

AMERICORPS CAPE COD, 2011-2012

Dear Members of the Community,

The Barnstable County AmeriCorps Cape Cod program is saying goodbye and thank-you to yet another incredible group of AmeriCorps Cape Cod members. Year Thirteen started off with a “call to action” a week and a half after the members met each other for the first time. Members and staff traveled to Munson, Massachusetts for the September 11th National Day of Service. We assisted communities in their rebuilding efforts after being devastated by the recent tornado that left a 60 mile path of destruction. The members gave us a peek of their great service ethic and enthusiasm that day, and this energy has been sustained, with amazing results, through this entire corps year.

We often receive letters of recognition for our service during the year. This year we received a wonderful letter from a service partner, the International Fund for Animal Welfare. Below, we would like to share a copy of this letter with all of you:

Dear Darlene Johnson-Morris,

On behalf of the International Fund for Animal Welfare’s Marine Mammal Rescue and Research Program, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the AmeriCorps Cape Cod for your assistance during the unprecedented common dolphin mass stranding event that took place from January 12 through April 3, 2012.

This event has been confirmed as the largest mass stranding event recorded for the northeast region of the United States in the past 20 years. In total, 216 common dolphins stranded within 82 days throughout the towns of Barnstable, Yarmouth, Dennis, Brewster, Orleans, Eastham, and Wellfleet. These numbers required a tremendous joint rescue effort involving not only our staff and volunteers, but also outside resources such as those you provided. While over half of these dolphins unfortunately were deceased upon stranding, 98 were found alive, of which 73 were successfully released. This resulted in a successful release rate of nearly 75% for those dolphins found alive; a rate that was unheard of even just a few short years ago.

This success would not have been possible without the dedicated support and cooperation that we received from each and every level of the community. Specifically, it was the AmeriCorps Cape Cod service members from both the Bourne and Wellfleet houses that provided invaluable assistance and exhibited the utmost professionalism when called upon to serve.

Once again, please accept our sincerest thanks for your continued support, as it so greatly contributes to the welfare of these animals, stranding science and has made rescue efforts of this scale possible.

Respectfully,

The IFAW Marine Mammal Rescue and Research Team

Together with volunteers, service partners, the great partnership we have with the National Park Service, our wonderful Advisory Board, and the Resource Development and AmeriCorps Cape Cod staff, we have effectively and efficiently served the critical environmental and disaster preparedness and response needs of Barnstable County for another year. On behalf of the Barnstable County Resource Development Office and AmeriCorps Cape Cod, I would like to thank each AmeriCorps member for your leadership, positive attitude and your service (over 41,000 hours!) to our community. Fair winds, smooth seas and happy trails to each one of you until we meet again!

Darlene Johnson-Morris
AmeriCorps Cape Cod Program Director

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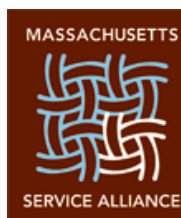
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COMMUNITY IMPACT 1999-2012



Environmental Conservation Projects:

- 2,274 land and water-based conservation projects completed

Disaster Preparedness and Response Activities:

- Presented 374 community disaster preparedness education classes
- Response to 28 residential fires
- Participation in 19 disaster simulations and drills
- Response to 124 marine mammal strandings
- Assisted with 31 marine mammal necropsies
- Response to 2003 Buzzard's Bay oil spill
- Response to January 2005 blizzard
- Response to December 9th, 2005 winter/wind storm
- Response to the 2005 Hurricane Katrina evacuees in Operation "Helping Hands"
- Response to November 2007 Nor'easter
- Opened 4 shelters in November 2009 winter storm
- Response to flood damage in spring of 2010

Environmental Education:

- Over 2,050 activities in environmental education—ranging from vernal pools to invasive plant species—directed towards approximately 47,500 residents and visitors
- Hosted over 100 Project Wet Festivals for over 13,000 students
- Developed the recycling puppet show, "The Green Ribbon"
- Performed the "The Green Ribbon" puppet show 47 times to 5,862 adults and children

Fostering an Ethic of Service:

- A contribution of 25,546 hours of community service by 7,452 volunteers
- 244 presentations given about AmeriCorps, national service, community service, and civic engagement

Community Events: Organization and Participation in annual events such as:

- AmeriCorps Week
- Canal Clean-Up
- Earth Celebration
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
- Nauset Cares Day
- Harwich "Blitz" Week
- National Trails Day
- Chatham Youth Service Day
- Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge Clean Up
- Finch Skate Park Clean up
- River Days
- Pilgrim Bark Park
- Cut and Run—Trail Clean up and Race
- Highland Center Celebration
- Junior Solar Sprint
- Arbor Day

Community Collaborations: Collaborations with over 150 groups including:

- Federal, state, county, and town departments
- School, community, and faith-based groups
- Non-profit organizations

Building the Cape Cod Community:

- 97.6% of ACC Members have successfully graduated from the AmeriCorps Cape Cod program
- 93 alumni have stayed or returned to work on the Cape after graduating from the program
- 38 alumni have worked for Barnstable County or a Town department (12 currently)
- 34 alumni are presently working on Cape Cod
- 35 alumni have gone on to become Service Partners, Advisory Board Members and Trainers for the Program

ESTIMATED PROGRAM VALUE = \$11,260,574

TOTAL MEMBER AND VOLUNTEER HOURS SERVED = 565,715

* THE 2010 INDEPENDENT SECTOR VALUE OF VOLUNTEER LABOR IS \$21.36/HOUR

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Marine Mammal Stranding Response with IFAW

Dolphin strandings were a “hot topic” in the Cape Cod community this past winter, and rightly so with a total of 216 common dolphins stranding on the Cape's beaches from January 12th to the beginning of April. AmeriCorps members and staff provided vital support to the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) during these stranding events and assisted with over 20 common dolphin releases. With the man power of at least 13 members, dolphins were moved out of the mud flats of Wellfleet, health assessments were performed, and dolphins were released at beaches in Provincetown, Truro and Sandwich.

