



CAPE ANN VERNAL POND TEAM

Dear Vernal Ponders,

WOW! This is our 31st year. Even though we had a challenging start, we were able to continue our programs and reconnect with our volunteers and welcomed new ones as well. We are grateful that we can continue our mission of providing education and conservation to our community, and... now we're doing it in our newly acquired 2021 Toyota Sienna minivan which was graciously donated by The Echo Charitable Foundation. Go Silver Streak....

Now more than ever we need to protect vernal ponds. People are enjoying the outdoors and going into the woods around Cape Ann. We are venturing out to the precise areas where we are certifying pools. Those of us on Cape Ann are so fortunate to be surrounded by beautiful areas like Dogtown Common, Ravenswood Park, Halibut Point and many other natural places. As we develop a greater appreciation for these unique and beautiful ecosystems we also discover why there's all the more reason to save our habitat. Biodiversity is essential for the health of our planet.

Once a year we send this appeal asking for your financial support. Every donation counts and we're counting on you to help us if you can. Your support allows us to fulfill our mission and protect our little PEACE of the world.

Your donation allows us to continue providing all the outstanding activities that are listed here.

Presentations

This year started pretty slow but by the time the season wound down, we had done a bunch of presentations and exhibits. We're optimistic about next year and have several activities on our schedule already.

Field Trips

This Spring we led a number of Nighttime Vernal Pond Field Trips. Field trips are a way for our local membership to experience the incredible beauty and nature that thrives in vernal ponds. And don't forget the daring turtle rescue project with the Friends of Butler's Pond this summer!

Habitat Preservation

Throughout these 31 years we've certified over 300 ponds and worked to protect rare species habitat. One way we preserve habitat is through vernal pond certifications. This year we worked on 15 applications with the MA Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. The vernal pond certification reporting process entails collecting data in the field. Vernal pond surveys include photographs of the pond full of water in the spring, evidence of obligate species - usually wood frog or spotted salamander egg masses and a description of the pool in terms of length, width, depth and location - GPS coordinates. Field work and documentation is completed by our team.

Newsletter

We hope you check out our Newsletter online. We want to keep you in the loop, but we don't have everyone's email address so... please send us yours at cavpt@yahoo.com if you want to read our awesome virtual Newsletter and receive activity notifications. By the way, the Newsletter is posted on our website at capeannvernalpondteam.org

Critter Care

Even though we're not at full capacity with shows, we still have animals that require food, housing and sometimes vet care. Ludwik, our Bull snake has recovered nicely from his second surgery on his kidney.



Illustration by Alex Eisenzopf

Operating Expenses

Utilities, insurance, technology, bookkeeping, accounting, storage, office supplies... it's all necessary.

Website

We really have a cool website. If you haven't been able to see us live at events this year, take a walk down memory lane, by visiting our website and check out the photos from our past events at **capeannvernalpondteam.org**

Update on our Vision to build Nature Cape Ann

The plans are on hold until Covid-19 settles down or until somebody gives us a healthy donation.

Please consider a donation to the Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team.

We need your financial support! We are back to doing live shows but we are not at the level of pre-Covid yet. We have a few shows booked for next year and we're very excited about getting back to events in 2022. It was awesome to connect with everyone this year at our presentations and exhibits. Your generosity is what has made our programs so far-reaching and such a success.

Please contribute to our Annual Appeal through our secure website **capeannvernalpondteam.org** or by sending us a check. If using the website, please log in and help us keep our database current by adding your email and mailing address so we can keep you posted on the Team's activities. For assistance contact us directly at cavpt@yahoo.com.

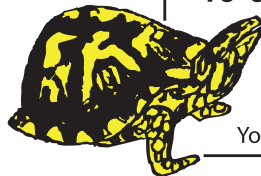
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Thank you,
Rick and the Entire Team



Rick Roth, Executive Director
Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team



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