Dear Friends,

Three cheers for the members of APCC!

At the close of this year of celebration of our 40th anniversary, we should once again take time to congratulate ourselves. Over the past four decades, APCC has grown from an informal group of concerned citizens to the preeminent environmental advocacy group on Cape Cod. Our many victories include virtually every environmental protection enacted locally in the past 40 years—a record for which we can take great pride.

Inspired by our history of success, and supported by the incredible energy of our members, APCC continued to advance our efforts to preserve and protect Cape Cod’s natural resources and unique character in 2008. Although challenged by the severe economic crisis, APCC once again made this a year of exciting victories, significant programs, and major milestones.

As you read through this year’s annual report, you will note many achievements, three of which are highlighted for their significant impact and extraordinary reach. And whether it’s restoring a vast 1,000-acre salt marsh, restricting environmentally harmful activities across an entire bay, or leading a grassroots campaign to prevent environmental degradation in a single neighborhood, APCC undertakes each fight with the same passion and greets each win with the same elation, because we understand that each adds one more protection for the interconnected environment of land and water that is our fragile home.

As we look ahead, the work to maintain and restore healthy ecosystems that support people and wildlife is ongoing as are the many challenges we face. We need to think creatively to find solutions to long-standing concerns and work tirelessly to deter new threats. When you receive your membership renewal notice or an urgent call to action, please know how much your response strengthens and sustains our beautiful land of sand and water. Thank you for your continued commitment, enthusiasm, and good will.

With sincere appreciation,

Maggie Geist
Executive Director

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APCC thanks its volunteers for their contribution of time and talent.

In Memory of

John Hallstead
Always with a smile on his face, John Hallstead volunteered at the APCC office every Friday for as far back as any current staff can remember. He helped us with many tasks from clipping newspaper articles of interest to sending our special mailings. He was at all times kind, friendly and courteous and is remembered fondly by all.

Bob Lang
Bob Lang was a volunteer salt marsh monitor for APCC since 2003. A wonderful person, he was always ready with a kind word, a joke and a smile. He cared deeply for Cape Cod and its salt marshes and rivers and showed it through his volunteer work with numerous environmental organizations.
2008 Accomplishments

“We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.”

~Aldo Leopold, A Sand County Almanac
Healthy Coastal Waters

Cape Cod is all about water, and APCC is all about protecting our water resources. From the Atlantic Ocean to Cape Cod Bay, Nantucket and Vineyard sounds, Buzzards Bay and the canal, Cape Cod is surrounded by and defined by water. Ensuring that these waters remain healthy is the very cornerstone of APCC’s mission to protect our peninsula.

And so APCC is proud to have taken a leadership role in the designation of all of Cape Cod Bay as a federal No Discharge Area (NDA) in the summer of 2008. This means that discharge of all boat sewage, treated or untreated, is forbidden in the bay. APCC has also begun work to designate Nantucket and Vineyard sounds as NDAs with the ultimate goal of designating all of Cape Cod’s waters as such.

Protection of our coastal waters does not end there. Another very large threat to their health is the influx of too many nutrients that cause noxious algae blooms and oxygen depletion. The major source of these nutrients is on-site septic systems that service about 85% of Cape Cod’s homes. Cape towns are now struggling with the extreme costs associated with providing municipal wastewater infrastructure to better protect our water.

Through a significant grassroots advocacy effort, APCC helped to pass the state Clean Water Act in 2008. This most important piece of legislation includes provisions for no-interest loans to towns for wastewater infrastructure. Key to this act is the requirement that towns undertake planning efforts to make sure that the presence of wastewater infrastructure does not lead to growth in unwanted areas.

In these efforts, as in many of our programs, APCC worked with partners on the national, state, regional and local levels to ensure success.
Protecting Our Communities

How we place ourselves upon the land has ecological consequences and also can affect the character and functioning of our communities. We have often found that decisions we have made about land use through zoning and other regulations have had unintended deleterious consequences, or were emplaced long ago for a different set of circumstances, and have proven hard to undo. The ironic outcome is that some of these laws and regulations have resulted in a pattern of land use that is contrary to the vision of Cape Cod we hold in our hearts, and have caused serious impacts to important natural resources that are critical to the health of our communities.

One of the most important (and difficult) kinds of work APCC undertakes is assisting communities in their efforts to improve their regulations so that community character and natural resources are protected.

Two examples from our work in 2008 illustrate APCC’s successful efforts:

The Cape Cod National Seashore was designated decades ago in recognition of its singular geographic features; for most of us the seashore is emblematic of Cape Cod. Yet zoning bylaws in some seashore towns have not adequately protected the character of the area. In 2008, working with partners in Wellfleet, APCC undertook a significant advocacy effort that led to revisions to the town’s zoning bylaw that offer far better protections to the idyllic landscape and community character in Wellfleet’s seashore district.