IFAW trained AmeriCorps members at the start of the Corps year on proper dolphin handling procedures including safely moving dolphins into specialized stretchers. During stranding events, volunteers moved dolphins via stretcher to IFAW trucks where the staff performed health assessments on the animals. During a health assessment, trained staff are look for healthy animals based on their respiratory and physical behavior. The staff also collect blood samples, conduct hearing assessments and perform ultrasounds to determine if the animal is pregnant. Health assessments can take up to a few hours depending on how many dolphins have stranded. During this time AmeriCorps members and other volunteers travel to the release spot. These locations are identified based on overall safety, access to deep water from the beach, and favorable weather conditions. It can take anywhere from 4 to 8 volunteers to lift one common dolphin. Once the staff is ready for for release, all the volunteers work together to lift the dolphin on the stretcher and bring it to deeper water. After a few minutes the dolphin pumps its flukes (their tails) indicating they are ready to swim on their own. The stretcher is pulled away and one person pushes the dolphin’s dorsal fin (the top fin) prompting it to swim out to sea. A rescue-and-release can last up to several hours depending on the stranding location, number of dolphins, man power, and weather conditions.

This was a record breaking year with the most common dolphins ever to strand on the Cape in such a short duration, and although there are many theories as to why, there are no concrete answers. Dolphins are social animals causing them to strand in groups. When one dolphin comes close to shore to feed or rest, others will also join. During this time, tide change can occur causing the dolphins to strand. Topography is also a large factor of dolphin strandings. Cape Cod has unique coastal features including the iconic hook shape acting as a trap for migrating dolphin pods. As the dolphins move along the coast, they become disoriented with the various land formations and inevitably strand. Although, these answers seem to be consistent with the recent stranding events, there is still a lot of research to be conducted in order to yield an answer as to why strandings occur.

~ Ruby Buchholtz



Wellfleet Members assist with a dolphin stranding.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Land Bank Atlas: Preserving the Record

The 300 Committee is a private, non-profit land trust that assists the Town of Falmouth with purchasing and managing its open space. Jessica Erickson, Administrator of The 300 Committee, requested an AmeriCorps Cape Cod placement to compile a catalogue, or atlas, of all the open space parcels that were purchased by the Town with funds from the Land Bank. Enacted in 1999, the Cape Cod Land Bank was developed "for the purpose of acquiring land and interests in land for the protection of public drinking water supplies, open space, and conservation land, the creation of walking and bicycling trails, and the creation of recreational areas." (Cape Cod Commission). The 300 Committee also wanted a clear picture of land bank parcels that did or, unfortunately, did not have a Conservation Restriction (CR). This placement was right up my alley. I enjoy researching and compiling data and am also very passionate about open space preservation.

The project began with merging lists of Land Bank parcels and compiling them into a spreadsheet with important information including year purchased, amount of land bank funds used to purchase, acreage of the parcels, the town assessors map IDs, the town meeting vote when it was approved for purchase, the deed reference number for the sale, and if applicable the CR reference number. Some were historic sites, while others offered beautiful vistas with miles of hiking trails. I visited the Falmouth Town Hall to get copies of all the town meeting votes to prove these parcels were authorized to be purchased with Land Bank funds.

Once I compiled all of the information, I designed the info page for each parcel. It took a solid month to fill in all the information for the 31 parcels in the atlas. I also prepared an aerial photo of each parcel showing the part of town it is in with surrounding vegetation and proximity to water.



Matt LePere clears invasive plant species from conservation

The 1st Land Bank Atlas was completed at the end of December and was presented to the Falmouth Conservation Commission with a positive reception. So much in fact, two more atlases were commissioned. Three copies of the Land Bank Atlas were published by The 300 Committee for permanent placement at their offices, one to be checked out by members of The 300 Committee and the third for the Falmouth Conservation Commission. The atlas is currently undergoing revisions for clarity and simplicity. An overall map of the town with each Land Bank parcel labeled is in the works.

I'm very proud of the Land Bank Atlas as it preserves the record of land that was purchased for open space preservation.

~ Matt LePere

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

In Search of Peter Cottontail...

Coming back for my second term with AmeriCorps Cape Cod, I began to review all I have experienced in this program. Whether it is teaching youth about water conservation or erecting beach fencing to prevent erosion, I have personally gained a lot from all of my experiences. When I was informed about the option of serving on the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR) to conduct a rabbit study, I was very intrigued with the idea. It would be another experience to add to my time in AmeriCorps. I have always wondered what happened behind the walls of the Base, which seemed like a foreign land, as I believe many Cape Codders perceive it to be. Now I would get the opportunity to see for myself.

My service partner was the Natural Resources Office of the Massachusetts Army National Guard that is housed in Camp Edwards, a military training facility covering 15,000 acres of mostly undeveloped land. This is a unique feature for a rapidly developing region. Various activities occur on the base including military training exercises, engineering projects, aviation facilities and environmental management. My service project on the base falls under the realm of environmental management.

I was tasked, under the direction of talented ecological experts, with continuing to study the New England Cottontail (NEC) and its preferred habitat. The NEC was found from eastern New York to parts of Maine and everywhere in between. The NEC population has been reduced about 80% since the 1960's mainly due to the decline in their habitat. The NEC lives in early successional forest habitat. These are the first early growth forests that occur after an area of land has been cleared of larger vegetation, for instance after a farm is decommissioned or a wildfire occurs. Unfortunately for these rabbits, many New England states and communities have reduced these habitats through increased development and specific land management practices. Many state agencies are heavy proponents of encouraging and suppressing fire to allow mature forests to arise, wiping out the NEC habitat. On Camp Edwards, the fire history and prescribed fire program have created early successional habitats allowing for the NEC to thrive on the Base.

