

AMERICORPS CAPE COD PARTNERSHIP

AmeriCorps Cape Cod has been instrumental in defining and shaping the Canal's Stewardship and Recreation Program. They have served as an invaluable partner, providing a tremendous impact on the land and waters of the Cape Cod Canal.

- Partnership established in 2000
- Partnership Type: MOU
- 16,000+ volunteer hours of group projects and individual placements. 1,943 hours the last two years
- Sandplain grassland - heathland restoration
- Interpretive Trail maintenance and erosion control
- Interpretive Programs for Water Safety Day
- Invasive species control & removal
- Anadromous fish run maintenance and restoration
- Annual Earth Day project-wide cleanup event (2024 was their 23rd year planning and organizing this event!)
- Recruited 300+ volunteers over the last two years to support stewardship and recreational goals along the Canal.



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RIGHT: This past year ACC invited USACE to help them celebrate their anniversary of 25 years of service on Cape Cod. US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal and AmeriCorps Cape Cod have been partnering 24 of those 25 years to achieve stewardship and recreation missions at the Canal.



BELOW: Removing silt and other obstructions from the Bournedale and Dykes Creek Herring Runs. ACC has been a cornerstone in maintaining our herring runs and fishways.



ABOVE: ACC volunteers removing emerging woody vegetation this past June to help maintain globally rare sandplain grasslands and heathlands. This early successional community of plants provides important habitat for a variety of wildlife.



Whether it's trail breaking, viewshed or historic site maintenance, or erosion control, AmeriCorps Cape Cod can be relied on for it all! Their work has helped us significantly improve our trail systems.

Work ranges from installing signs and staircases (BELOW) to controlling invasive species and keeping our scenic vistas clear (LEFT), to stabilizing eroded slopes, and beyond.

Rain or shine, or even snow, these volunteers come fully equipped, trained and ready for any project we throw at them.





Since 2000, AmeriCorps Cape Cod has organized & hosted an annual Earth Day Canal Clean-Up. Besides picking up tons of trash from our shorelines, they have planted pollinator gardens, painted murals, installed fencing, maintained trails and stairs, and recruited scores of environmental organizations to provide free educational activities to the public. In 2023 and 2024, ACC efforts brought 1,750 hours of volunteer service to the Canal removing more than 900 pounds of trash from the shorelines.