A very significant grassroots effort that APCC conducted with local partners in Brewster changed bylaws to improve protections for water resources. Through email action alerts, knocking on doors, writing letters, and providing written materials to Brewster residents, APCC helped galvanize the town to pass a bylaw to better protect drinking water supplies and to ensure that sand and gravel mining operations do not threaten water resources.
Salt Marshes and Fish Runs

Each spring, one of the great mysteries of life unfolds—largely unheralded—in dozens of places on Cape Cod. As the ocean water warms, river herring and other anadromous fish leave the sea to return to their spawning grounds in our rivers and freshwater ponds. While no one knows just how many fish make this difficult journey, we do know that there are far fewer today than there were decades ago.

A few of these special places are widely known, but most of Cape Cod’s fish runs are hidden from easy view by vegetation and development. In fact, most of us unknowingly drive over spawning streams regularly. Narrow culverts, concealed beneath roads, have replaced the distinctive rivers and streams that once flowed unimpeded to the sea.

Fish runs typically pass through another signature feature of our Cape Cod landscape—our coastal salt marshes. Critical habitat for numerous animals and plants, our marshes also filter pollutants and form a soft buffer between land and sea. Like our fish runs, our salt marshes have been degraded by human activity.

APCC is actively involved in numerous efforts to restore and to monitor salt marshes and fish runs because their health is a key indicator of the overall ecological integrity of Cape Cod. In 2008, APCC monitored the health of nine salt marshes from the Herring River in Truro and Wellfleet to the Game Farm in Sandwich, along with sites in Orleans, Brewster, Dennis, Yarmouth and Barnstable in between.

Two thousand eight also marked the second year of APCC’s fish run monitoring program with herring counts conducted in Brewster and Orleans. Planning is underway for herring monitoring to take place in at least two additional sites in 2009.

Restoration of salt marshes and fish runs is also an opportunity for APCC and our members to conduct hands-on stewardship of our natural resources. More than 100 APCC volunteers learned monitoring techniques for both programs and then spent countless hours in the field collecting valuable data.
OTHER APCC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Initiatives
APCC worked locally and on the state level in 2008 on important initiatives, bylaws and legislation that will protect our environment.
- A state ban on phosphorus in dishwashing detergent will have a significant effect on reducing nutrient delivery to freshwater ponds.
- The decision by the town of Eastham to reject an ocean beach parking lot will protect environmentally sensitive land.
- The vote in Orleans to support a proposed wastewater management plan marks significant progress in addressing coastal water quality.
- The decision by Mashpee voters to purchase 80 acres signifies that community’s commitment to protecting open space.
- The vote in Yarmouth to remain in the Cape Cod Commission means the town will continue to receive regional benefits.
- Decisions by the towns of Brewster and Barnstable to use the powerful District of Critical Planning Concern tool gives those towns more ability to protect natural resources and community character.
- Passage of the state Environmental Bond provides tax incentives for land conservation and other important environmental initiatives, and also included the Clean Water Act.

Protecting Cape Cod Critical Landscapes and Wildlife Habitat
APCC completed a draft inventory of all agricultural lands on Cape Cod in 2008. This effort is the cornerstone of a larger project that will identify impediments to farming on the local, regional, state and federal levels and provide recommendations to improve the outlook for farming on Cape Cod.

APCC worked hard in 2008 to draw attention to the dwindling amount of critical habitat for rare plant communities and wildlife on Cape Cod and intends to redouble efforts in 2009 to bolster local, regional and state policies and regulations to better protect these areas.
**Water Quality Protection**
APCC continued its efforts to draw attention to the need for adequate wastewater infrastructure to restore water quality in our estuaries. In addition to numerous speaking engagements, in 2008 APCC introduced a series of short video clips designed to draw attention to the impact of our everyday activities on our coastal waters. Titled, “The Bickering Bivalves,” these cartoons feature Shelley, a bay scallop who is fearful of losing her home, and John, a well meaning but ignorant toilet, engaging in humorous and informative dialogues about the effects of wastewater on the health of bay scallops.

Continuing an almost decade long series, APCC hosted another Ponds in Peril workshop to educate residents about threats to our freshwater ponds and actions citizens can take to protect them.

Governor Patrick appointed APCC’s staff biologist to serve on the Science Advisory Board of the Environmental Management Commission for the Upper Cape Water Supply Reserve. The commission is charged with ensuring that military training be compatible with protecting the upper Cape’s water supply, as well as plant and animal habitat on the upper 15,000 acres of the Massachusetts Military Reservation.