It also does not help that the Eastern Cottontail is out-competing the NEC in the region. The Eastern cottontail was introduced for hunting purposes in the early 20th century and has since had a thriving population throughout New England.

My duties within this placement included searching for evidence of NEC activities and habitat, set traplines with wooden traps to humanely catch the rabbits, collect DNA samples for species determination, tag with radio transmitters, and perform radio telemetry to track the home ranges (area) of the rabbits. Apples were used to entice the bunnies into the traps, and they are very tricky animals to handle once caught. I will admit even with the sometimes odd hours, (they are most active between 10 PM to 2 AM) and inclement weather, this has been a great experience.

My placement with the Natural Resources Office of the Massachusetts Army National Guard was a very unique part of my time in AmeriCorps Cape Cod. I have had a lot of personal development while addressing a local natural resources issue. There is more than just military activities happening on the Base and when my time on Cape Cod ends I will always remember the rabbits.

~ Tom Vohoska

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Titles of an AmeriCorps Member

Harwich Environmental Initiatives Coordinator... Chainsawyer... Goat-herder... These were my titles in AmeriCorps Cape Cod. The responsibilities of these roles required me to be extremely versatile and able to adapt to various circumstances each day. Depending on the weather, volunteer participation, or animal behavior, I needed to move from task to task seamlessly. Having two different Individual Placements: Harwich Conservation Trust and Eastham Department of Natural Resources, I had to maximize my time to give the service partners as much help as possible. With that being said, I loved the constant excitement of doing different things each day and learning many handy skills along the way.

In Eastham, I observed town departments carrying out the will of the local community. We maintained town trails, propagated shellfish, and used GIS to inventory open space parcels. More recently, Eastham acquired four goats for invasive species management. It was trial and error research to see exactly how much they eat in one day, if they could be left alone in their pen, and whether it was a cost effective supplement to more traditional vegetation management plans.

In Harwich, I helped the Harwich Conservation Trust carry out the mission to “preserve land forever.” My duties included helping with the boundary quest program, wildlife enhancement plans for eel and herring habitat, and trail maintenance. I built my first fence for a bee-hive, created bird habitat at Bank Street Bog, and took baseline photos of conservation properties. My experience was dynamic because the needs of the communities were vast, and I look forward to continuing conservation and land trust efforts in the future.

~Matt Cannon



“Blitz” Week 2012 with Harwich Conservation Trust.



NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Skiff Hill

Throughout the last few months, AmeriCorps Cape Cod performed numerous Cut-Pile-Burn Projects with the Cape Cod (CACO) National Seashore Fire Management Program at Skiff Hill in Eastham. Located at Fort Hill, Skiff Hill can be reached from a walking path at the Penniman parking lot or a paved walkway from Hemenway Landing. This site offers a magnificent view of Nauset Marsh and Coast Guard Beach. Skiff Hill was designated as one of the National Seashore's primary projects for the 2011-2012 burn season, and the ultimate goal is to restore the property to an open field to mirror its original image of 1961 when it was purchased.

Starting in December 2011, AmeriCorps Cape Cod members participated in 12 projects for over 1,000 hours of service that involved the removal of invasive species, the felling of trees, and trail construction and maintenance. With the summer in full season, Skiff Hill has become a popular destination and continues to be one of the most beautiful areas on the National Seashore.

~ Ken Mullins



View of Skiff Hill before AmeriCorps service



View of Skiff Hill after AmeriCorps service

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Disaster Education: Because Everybody Loves a Puppet Show



In 2011 member Andrea Brown wrote and received two grant awards from JTech and the Cape Cod Foundation to build a fire safety puppet show aimed at preschoolers. The puppet show, entitled Fire Safety Friends was written and developed at the end of last year, and premiered at the West Barnstable Fire Department.

The show teaches children how to dial 9-1-1, how to stop, drop, roll and cover, and about the gear firemen wear to protect themselves. To a child, a grown adult in firefighting gear can be a bit frightening. One of the main objectives of this puppet show is to acquaint children with a firefighter's appearance when wearing full protective gear. During the puppet show, an AmeriCorps member comes out on stage, introduces themselves to the children, and puts on the fire gear while the puppets describe the purpose of each piece. Every time members put on this puppet show, they acquaint more and more children with firefighting so that in the event of an emergency, they are not afraid of the firefighters. The puppets also teach the children how to recognize the sound of a smoke detector, and what to do in the event of this emergency.

This year, the show has proven to be a smashing success. Fire Safety Friends was presented 19 times this corps year, to a total of 484 children from preschoolers to kindergarteners across Cape Cod. As a result, these children have taken the first step to being educated about fire safety, and AmeriCorps Cape Cod members can add puppeteering to their growing list of skills.

~ Emma Snellings

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Got Worms? The Art and Science of Worm Composting in Schools “Go Green” Teacher Mini-Grant Program

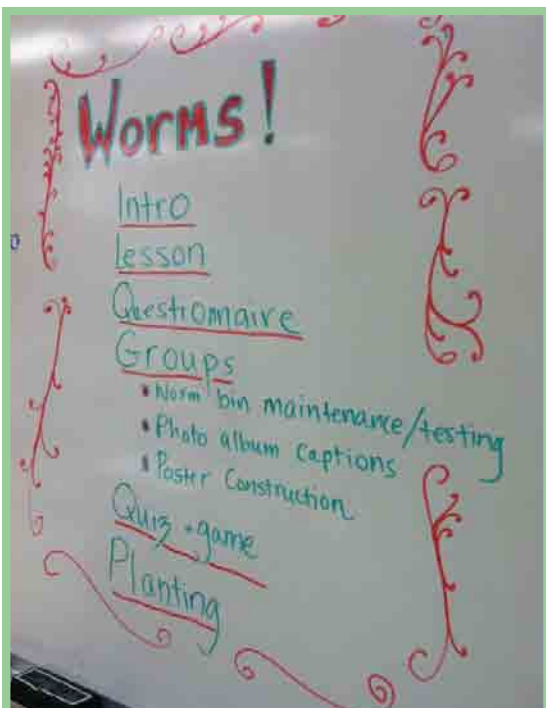
In the fall of 2011, a group of AmeriCorps Cape Cod members applied for the “GO GREEN” Teacher Mini-Grant Program released by the Nauset Garden Club of Cape Cod. The objective of the grant was to connect classroom learning with a “green” topic and instill environmental stewardship among youth. In collaboration with the Horticulture Department at Cape Cod Regional Technical School in Harwich, AmeriCorps members applied for the grant. It was an amazing process from start to finish.

