



40 members of the Cohasset High School boys and girls lacrosse teams met at the Town docks to celebrate Earth Day with a cleanup of the Cohasset Conservation Trust's Bassing Beach property.

The day was overcast and then eventually rainy, but the students combed the beach and nearby inland areas for bottles, trash, washed up lobster traps, and even a couple of mattresses.

Cohasset Harbormaster Lorri Gibbons ferried the students over to the beach and back, and the Cohasset DPW picked up the trash at the Town dock.

This was the 7th annual Earth Day Cleanup organized and supervised by the Cohasset Conservation Trust, owner of Bassing Beach. Bassing Beach was the CCT's first property, purchased in 1968 with contributions from hundreds of local residents.

Members of the girls and boys lacrosse teams have participated in the Earth Day Cleanups every year since the first cleanup in 2008, giving up time during their school vacation week to help out.

Thanks to the students, Bassing Beach should be cleaner and safer for the summer season. A big thank you to the teams and their coaches and captains for their efforts on a less than ideal weather day!

Pictured are students waiting with Director Dick Avery at the dock for a ride over to the beach and Dick with part of the trash collected.



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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Friend of the Cohasset Conservation Trust,

The Trust has worked since 1968 to preserve and protect the landscapes that make Cohasset and the South Shore so special. Among our properties are beautiful beaches, marshland, forests, meadows and rocky overlooks.

Your generosity over the years has made these acquisitions possible. Some of you have made donations of property while others have made monetary contributions that enable us to purchase property and meet stewardship expenses.

Many of you shared our sadness at the death of longtime CCT Board member Jim Hamilton in February. We will miss Jim's dedication to our conservation mission and cheerful willingness to help when needed.

We invite you to walk the trails in Great Brewster Woods and Ingram Park, enjoy a summer day at Bassing Beach, take a photo of Little Harbor from Giuggio Overlook on Jerusalem Road, kayak along the Gulf River past Pegram Preserve and Dormitzer Salt Marsh, and enjoy the views from Remick and Williams Salt Marshes. You can now download a map and trail guide of Great Brewster Woods from our web site.

And finally, please consider a donation to help us meet expenses and prepare to respond to future land conservation opportunities. You are what has made all of this possible. Thank you! We hope to see you in the woods and on the beach this summer.

Sincerely,
Cohasset Conservation Trust, Inc.

Deborah Shadd, President



A spectacular ledge outcropping in Ingram Park off Norman Todd Road. Cohasset Town Meeting recently voted the use of Community Preservation funds to assist the Trust in purchasing 5 additional adjacent acres. The use of CPC funds requires a Conservation Restriction to ensure the property is never developed.

HELP US PRESERVE COHASSET'S NATURAL BEAUTY

What we have saved and what we will save is all that will remain to be passed on to future generations. You can make a difference. Please support the CCT's conservation and stewardship efforts.

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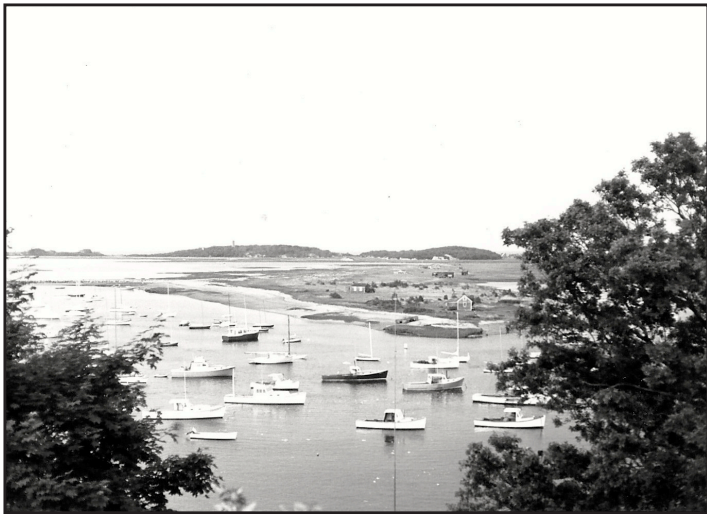
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☐ I have enclosed forms for a matching gift.

Enclosed please find my tax-deductible donation in the amount of \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: The Cohasset Conservation Trust and mail to Cohasset Conservation Trust, PO Box 314, Cohasset MA 02025 or donate online at cohassetconservationtrust.org

BASSING BEACH: A HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE 1968



Views of Bassing Beach from Government Island and Beacon Rock in 1968.

It was the intention and pledge of the Conservation Trust to keep the area as it is and Scituate to use it as a recreation area.

Under the purchase agreement, and in line with the policies of the Trust, it was residential development of the land.

Further, the Trust stated that an effort would be made to keep the area free of development on the enjoyment of it by the public.

