

Upper Cape Cod Regional Tech School Partnership

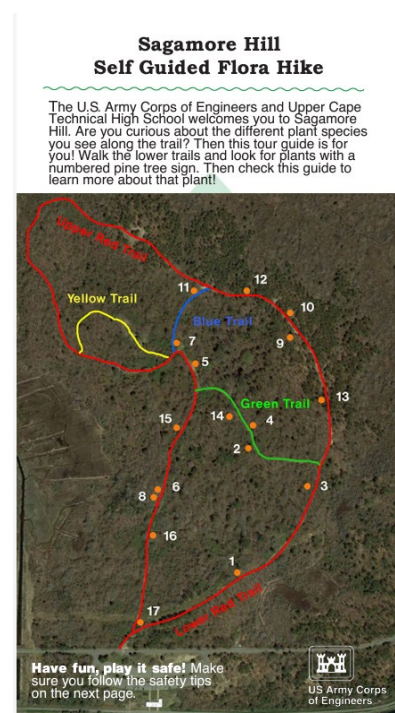
The partnership with the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School (Upper Cape Tech) started in FY 2018. The Cape Cod Canal project has an MOU with Upper Cape Tech primarily for environmental stewardship projects, but also work together on recreation area improvements and environmental education interpretive programming. USACE works primarily with their Environmental Workshop.

Upper Cape Tech participates in an "Adopt-A-Recreation-Area" program with a few other partners. Upper Cape Tech's recreation area is the Sagamore Hill Trail system. They've made a number of improvements to the trail system recently including cleaning up invasives from the trailhead and installing a new entrance sign, collaborating on a self-guided plant tour, installing signposts for the plant tour, and opening overgrown trails. At the suggestion of a student last year, they are also working on making an accessible audio version of the plant tour.



Click here for the self-guided tour:

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/docs/Recreation/CCC/2023/Self%20Guided%20Flora%20Tour%20Website.pdf?ver=J61BcVIEHNL9Xu8f1NsMvg%3d%3d>



Other work done with Upper Cape Tech includes clearing invasives (mostly scotch broom) from rare sandplain heathland and grassland habitats to help protect endangered species, and cleaning out the fish ladder at the Herring Run and the fishway at Dyke's Creek. USACE is currently setting up a project involving the MA Department of Marine Fisheries and Upper Cape Tech to look at the river herring population traveling through the run.

USACE had a joint presentation in early 2024 at their school (photo attached; DMF is presenting in the photo).