First, the members formed a partnership with Horticulture teachers Bob DelVecchio and Vincent Anton at Cape Cod Regional Technical School. During the preliminary meetings and discussions both parties agreed upon vermicomposting as the green topic to teach students. Members researched the topic, established objectives, created lesson plans, put together a budget and completed the grant application.



Member Eric Grazia teaches Harwich students about vermicomposting

In February of 2012, the teachers were awarded the \$500 grant! After celebrating, members purchased supplies and prepared to implement the lesson plans. The lessons included vermicomposting, nutrient cycling, and soil properties. Additionally, the students were able to apply what they learned by creating and maintaining their own worm bin. The project facilitated team work and provided opportunities for students to take on leadership roles. One student was so inspired by the worms that he has decided to maintain the bin over the summer. The last lesson was in mid-June where students had the opportunity to use the vermiculture and sum up their learning with a poster display.



~The Worm Team
Eric Grazia,
Ken Mullins,
Mike Sousa,
Ally Taveniere



VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

MLK Day Preparation



The sound of the hammer striking the nail driver is all the more pronounced by the confined space we are working in. It is only on impact that I release my breath. I had been holding it, afraid that my breath alone would be enough to cause me to miss the target. This time I was not just striking my nail; the swing of my hammer burst the capsule of gunpowder blasting the nail deep into the cinder block behind it.

It is a Tuesday, my Community Outreach and Development (or COD) Day. In practical terms that means I am stepping away from my individual placement or group service projects to work with a smaller group on outreach projects like puppet shows or fuel assistance. My COD day developed a fruitful partnership with the Lower Cape Outreach Council (LCOC) while planning AmeriCorps' activities for MLK day which included building garden beds and a food drive.

On this day we were helping the LCOC build shelves in the food pantry to utilize space for food donations. It was a great project, as there was certainly a need for it and we could see the gratitude written on the faces of the women who worked there. The problem was we did not really know anything about building shelves!

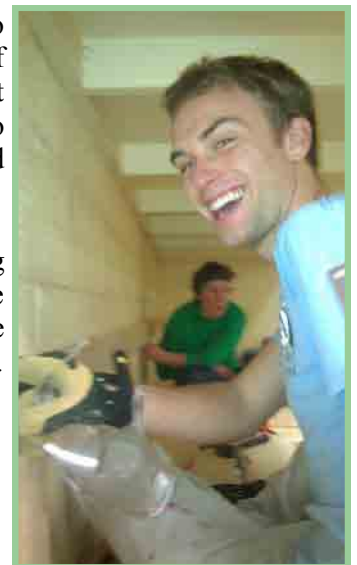
Fortunately we were not alone; a pair of community members, retired teachers, were there to show us how to build shelves. I think that is what made it such a remarkable project; our motivation was enough. Our teachers were able to drop tools in our hands, point us where to go, and let us get it done. I cannot say how much I appreciated the experience.

Until this day a nail gun was to me a foreign and dangerous device, certainly not something that I could use. Yet moments after the day began I found myself wielding a metal cylinder brimming with pressure, primed to hurl nails. I exhaled slowly taking as long as I could, before finally pulling the trigger. Though I knew it was coming, the recoil was a surprise but the nail was just where I wanted it, creating a vital joint to one of the new shelves.

Despite a general lack of experience we measured, cut, and nailed our way to a solution to an important community need. There is now a little scrap of wood with a date and a brief acknowledgment of AmeriCorps' participation stashed in the base board of a shelving unit that plays a vital role in supporting the supply of everything from essential food support to fuel assistance. Construction of the heavy and important shelving would have remained merely a dream without our help.

I would have said before that day that there is no better feeling than accomplishing something for people who really need it; especially when I can see the results. Certainly we had done something the community will appreciate and we had learned so much in the process. A host of new skills and a fantastic new set shelves all add up to a pretty good day.

~Matt Sienkiewicz



VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

An MLK Day to Remember

I am now in my 16th month of service with AmeriCorps, I have built 1 house, rehabbed 7, led over 250 volunteers, and have racked up over 2,000 hours of service. But on January 16, 2012, I had one of the best volunteer experiences in my service career. With the help of an amazing non-profit organization and the most enthusiastic, hard working volunteers, MLK Day 2012 was nothing short of a success.

The harsh economic times have affected a vast number of people in this country, especially here on Cape Cod. Our First Home, a non-profit organization from Yarmouth, is taking big steps forward when it comes to affordable housing for the residents. Our First Home will buy homes that are on the market or have been foreclosed on and rehab them to make them fit to live in again. After they put in an extensive amount of hard work, the house then gets sold substantially under market value.

In the weeks leading up to MLK Day, I was in contact with Our First Homes' Project Manager Mike Williams. We came up with a project that could use a good amount of volunteers as well as get a large amount of work done in a day. The project was to take place at a single family home in West Yarmouth on Joshua Baker Rd. The goals of the project were simple: remove all the drywall on the inside of the house and remove all of the shingles on the roof of the house.