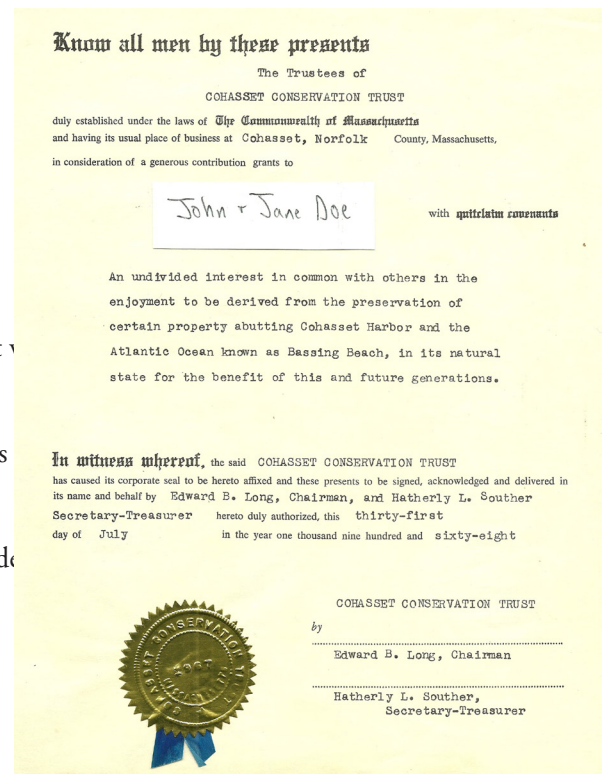
Did you “buy a bit of Bassing Beach?”

In 1968, Parker Schofield of Bailey Island in Scituate, offered the newly created Cohasset Conservation Trust the opportunity to buy 12.5 acres of Bassing Beach comprising the most attractive part of the land area of the spit on the condition that the purchase price be paid in full by July 31, 1968.

Then Trustees Ed Long, Hatherly Souther, Jack Hubbard, Ozzie Ingram and Dick Leggat decided to make an effort to acquire this important shore tract.

A down payment toward the total purchase price of \$7,500 was made from the Trust’s membership dues and contributions.

The remainder was raised from donors who were thanked with a ‘deed’ granting them *“An undivided interest in common with others in the enjoyment to be derived from the preservation of certain property abutting Cohasset Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean known as Bassing Beach, in its natural state for the benefit of this and future generations.”* An example of the certificate issued is pictured below.



FEATURED PROPERTIES: Williams Salt Marsh & Remick Salt Marsh



Williams Salt Marsh

This 4.25 acre stretch of marsh and upland along Atlantic Avenue across from the entrance from Sandy Beach was generously donated to the Trust by Susan W. Dickie in 2012.

The property contains .4 acres of upland. The remaining square footage is salt marsh.

To the west of the property is a parcel of marsh and upland owned by the Sandy Beach Association.

Together, these properties create a protected mixed salt marsh/upland that stretches from just before Sandy Beach to Nichols Road along the shores of Little Harbor.



Remick Salt Marsh

This property consists of 1.51 acres of salt marsh and .55 acres of upland on either side of Joy Place near Gammons Road. It was the generous gift of Dorothy I. Remick in 2011.

To the south the Remick property abuts a 6.3 acre salt marsh owned by the Town of Cohasset between houses on Jerusalem Road and houses on that side of Joy Place, and this Town property in turn abuts CCT's Giuggio Scenic Overlook property on Jerusalem Road. This creates a long contiguous swath of protected marshland and upland very close to Little Harbor.

MEET OUR NEW DIRECTORS: Sarah Charron, Katie Holden & Clark Brewer



The Cohasset Conservation Trust is pleased to announce the appointment of three new Directors: Clark Brewer, Sarah Charron and Katie Holden.

Clark Brewer is currently enrolled in the San Francisco Institute of Architecture's Green MBA program. Clark holds a Bachelor of Architecture from Carnegie Mellon University and has attended Harvard's Graduate School of Design, the Boston Architectural College, Art Institute of Boston and the Museum of Fine Arts.

Clark represents Cohasset on the MAPC (Metropolitan Area Planning Council), and sits on the Cohasset Planning Board,

and Zoning Advisory Committee. He has served on the Community Preservation Committee, and was vice-chair of the Master Plan Committee.

Sarah Charron majored in Biology (Ecology, Evolution & Behavior) and minored in Environmental Studies at McGill University and holds a masters degree in Environmental Engineering from UC Berkeley.

Sarah served on the Town of Cohasset's Conservation Commission, Community Preservation Committee, and Stormwater Committee and sat on the board of the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research.

