

What's Next?

The Brewster Ponds Coalition is eager to partner with more pond and neighborhood groups to assist 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 driving down remediation costs.

We also look forward to assisting the Town with projects related to the Integrated Water Resource Management Plan including funding several pond studies for priority ponds.

What Does Your Business Partnership Help Accomplish?

- Fund research projects
- 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 education materials and events for adults



Your annual business partnership with the BPC is a tax-deductible contribution.

Good For Brewster Good For Your Business Business Partnership Opportunities

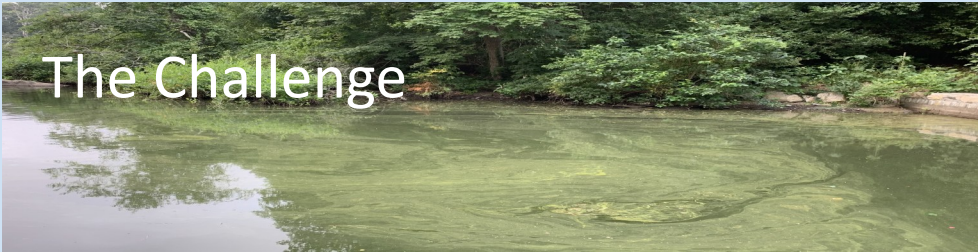


Protecting and improving the health of Brewster's ponds through science, education and advocacy



Brewster enjoys more pond acreage than any town on Cape Cod

Our ponds play a huge role as both natural and economic resources for recreation and tourism. They are also a lure for upscale living. Nearly 700 properties are either pond-front or pond-view and are among the highest valued in Brewster. Thousands of additional property owners 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.

Taking action

The Brewster Ponds Coalition was 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. The BPC now has over 800 members and a core group of long-standing business partners who provide 100% of the annual support to advance this mission.

Accomplishments to Date

The BPC's dedicated Board of Directors and more than 100 volunteers serve on action teams that develop, actively participate in, and provide technical expertise for:

- Assisting the Town with updates to Brewster's Integrated Water Resource Management Plan
- Groundbreaking scientific research such as the current Septic System Plume Mapping and Phosphorus Travel Study
- Cyanobacteria research and monitoring in partnership with the Brewster Board of Health and the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC)
- Stormwater remediation projects with five local pond and neighborhood associations
- The Elbow Pond remediation project to remove phosphorus using the Town's Eco Pond Plant Harvester
- Pond Education 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