MLK Day arrived incredibly fast. After setting up our AmeriCorps MLK Day HQ at Orleans Elementary, I was off to Yarmouth to get ready for the volunteers to arrive. 18 volunteers, 3 site supervisors from Our First Home, and Mike Williams arrived ready to serve. After a quick pep talk and a run through of safety concerns, the volunteers were off to the races. Seven people were outside in the cold stripping the roof, seven others were inside ripping down drywall, and the rest helped construct a permanent wooden box to hold cardboard recycling for the Lower Cape Outreach Council. Everyone worked non-stop even when 6 pizzas showed up for lunch. I practically had to drag people inside out of the cold to get some warm food.

After lunch everyone served for a few more hours. When 2:30 came around I informed everyone that they were free to leave whenever they chose. By 3:00 a few people had left but most were not going to leave until their part of the project was finished, and that included the volunteers working on the roof. They finished removing the shingles and even helped put down the tar paper to prepare for re-shingling. The work that was done by the volunteers that day was absolutely outstanding. Not only was Our First Home incredibly appreciative of the help they received, but I can say on behalf of AmeriCorps Cape Cod we are very appreciative for all they did.

~ Rob Emmett

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

Canal Cleanup 2012



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VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

From Shoop to Shore: Dennis Got Things Done with AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps Week 2012 was more than just a week of service. Beginning in March, AmeriCorps Week became a three month stretch of outreach, education, and community engagement for Dennis and the surrounding towns. AmeriCorps members commenced this extended project by going into schools, discussing volunteering and teaching students about bird boxes, invasive species, and worm farms. April was a time for follow up with schools and preparation for the actual week of service that would take place in May. Donations were received, school groups were contacted, the celebration was planned, and volunteers were raring to go. By the middle of May, everything was ready and the week of service was set to begin.

AmeriCorps Week 2012 took place in Dennis, primarily at Shoop Community Garden. Groups of students from the Lighthouse Charter School, Southeast Alternative School, the Riverview School, and Barnstable High School joined forces with AmeriCorps members and community volunteers to restore the gardens and surrounding conservation area. Throughout the week, students and volunteers succeeded in weeding, planting a pollinator garden, replacing old fencing around the community plots, clearing invasive species, planting native species, installing bird boxes, performing trail maintenance, and building compost bins at the Community Garden. Fencing was also installed at beaches and conservation areas around Dennis and more invasive species were removed at several other locations.

During the week community members had the opportunity to attend educational workshops on topics like shellfishing and monitor bird boxes. AmeriCorps ensured that volunteers would not only accomplish service goals, but learn how to sustain the work they were doing.

At the end of the service week volunteers were invited back for festivities on Saturday to celebrate everything that was accomplished. AmeriCorps Week brought over 200 students and community members together to renew the Dennis environment.

~ Katie Houstle



Members and volunteers clear overgrowth during AmeriCorps Week 2012.

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT



AMERICORPS CAPE COD ALUMNI

AmeriCorps Alums Get Things Done on Cape Cod

In AmeriCorps Cape Cod's thirteen years over 300 young men and women from all over the United States have dedicated eleven months of their lives serving the environmental and disaster preparedness needs of Barnstable County. What these members do after their year of service is as varied as the places they hail from. AmeriCorps Cape Cod alumni have gone on to obtain PhD's, become lawyers, manage an organic farm, become EMT's, join the Peace Corps, and the list goes on and on.

One amazing facet of AmeriCorps Cape Cod's pool of alumni is the number of members who remain on the Cape. It is hard to look in any direction on the Cape and not see an AmeriCorps alumnus. These alumni have taken full advantage of their year of service and secured meaningful careers in some of the most in demand professions on Cape Cod. Alumni are currently employed in local municipalities, environmental education, County government, environmental non-profits, healthcare, and human-services. This commitment to continue serving the community lies at the heart of AmeriCorps Cape Cod's strength.

While the myriad of alumni occupations tells a good story, the personal actions and paths of a select few are the best way to truly understand AmeriCorps alumni's dedication to this community as well as the values they obtained through their service.

Ashleigh McCord, a member in year ten and a house supervisor in years eleven and twelve, is the example of someone following their dreams and aspirations while staying involved in the community she served. Ashleigh is currently working for the SEA Semester program in Woods Hole, recruiting young people from around the country to spend a year aboard the SSV *Corwith Cramer* studying marine and environmental studies. This new position suits Ashleigh, being that her childhood hero was Jacques Cousteau. Outside of her job, Ashleigh continues to find time to serve, frequently being found at AmeriCorps Cape Cod volunteer events like the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and AmeriCorps Week.

Andrea Brown, a member in year twelve, has gone on to serve this community in an unexpected way, considering ACC's focus areas. Andrea currently works at the Latham Center, an organization providing care for children and adults with special needs, spending her days and nights caring for those who need it most. While Andrea may not serve the environmental or disaster needs of Cape Cod as she once did as a member, she certainly carries on in the spirit of service by helping this community in a profound and loving way.

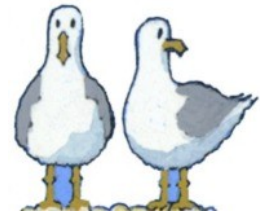
While these are just two examples of the many members who now work to create a better community, they represent the spirit of the group as a whole. Each year 26 men and women serve this community, but through the dedication of AmeriCorps Cape Cods alumni, this community gains much more than meets the eye.

