new public trail and restore coastal wetlands on a 60-acre portion of Ocean View Farm so you can discover this spectacular place.



Your support helped us save 115 acres of stunning coastal farmland on Allens Pond, one of the most significant coastal habitats in southern New England.

(IMAGE: DNRT)

Protecting your drinking water by conserving land in the Mattapoissett River Valley

In 2000, land conservation in the Mattapoissett River Valley was weak. Even though thousands of local residents in Fairhaven, Mattapoissett, Marion, and Rochester get their drinking water from underground aquifers in this river valley, only 8% of the land was permanently protected from development.

Since then, we've worked in close partnership with these towns to conserve more than 1,500 acres of additional forests and wetlands in the Mattapoissett River Valley to ensure your drinking water sources are protected.



The Mattapoissett River Valley is a source of public drinking water for thousands – and with your support, we're protecting the land that keeps your drinking water clean.



Coalition breaks ground on Marion Field Operations Facility

If you've driven along Route 6 in Marion recently, you may have noticed something new happening at the corner of Spring Street. That's where the Coalition has broken ground on our newest permanent facility: a field operations center that will serve as a centerpiece for all our on-the-water and field science and land stewardship work.

You can give today to help us raise the remaining funds needed to complete this project. With the help of donors like you, we can move into the Marion Field Operations Facility this time next year.



Buzzards Bay Coalition is accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.

Why We Give

**MARCY WINTRUB AND DUANE BARTON
OF DARTMOUTH**

"We moved here in 2012, drawn in by the coastal beauty. We were so inspired by the work of the Coalition and the impact it's having. We knew right away that we wanted to be a part of it."

Your gift to the Annual Fund ensures that, together, we can make a difference for Buzzards Bay through education, conservation, research, and advocacy. Give today at support.savebuzzardsbay.org/annualfund



(IMAGE: MARCY WINTRUB)

Onset Bay Center will be a destination for on-the-water exploration

YOU ARE HELPING A NEW GENERATION OF WAREHAM FAMILIES BUILD A CONNECTION TO OUR BAY

Each year, your support helps thousands of people discover Buzzards Bay through school field programs and Bay Adventures with the Coalition.

Thanks to donors like you, we'll soon be able to serve thousands more people through the Onset Bay Center, a destination for high-quality on-the-water programming for the Wareham community.

The center, which will be headquartered at the historic bathhouse on Onset Beach, will give people of all ages new opportunities to get outside and participate in active outdoor adventures such as sailing, paddling, shellfishing, and coastal ecology explorations.

But we aren't waiting until the bathhouse renovation is complete to begin offering these programs. This summer, youth sailing returned to Onset Bay for the first time in a generation through a free pilot sailing program offered in partnership with the Community Boating Center and the Wareham Boys & Girls Club. **Your continued support can help us complete the bathhouse renovation and get more people on Onset Bay in the coming years.**



Thanks to donors like you, the Onset Bay Center is already becoming a reality with the first youth sailing program on Onset Bay in a generation.

You can stay healthy and active this winter on a 'Sunday Stroll'

One of our favorite ways to discover Buzzards Bay? Take a walk outside on a local trail once a week. Even if you have a busy schedule, making the time for a simple Sunday stroll can help improve your heart health, ease stress, and create a connection to the outdoors.

As part of our partnership with Southcoast Health, we're hosting free "Sunday Strolls" where you can discover new trails and treasured views of woods, waterways, and wetlands.

Whether you join us for a Sunday Stroll or take a walk on your own, use Discover Buzzards Bay to find a park or trail near you: savebuzzardsbay.org/discover



You can stay healthy and active this winter and all year long on a Sunday Stroll with the Coalition and Southcoast Health, part of Discover Buzzards Bay.



Why We Swim Why We Ride

"SALTY SEA DOGS" OF FREETOWN/LAKEVILLE

"The Swim is a fun and worthy fundraiser to help clean and maintain the waters of Buzzards Bay. It opened my mind to how pollution is everywhere around us, and we need to keep the local environment we love clean."

"SAIL BAGS" OF MARION/MATTAPOISETT

"Racing and sailing on Buzzards Bay has been a special part of our lives, and this is a way we can give back. Participating in the Ride has made us much more aware of the need to keep Buzzards Bay clean and beautiful."

Thank you to the nearly 600 swimmers and cyclists who raised over \$280,000 for clean water at the Buzzards Bay Swim in June and the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride in October. **Save the date for the 25th annual Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, June 30, 2018 and the 12th annual Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride on Sunday, September 30, 2018!**

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Dedicated to the restoration, protection and sustainable use and enjoyment of our irreplaceable Bay and its watershed. The Coalition works to improve the health of the Bay ecosystem for all through education, conservation, research and advocacy.

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Your support helps more people get outside to discover Buzzards Bay through paddling, hiking, fishing, quahogging, and exploring their local waterways.



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