



Priority Area - Education

Long Term Goal: Provide ongoing programs that educate and inspire residents to care about and care for the health and water quality of our ponds.

Summary of Accomplishments and Current Status:

Community education has been a hallmark of every BPC activity and program since our founding in 2014. The BPC has organized and held many public events during the past eight years, including expert speakers on environmental topics, “how-to” programs on pond protection, guided outdoor activities, and family events. Recent programs have included native plant and alternative lawn workshops, a talk by the Superintendent of the Brewster Water Department about the quality of Brewster’s drinking water, tours of Terra Firma Permagardens, aquatic invasive species workshops, and a talk by the town’s legal counsel who spoke about the town’s ongoing lawsuit against Eversource to halt the use of herbicides to remove vegetation under the powerlines. Guest speakers at the annual Pond Summits and Annual Meetings have also provided opportunities to educate the public.

Moving forward, BPC will continue to design programs that educate residents and visitors on topics that promote clean water advocacy in the Brewster community. Most immediately in 2023, BPC will plan programs to educate the community about the need for a comprehensive town-wide plan that addresses nutrient pollution from septic systems. BPC will also encourage support for approving funding for the study which we hope will be on the 2023 Spring Town Warrant.