~ Riley Moffatt

AMERICORPS CAPE COD ALUMNI



2010-2011 SERVICE PARTNERS



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Red Bansfield, Barnstable Land Trust
Kerry Bickford, Barnstable County 4-H Program
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Justin DeForest, Cape Cod National Seashore
Judy Desrochers, Meetinghouse Farm
Jess Erickson, The 300 Committee
Brian Everett, Dennis Dept. of Natural Resources
Mark Faherty, Wellfleet Mass Audubon
Renee Gagne, Chatham Shellfish Dept.
Mark Galkowski, Sandwich Dept. of Natural Resources
James Gallaher, Brewster Dept. of Natural Resources
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Alisha Parker, Town of Barnstable Growth Management
Janice Perkins, Lower Cape Outreach Council
Heinz Proft, Harwich Natural Resources Dept.
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Heidi Quill, Chatham Community Garden
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Lara Slifka, Chatham Department of Health and Environment, Conservation Division
Diane Speers, Bourne Historical Society
Quan Tobey, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe DNR
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Chris Walz, Massachusetts Audubon Society
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Karen Whiting, American Red Cross
Bob Yaps, Lower Cape Outreach Council
Laurie York, Aptuxcet Garden Club
Richard York, Jr., Mashpee Shellfish Department

2010-2011 INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENTS

BOURNE HOUSE

The 300 Committee

Program Coordinator for Falmouth Open Space Atlas

American Red Cross

Education Coordinator

American Red Cross

Logistics Coordinator

Army National Guard Natural Resources

New England Cottontail Home Range and Habitat Study Assistant

Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment

Wastewater Treatment Specialist

Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment, Regional Emergency Planning Committee

Emergency Preparedness Assistant

Barnstable Growth Management Department

Coastal Access Projects Coordinator

Barnstable Natural Resources Department

Shellfish Propagation Assistant

Cape Cod Cooperative Extension

Household Hazardous Waste Program Assistant

Cape Cod Commission

Private Wells Mapper and Pathways Coordinator

Cape Light Compact

Residential Outreach and Technical Assistant

Falmouth Department of Public Works

Storm Water Protection Assistant

Sandwich Department of Natural Resources

Conservation Lands Assistant

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal

Natural Resource Intern

West Barnstable Fire Department

Fire Mitigation and Operations Planner

Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

Environmental Science Teacher

WELLFLEET HOUSE

American Red Cross

Partner Services Liaison

Brewster Conservation Trust

Brewster Conservation Trust Land Manager

Brewster Department of Natural Resources

Conservation Land and Water Management Specialist

Cape Cod National Seashore

Fire Crew Volunteer Coordinator

Cape Cod National Seashore

Planning Assistant

Cape Cod National Seashore

Hydrology and Water Quality Monitoring Assistant

Cape Cod National Seashore

Water Quality and Climate Change Phenology Monitoring Assistant

Chatham Department of Health and Environment

Conservation Land Steward

Dennis Department of Natural Resources

Land Steward Outreach Intern

Eastham Department of Natural Resources

Conservation Lands Analyst

Harwich Department of Natural Resources

Environmental Initiatives Coordinator

International Fund for Animal Welfare, Marine Mammal Rescue and Research Program

Education and Outreach Coordinator

Orleans Tree Department

Orleans Tree Inventory Specialist

Provincetown Conservation Commission

Natural Resources and Environmental Programs Specialist

Wellfleet Health and Conservation Department and Wellfleet

Conservation Trust

Conservation Properties Administrator

Wellfleet Recycling Commission/Health and Conservation Department

Compost Bin Program Assistant

TOWN-BY-TOWN SERVICES

Barnstable

Environmental and Disaster Education

Members taught environmental and disaster preparedness skills to students at Barnstable Intermediate School.

Environmental Education

Members taught lessons about solar powered cars to students at Barnstable High School.

Environmental Education

Members taught students at the St. Pius X School lessons about bulb planting and garden maintenance.

Children's Cove Holiday party

Members assisted with the Children's Cove Holiday party.

Meetinghouse Farms Invasive Removal

Members removed invasive plants along the trail to open the trail and allow native species to grow.

Long Pasture Land Management

Members cleared trails, established garden beds, and removed a seasonal boardwalk at Mass Audubon's Long Pasture Sanctuary.

Tree Education Blitz

The entire 4th Grade class from Barnstable Horace Mann Charter School were brought on field trips to Meetinghouse Farm in West Barnstable where AmeriCorps members gave educational tours and taught lessons related to trees, organic and worm composting, and the natural resources at the town-owned farm.

W.E.T. Festival, Barnstable Intermediate School

Members educated children about groundwater topics on Cape Cod using hands on activities.

Oyster and Quahog Propagation

Members assisted the Department of Marine and Environmental Affairs with shellfish propagation and gear maintenance and construction.

County Tree Nursery Rehabilitation

Members assisted with planting, pruning, and other tasks at the County Tree Nursery.

725 Main Street Cleanup

Members served with the Town of Barnstable Growth Management Department to weed and cleanup the community space at 725 Main Street in Hyannis.

Herring Run Cleanup

Members helped the Town of Barnstable to remove debris and brush from herring runs in the Marstons Mills River and the Santuit River.

Scout Fair

Members delivered safety and preparedness lessons to local Boy and Girl Scouts with the American Red Cross.

Protective Shorebird Fencing

Members assisted Mass Audubon's Coastal Waterbird Program with installing protective plover fencing.

East Bay Road, Ropes Field, and Bell Farm Land Management

Members removed invasives at the Barnstable Land Trust properties in

Osterville and Cotuit.

Coastal Mitigation Nursery Maintenance

Members cleaned and weeded the Town's Coastal Mitigation Nursery in Centerville.

Fire Safety Puppet Show

Members put on the Fire Safety Puppet Show for children at the West Barnstable Fire Department.

Trail Clearing

With the Cape Cod Commission, members cleared trails along the Barnstable Pathways.

Bourne

3 Mile Look

Members served with the Aptuxcet Garden Club to improve the pathways at 3 Mile Look in preparation of the Roland Dupont dedication ceremony.

Hazardous Waste Collections

Members helped to facilitate hazardous waste collections organized by the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension.

Heathland Restoration

Members and the US Army Corps of Engineers removed woody material on Mashnee Dike to assist with the restoration of heathland habitat.

Trail Maintenance

Members did trail work on the Sagamore Hill conservation area with the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Valley Farm Community Garden

Members removed invasives and prepared the site of a new community garden in Pocasset.

