

## What's Next?

The Brewster Ponds Coalition is eager to partner with more pond & neighborhood groups - assisting them in identifying the source of the problems, developing remediation plans, and helping to navigate state and local permitting. Our goal is to jump start these projects by providing matching funds and to drive down remediation costs.

## What Does Your Business Partnership Help Accomplish?

- \* Create a matching fund for remediation projects
- \* Acquire cyanobacteria testing equipment
- \* Purchase educational materials for Brewster school children and charter buses for pond field trips
- \* Develop pond education materials and events for adults



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# Good For Brewster Good For Your Business



## Business Partnership Opportunities



Protecting the health, beauty and enjoyment of Brewster's ponds

## Taking Action

The Brewster Ponds Coalition formed in the fall of 2014 as an all-volunteer, independent, non-profit 501(C)3 charitable organization with a mission to preserve the health, beauty and recreational value of Brewster's freshwater ponds. From the start, this message struck a chord. Since then, over 600 people have contributed and 300 sustaining members now provide 100% of the annual support to advance this mission.

## Accomplishments to Date



The eleven member Board and more than 65 volunteers serve on action teams that develop, actively participate in and provide technical expertise for:

- \* Ground breaking cyanobacteria research and monitoring in partnership with the University of New Hampshire, the Brewster DNR and the Association To Preserve Cape Cod. (APCC.)
- \* PALS water quality testing of 26 ponds in coordination with the Brewster DNR
- \* Stormwater remediation projects with five local pond & neighborhood associations
- \* The Elbow Pond remediation project to remove phosphorus from the pond using the town's Eco Pond Plant Harvester
- \* Pond Education added to the curriculum for all 2nd and 5th graders in the Brewster Public Schools culminating with pond field trips
- \* Scores of pond roadside cleanups, walks, and talks
- \* Pond health advocacy with local government



## Brewster enjoys more pond acreage than any town on Cape Cod

Our ponds play a huge role as both a natural and economic resource for recreation and tourism.

They are also a lure for upscale living. Nearly 700 Brewster properties are either pond-front or pond-view and are among the highest valued in Brewster. Thousands more people enjoy these jewels through deeded rights and public access.

## The Challenge



Now, however, a large and growing number of our ponds are facing negative impacts from human development, including excessive nutrients from septic systems, fertilizer and storm water runoff. Cyanobacteria blooms are on the rise, posing a serious health risk to children, adults, pets and wildlife.

The health of the ponds is an indicator of something more. Ponds are in intimate contact with our sole source aquifer from which we draw our drinking water. What is occurring with our ponds is now beginning to impact our drinking water.