



CAPE ANN VERNAL POND TEAM

Dear Vernal Ponders,

We are winding down 2017, our 27th year, and looking forward to 2018 with great excitement. It was our busiest year ever! Vernal pond field trips, certification, rare species habitat, field work, programs and exhibits. Over 50 people volunteered for us again this year. Thank you for your time and effort and to all our funders...Thank You!

We have our usual expenses...

- ***Presentations***

In an effort to provide programs that inspire people to care about wetlands and wildlife we continuously strive to upgrade our presentations

- ***Habitat Preservation***

We've certified over 200 ponds and worked to protect rare species habitat

- ***Newsletter***

We send out our annual newsletter every March. This is a major expense, but, of course, it's necessary to update everybody on what we've been doing. By the way, we post the newsletter on our website - www.capeannvernalpondteam.org

- ***Critter Care***

All of the animals we use in our vernal pond programs and the serpents we use for our Snakes of New England and the World require food, caging and sometimes vet care

- ***Keeping the Lights on***

It's all necessary. Rent, utilities, insurance, bookkeeping, accounting and office supplies

- ***Website***

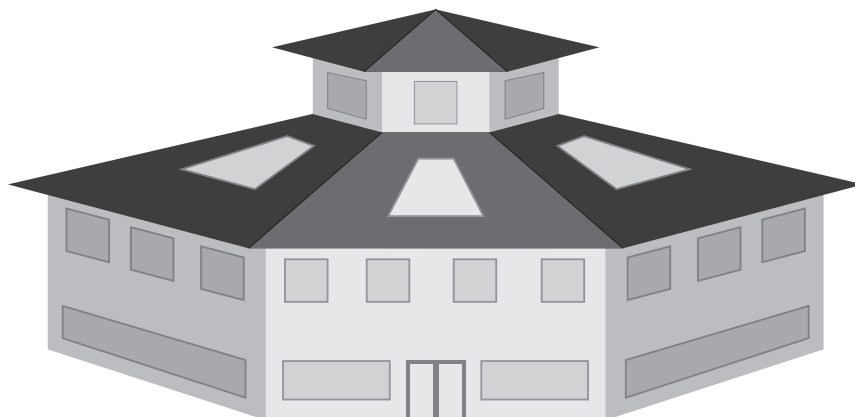
We have a new name for our website, capeannvernalpondteam.org. Check it out! (it used to be capeannvernalpond.org)



Illustrations by Alex Eisenzopf

But wait there's more.....lots more!

Cape Ann Wildlife Center



A very preliminary sketch of what our Center might look like

Our Vision for the future is to open a Wildlife Center on Cape Ann. This will not be restricted to vernal ponds - all kinds of New England habitat will be represented.

The Center will include the following:

- Live indoor and outdoor animal exhibits, professionally constructed with consideration for the viewing experience and for the comfort and welfare of the animals. For example, in an otter enclosure one can view the animals underwater, on the water, in an upland habitat setting and in a den. There will be invertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals
- Native wildlife rehabilitation
- Captive breeding and head-starting of rare species
- Native plants in greenhouses and outdoors
- Destination for schools, community organizations and camp field trips
- Educational programs on-site, with hosted speakers and trained wildlife instructors
- Gathering place to mobilize the local community and visitors to become stewards of our wild populations
- Home base for our presentations and live animal exhibits at community events, schools, state parks, libraries and private venues
- Professional staff including veterinarians

All in a

- Green facility with solar panels, composting toilets and powered by renewable resources. Our critters will mainly be rehabilitation animals (orphaned or injured) or captive bred whenever possible. The importance of wildlife habitat, aside from the wonder and awe of nature, is necessary for a healthy planet.

So.....now more than ever we need your help. Please donate and become part of making this center a reality. We're not going to do this half way, this will be a top-notch facility. It will be affordable...Families can visit without breaking the bank.

You can contribute to our annual appeal through a direct donation or by becoming a member, both of which can now be done through our secure website, capeannvernalpondteam.org. You can also use the enclosed form. If using our website you can log in and help us keep our database current by adding your email address to your name and address so we can keep you posted on the teams activities. You can also contact us directly at cavpt@yahoo.com for assistance.

So please...consider making a donation to the Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team. We need funding now to get started on 2018. CAVPT is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible. EIN: 20-2678120.

Thank you,
Rick and the entire Vernal Pond Team

Rick Roth, Executive Director
Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team
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