Invasive Removal

Members cleared invasive species from the MA Military Reserve.

Canal Cleanup

Members recruited volunteers to remove trash, paint walkways, and paint a new mural along the Cape Cod Canal.

Brewster

Environmental Education

Members taught worm farm lessons at the Lower Cape Children's Garden.

Nickerson Park Fire Fuel Reduction

Members removed and chipped downed trees to reduce the threat of wildfire.

Fall Oyster Cull

Members assisted the Brewster DNR with the fall oyster cull.

Spring Oyster Cull

Members assisted the Brewster DNR with the spring oyster cull.

Stoney Brook Herring Run Clearing

Members removed overhanging branches and debris from the herring run.

Quivett Marsh Restoration
Members assisted with clearing the vista and trail at Quivett Marsh.

Dream Day Camp Trail Maintenance
Members improved the accessibility of trails and playground at the camp.

Cape-wide

Martin Luther King Day of Service
Members recruited 149 volunteers to rehabilitate homes, organize food drives, build garden beds and food collection bins, paint community rooms, and assemble fleece blankets.

Chatham

W.E.T. Festival, Chatham 4th and 5th Grades at Harwich Middle School
Members taught students about the importance of water conservation using hands on activities.

ChathamRecycles Book and Media Swap
Members helped to staff a ChathamRecycles event featuring a book and media swap.

Sylvan Gardens Restoration
Members helped to remove invasive plants and build on existing property trails.

Chatham Aquaculture
Members raked and broadcast oysters, dug and broadcasted quahogs and cleaned cages.

Forest Beach Restoration
Members removed invasive lovegrass and bittersweet.

Edson Property Fencing
Members installed fencing to control access and protect habitat.

Horseshoe Crab Tagging
Members assisted Monomoy NWR staff with the seasonal horseshoe crab tagging.

Tern Census
Members assisted Monomoy NWR staff with the yearly tern census.

Phragmites Removal
Members removed phragmites on North and South Monomoy Islands.

Dennis

AmeriCorps Week 2012
Members recruited school groups and community volunteers to create pollinator gardens, bluebird boxes and compost bins at Shoop Community Gardens.

Beach Clean Up
Members cleaned debris and trash from beaches around Dennis with the Dennis DNR.

Dune Restoration
Members planted beach grass to aid in dune restoration with the Dennis Conservation Trust.

Eastham

Environmental Education
Members taught lessons about native plants and habitat restoration to students at Nauset Regional High School.

Eastham Aquaculture
Members cleaned barnacles and tunicate off of oysters and assisted with the fall and spring oyster culls.

Sunken Beach Clean Up
Members removed abandoned aquaculture gear from the flats with the Eastham DNR.

W.E.T. Festival, Nauset Regional Middle School
Members taught students about the importance of water conservation using hands on activities.

Falmouth

Environmental Education
Members taught geology lessons to 6th grade students from Morse Pond School at Beebe Woods.

Salt Marsh Vertical Control
Members installed concrete monuments with WBNERR at South Cape Beach to measure changes in sea level and its effect on the salt marsh.

SAV Sampling
Members collected samples for WBNERR's sub aquatic vegetation survey.

W.E.T. Festival, Mullen Hall and Morse Pond Schools
Members taught students about the importance of water conservation using hands on activities.

Falmouth Service Center Garden
Members participated in fall and spring cleanups of the community garden, doing tasks including weeding, transplanting, tilling soil, and repairing structures.

SEMAC Oyster Sampling
Members weighed, measured, and counted oyster samples at the Marine Biological Lab in Woods Hole.

Sea Vegetable Farm
Members measured seaweed samples at the MBL.

Cardoza Farm Invasive Removal
Members served with The 300 Committee to remove invasives at the Farm.

Menahaunt Beach
Members served with the Falmouth Beach Department to plant beach grass on the dunes of Menahaunt Beach.

Oyster Pond
Members removed phragmites and knotweed with the Oyster Pond Environmental Trust.

Harwich

Environmental Education
Members taught worm farm and soil lessons to students at Cape Cod Regional Technical High School.

Harwich Blitz Week

Members assisted the town with recruiting school groups and volunteers to clear invasive plants on the Thompson's Field property as well as other Harwich Conservation Trust properties.

Bank Street Bogs

Members helped with management and removed small woody plants to restore heathlands habitat.

Live Raptor Show

Members assisted with set-up and running of the Live Owl Show for community members.

Live Wolf Show

Members assisted with set-up and running of the Live Wolf Show for community members.

Forum 270

Members removed invasive plants and locust trees.

Cold Brook Flow Improvement

Members removed plant matter that was impeding the flow of the brook.

Herring Run Clearing

Members removed overhanging branches and debris from the herring run.

Hazardous Waste Collection

Members helped to facilitate a hazardous waste collection.

The Family Pantry

Members helped in the garden, weeding, harvesting, painting and installing fruit tree supports.

W.E.T. Festival, Harwich Middle School

Members educated children about groundwater topics on Cape Cod using hands on activities.

Mashpee

Environmental Education

Members taught aquaculture and water cycle lessons to students at the Wampanoag Reservation.

W.E.T. Festival, Quashnet Elementary School

Members taught students about the importance of water conservation using hands on activities.

Oyster and Quahog Propagation

Members assisted the Shellfish Constable with various propagation projects and gear construction.

Herring Run

Members cleared herring runs at the Mashpee River and Quashnet River with the Mashpee Conservation Department.

Trail work

Members served with Mashpee Conservation Department to clear trails on Mashpee conservation lands.

Orleans

Garden Bed Creation

Members served with the Orleans Elementary School Garden Club to create garden beds.

Environmental Education

Members taught native plant and habitat restoration lessons to Harwich High School students at Uncle Harvey's Landing.

W.E.T. Festival, Orleans Elementary School

Members educated children about groundwater topics on Cape Cod using hands on activities.