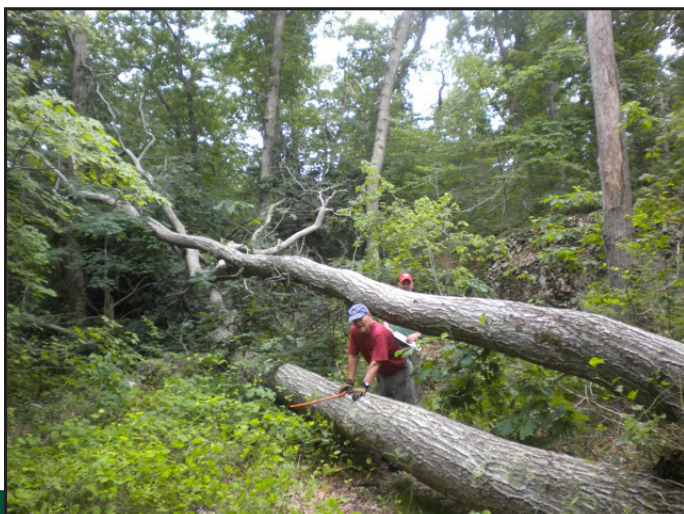
Katie Holden majored in geography at Clark University and holds a masters degree in Natural Resource Management and Administration from Antioch New England.

Working as conservation staff for the Town of Concord and its Conservation Commission she drafted and reviewed conservation restrictions, and helped to create Concord's volunteer Conservation Restriction Stewardship Committee.

Pictured from left to right: Sarah Charron, Debbie Shadd, CCT President, Katie Holden and Clark Brewer

THE COST OF GOOD STEWARDSHIP: Please consider supporting our stewardship efforts.

Every year the Trust invests in maintaining our properties so they are safe and beautiful for those who visit: trails must be cleared, marked and maintained; fields mown; and shorelines, marshes and wooded areas cleared of debris.



The cost of good stewardship is steep: the expense of maintaining properties, as well as land surveys, soil tests and associated legal fees cannot be funded solely from the Trust's endowment interest. Contributions are vital to sustain our annual operations.

Please consider a donation in support of our stewardship program – even a small donation makes a big difference.

Pictured left is former Director Jim Hamilton helping to clear tree damage in Great Brewster Woods.



ADAMS PROPERTY: 5.25 acre parcel protects Lily Pond and preserves wooded roadside

ANDRUS ISLAND: 3 acres of wooded land helps to protect Cohasset's water supply

BARNES WILDLIFE SANCTUARY: 32 acres of forest habitat abutting Wheelwright Park (Town owned/CCT contributed to purchase & holds CR)

BASSING BEACH: 3/4 mile long barrier beach; first property purchased by the Trust; first property acquired in 1968

BLAKE HOLMES PROPERTY: 2.5 acres of dense woodland and rock ledges provide nesting areas for wildlife and birds

CAMPBELL MEADOW: 3.7 acre meadow bordered by hardwood forest; watershed for Peppermint Brook and Lily Pond

CHURCHILL CONSERVATION AREA: 5 acres of low-lying woods; provides habitat for birds, waterfowl, fish, and other wildlife

DEANS MEADOW; once open meadow, now a dense sapling woods with some mature trees and significant rocks and ledge and wetlands

DORMITZER SALT MARSH: 4.7 acres of salt marsh provides nesting and cover for egrets, herons, and other bird and animal life

FRANCIS SHORE: a 350 foot section of rock ledge; expands public beach area

GIUGGIO SCENIC VISTA: .6 acre parcel provides an open view across salt marsh to Little Harbor

GOLDEN RESERVATION: 3 acre parcel of marsh is home to wetland creatures

GREAT BREWSTER WOODS: 26 acres of woodland with hiking trails, marsh and rock ledges

INGRAM PARK: 21.6 acres of densely wooded wildlife habitat

PEGRAM PRESERVE: 14.7 acres of salt marsh and upland forest; protects river frontage and provides wildlife habitat and nesting areas

PELLETIER MEMORIAL PARK: 1.6 acres of low woodlands and marsh that serve as protected cover for small birds and animals

PEPPERMINT BROOK CONSERVATION AREA: 8.7 acres conserved for drinking watershed protection (Town owned/CCT holds the CR)

REMIK SALT MARSH: 1.51 acres of saltmarsh and .55 acres of upland on either side of Joy Place near Gammons Road

SCOTT'S SHORE: a 1,000 foot strip of rocky beach provides a nesting area for migrating shore birds

SUMNER SMITH OVERLOOK: a .8 acre rock ledge provides winter views of Little Harbor and the ocean

WILLIAMS SALT MARSH: 4.25 acre of marsh and upland along Atlantic Avenue across from Sandy Beach

WINSOR PROPERTY: .44 acre habitat adjacent to Straits Pond in Hull