**Cape Cod Commission Regional Policy Plan**
In 2008, APCC submitted comments on the proposed updates to the Regional Policy Plan, which serves both as a planning and regulatory document for the work of the Cape Cod Commission. The backbone of the proposed update was “map-based planning,” a recommendation made by the Business Roundtable and the 21st Century Task Force. APCC coordinates the work of the Business Roundtable and served on the 21st Century Task Force. The goal of map-based planning is to identify areas for growth and areas for protection and to put in place the necessary polices and regulations to direct growth appropriately.

**Town Center Revitalization**
APCC continued to serve on the East Harwich Village Center Collaborative that is working to transform the East Harwich shopping district into a pedestrian friendly, mixed-use town center.
Coalition Building and Partnerships
APCC coordinated the creation of a coalition for the Cape Cod Water Resources Restoration Project in 2008. This Natural Resources Conservation Service project would result in the restoration of more than 1,500 acres of salt marsh, fish runs that support 4,200 acres of spawning habitat, and 7,300 acres of shellfish habitat across Cape Cod over the next decade. With support from the 30-member coalition, our state legislative delegation and our U.S. senators and congressmen, we hope to secure funding for this project in 2009.

As the regional service provider for the Massachusetts Bays Program, APCC continued to provide technical support to towns and the region, including grant writing for pump-out facilities and salt marsh and fish run restoration efforts, as well as for exploring the feasibility of stormwater utilities to fund stormwater infrastructure and maintenance. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency selected the Mass Bays Program as one of six National Estuary Programs to participate in a pilot study to evaluate the susceptibility of our coasts to climate change. The Mass Bays program will focus on the vulnerability of salt marshes to changing climate.

In 2008, APCC also played a leadership role in reconstituting the Barnstable County Coastal Resources Committee, which is the local governance board of the Mass Bays Program.

The State Zoning Reform Working Group, of which APCC is an active member, continued to press for passage of legislation to improve the state’s outdated zoning and land use laws. Although progress was made in gaining support for this much-needed legislation, 2008 ended without passage of legislation.

Internships, Volunteer Programs and Stewardship
Two thousand eight marked a high point in the number of APCC internship and volunteer activities. Through the Whitlock, Community Planning, and Salt Marsh paid internships, students and post-graduates were given the opportunity to work with APCC staff and others on a variety of environmental projects. Unpaid internships included a college student and a high school student who assisted with our salt marsh monitoring program. APCC was also fortunate to have two AmeriCorps volunteers to help with our monitoring efforts. Finally, more than 100 volunteers spent countless hours in the field monitoring salt marshes and counting herring during the spring and summer migrations.
FINANCIALS 2008*

Revenue 2008
Dues 176,385
Donations 483,480
Grants & Restricted Revenue 484,448
Investments and Other Income 25,302
Total Revenue 1,169,615

Expenses 2008
Program Services 690,181
Management & General 78,519
Fundraising 64,726
Total Expenses 833,426

Surplus/Deficit 336,189

*Unaudited
Over 400 guests celebrated APCC’s 40th Anniversary at the Hyannis Resort and Conference Center on October 2, 2008.

In recognition of APCC’s 40th Anniversary, 40 individuals and organizations were honored with our Environmental Hero Award.

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Hermann Foundation/General Support
Horizon Foundation/Cost of Wastewater Infrastructure
International Fund for Animal Welfare/Salt Marsh Monitoring
Massachusetts Bays Program/Regional Technical Support Services
Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management/Salt Marsh Monitoring
Prospect Hill Foundation/General Support
Massachusetts Environmental Trust/Wastewater Education and Stormwater Utility Feasibility Analysis

Do you have a photo of your favorite spot on Cape Cod that you would like to see published in APCC’s 2009 Annual Report or included in our membership photo album at www.apcc.org? To submit your photo for consideration please e-mail a high resolution digital image to photo@apcc.org.
Leave a Lasting Legacy by Becoming a Member of the APCC Preservation Society

A bequest through your estate plan is a meaningful way to help ensure that Cape Cod will be protected for future generations. Estate gifts can be made through a will or a trust, and both vehicles enable assets to be distributed to the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) in the amount or proportions indicated.

Bequests from our members and friends help make it possible to continue our efforts to speak out for Cape Cod and fight for the protection of our environment just as we have done since 1968. All assets, including cash, securities, real estate and tangible personal property, may be transferred to APCC through a donor’s estate.

If you are one of those special people who have already included APCC in your will, please let us know so that we can enroll you in our APCC Preservation Society.

For more information or sample language that will assist you and your attorney in creating a bequest to APCC, please contact Maggie Geist, Executive Director, toll free at 1-877-955-4142 or mgeist@apcc.org.
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