Uncle Harvey's Town Landing Restoration

Members removed invasive plants at the Town Landing site to restore native plant populations.

Putnam Farm Restoration

Members removed invasive species, debris and trash from the property.

White Gift

Members removed invasives and assisted in the ecological restoration of this property with the Orleans Conservation Trust.

Provincetown

Conservation Land Kiosks

Members assembled and installed informational kiosks at conservation lands around Provincetown.

Hazardous Waste Collection

Members helped to facilitate a hazardous waste collection.

Provincetown Beach Cleanup

Members worked with volunteers to do a general beach cleanup for Provincetown.

Shank Painter and Hawthorne Trail Clearing

Members removed invasive plants, weeded at Shank Painter and blazed a trail at Hawthorne.

Winthrop Street Cemetery Cleanup

Members removed invasive plants and downed trees.

Sandwich

Environmental Education

Members taught lessons to the Riverview School and Upper Cape Tech on farming, invasive species and composting.

W.E.T. Festival, Forestdale and H.T. Wing Schools

Members taught students about the importance of water conservation using hands on activities.

Talbot's Point

Members cleared trails at the Talbot's Point Conservation Area with the Sandwich Department of Natural Resources.

Herring Run

Members cleared the Mill Creek herring run with the Sandwich Department of Natural Resources.

Community Green Farm and Garden

Members assisted with maintenance of a community garden, and helped to prepare the Housing Assistance Corporation's educational farm for its growing season.

Path Reconstruction
Members mulched paths, trails, and rhododendron gardens at Heritage Museum and Gardens.

Beach Signage Installation
Members installed signage and beach fencing on Town Neck Beach.

Ryder Lands Invasive Removal
Members cleared a section of the Ryder Conservation Lands at the future site of a Town dog park.

Recycling Lessons
Members taught students at HT Wing school about recycling and creating recycled paper.

Truro

Town Beach Cleanup
Members worked with community volunteers to do a town-wide beach cleanup.

Wellfleet

Turtle Habitat Restoration
Members cleared invasives and overgrowth with the Mass Audubon at the Wellfleet Conservation Area.

Environmental Education
Members taught worm farm lessons to students at Wellfleet Elementary School.

Pilgrim Springs Conservation Area
Members maintained trails and removed invasive plants.

Head of Duck Creek Conservation Area
Members helped remove black locust and installed fencing.

Wellfleet Historical Society
Members removed Japanese knotweed from the property.

Gull Pond
Members cleaned up the area around Gull Pond beach.

Wellfleet Community Garden
Members spread woodchips on the garden path.

SEMAC Oyster Sampling
Members weighed, measured, and counted oyster samples for the Marine Biological Lab in Wellfleet Harbor.

OysterFest Recycling Team
Members helped direct festival attendees to recycling stations.

State of the Wellfleet Harbor Conference
Members helped with set-up and clean-up of the conference.

Yarmouth

Environmental Education
Members taught gardening and worm farm lessons to students at the M.E. Small School.

Environmental Education
Members taught worm farm, invasive species, bird ecology and photosynthesis lessons to students at Mattacheese Middle School.

W.E.T. Festival, Mattacheese School
Members educated children about groundwater topics on Cape Cod using hands on activities.

Taylor Bray Farm
Members worked throughout the farm to clear invasive plant species.

Trail Clearing
Members cleared trails in the Homer's Dock Conservation Area, the Callery-Darling Conservation Area, and the Baxter Grist Mill Conservation Area.

Cape Cod National Seashore

Highlands Center Cleanup
Members cleared trails and did maintenance at the Highlands Center.

Highlands Fest Preparation
Members did maintenance and preparation for the Highlands Fest Celebration.

Highlands Fest
Members worked with community volunteers to paint 5 cement globes and a mural.

Marconi Site Heathlands
Members removed and piled scrub oak and pitch pine and burned piles to restore heathlands habitat.

Marconi Site Plot Burns
Members assisted with plot burns.

Fort Hill Restoration
Members removed and piled scrub oak and pitch pine and burned piles to restore meadow habitat.

Skiff Hill Restoration
Members removed and piled scrub oak, pitch pine and invasive plants and burned piles to restore meadow habitat and reduce fire fuel.

Penniman House
Members removed and piled brush and invasive plants and burned piles in order to reduce fire fuel.

Pilgrim Heights
Members cut invasive species and overgrowth and piled it in preparation for burning.

Horseleech and Slough Ponds
Members installed fencing and planted beach grass to mitigate human impact.



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Cape Cod Bagel
Cape Cod Potato Chips
Cinema Pub Theater - Falmouth
Coca-Cola Company
Common Ground
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CupCapes of Falmouth
Dunkin Donuts - Orleans
Eastern Mountain Sports
Hole in One - Eastham
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Starbucks - Buzzards Bay
Stop and Shop - Dennis
Stop and Shop - Hyannis
Stop and Shop - Marstons Mills
Stop and Shop - Orleans
Stop and Shop - Provincetown
Stop and Shop - Sandwich
Taylor Rental - Falmouth
Trader Joe's - Hyannis
True Value - Orleans

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In Memory of Roland Dupont



Roland Dupont
1950-2011

This Report to the Community is dedicated to Roland Dupont. Roland was a selectman for the Town of Bourne from 1993 to 1999. He served as a Barnstable County Commissioner, a long time member of the Assembly of Delegates, and as an Advisory Board member for Barnstable County's AmeriCorps Cape Cod program for several years. In 1999 Roland led AmeriCorps members in service at the Three Mile overlook. For many years AmeriCorps and other community volunteers helped clear, develop and shape the Three Mile Overlook into the beautiful vista that it is today. This year, the project was completed, and a compass rose was dedicated to Roland at the site. Roland was a great visionary leader who believed in community service. AmeriCorps Cape Cod will always be indebted to him for his passion for the Cape Cod community and energy for community service.