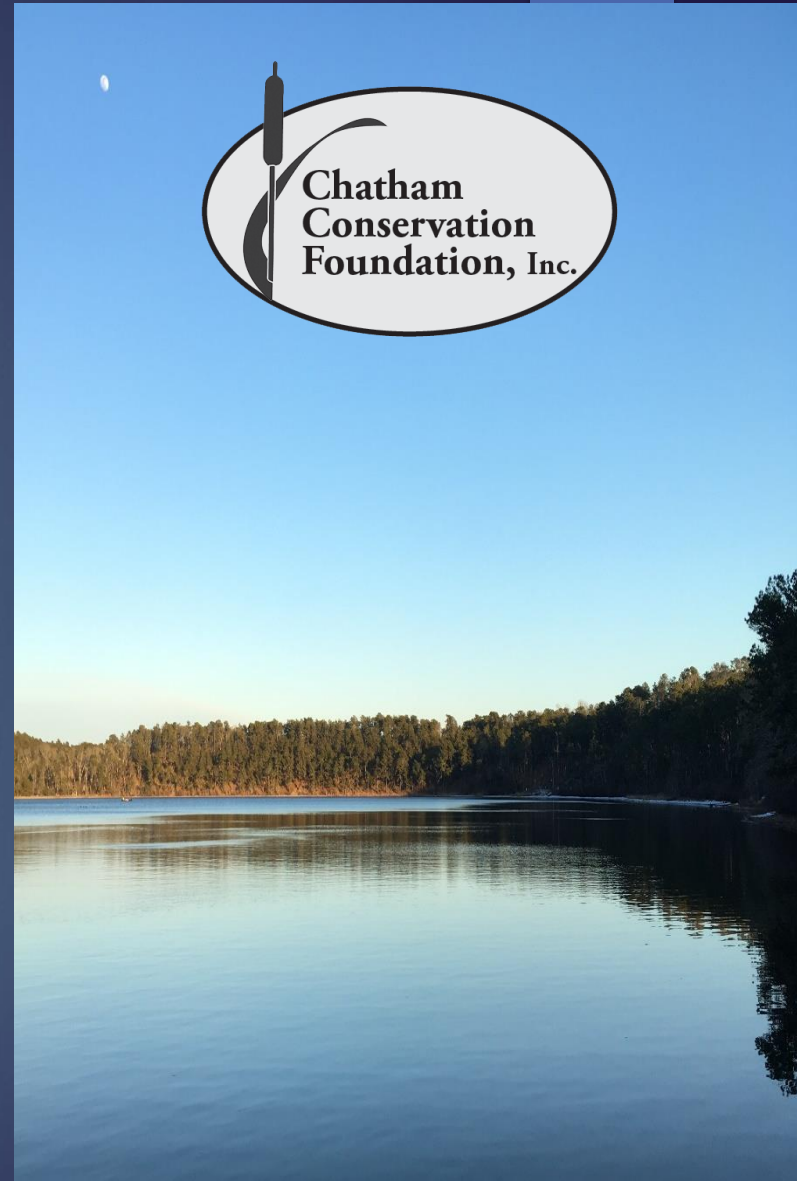


# Preserving Treasured Spaces

January 12, 2025

UUMH Chatham

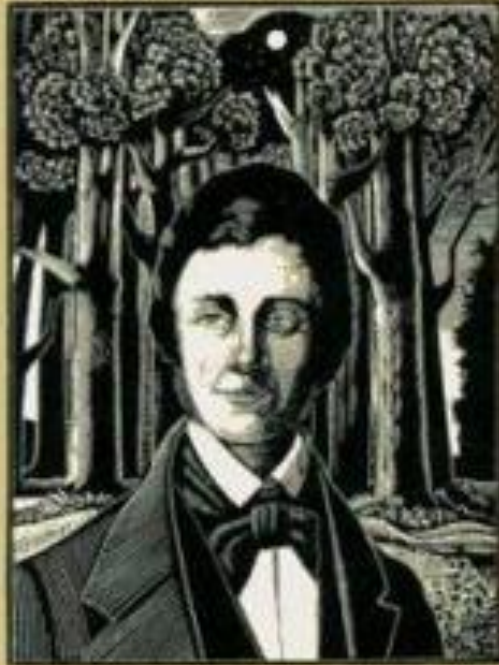


Goose Pond photo by Carol Odell

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# NATURE

*and Other Writings*



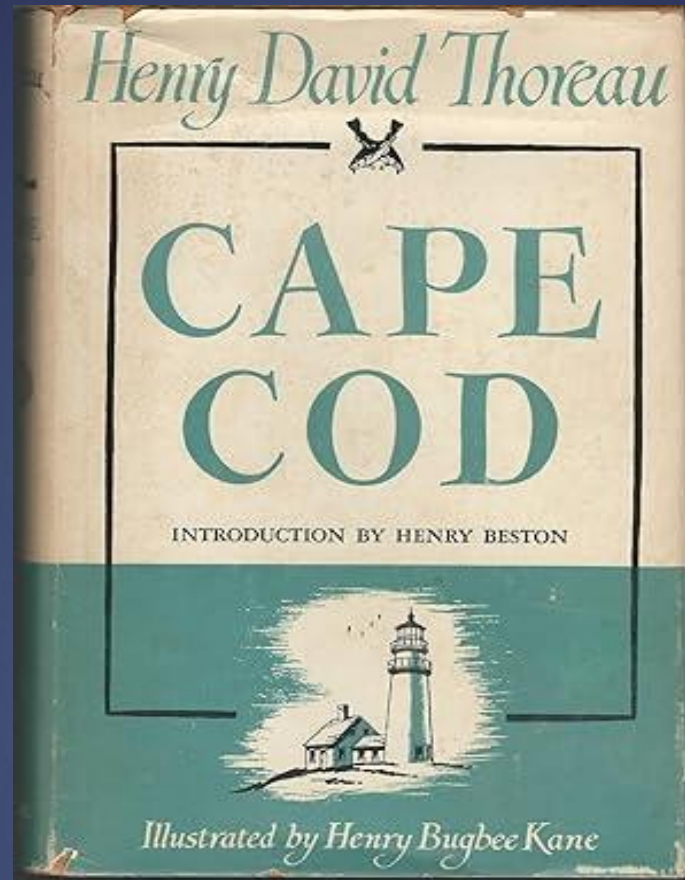
Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Massachusetts native  
Ralph Waldo Emerson  
explored spirituality as a  
major theme and  
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generations.

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Published in 1836



— Henry David Thoreau, Cape Cod, 1865



# Mass Audubon created in 1896

Mass Audubon is the largest nature-based conservation organization in New England. Founded in 1896 by two women who fought for the protection of birds, Harriet Hemenway and her cousin, Mina Hall, who persuaded ladies of fashion to forgo the cruelly harvested plumage that adorned their hats.



# Tern Island

The Federation of Bird Clubs, upon their dissolution in 1934, donated a 28-acre island to Mass Audubon.



## Flax Pond

In 1934, the Nickerson Family donated over 1900 acres in Brewster to Massachusetts which created the first state park



# Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge

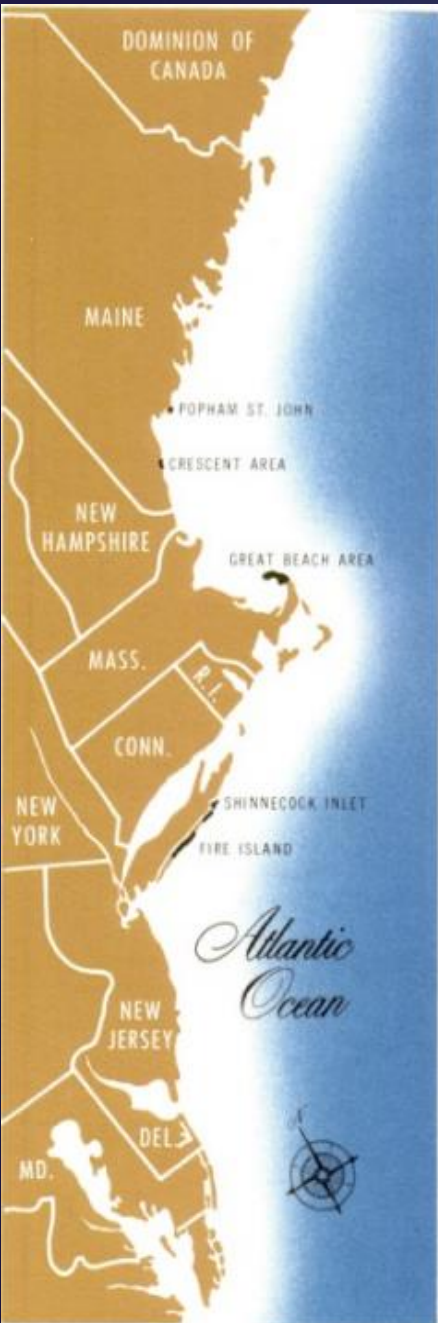
IN 1944 USFWS ACQUIRES 44 ACRES EAST AND SOUTH OF CHATHAM.



## Wellfleet Bay

**Audubon acquires the Austin Ornithological Bird Banding property—  
now known as Wellfleet Sanctuary**





are already negotiating for portions of eight of the 54 areas.)

6. There is a striking parallel between this recreation survey and the two-year inventory of the wetlands of the United States conducted by the Fish and Wildlife Service. Of the 54 most desirable areas listed by the recreation survey, all but six had been rated in the wetlands inventory as possessing high or moderate value for birdlife.

7. Of the 54 areas most suitable for public seashore recreation, six of the areas and one-third of the total beach mileage are in Texas.

8. Within the most densely populated section of the seashore, between Massachusetts and Delaware, lie 18 undeveloped areas containing 118 miles of coastline. The extreme importance of acquiring additional seashore in this region is vividly emphasized by the conclusion of the recent Yale University City Planning Survey: that the entire 600-mile area of the eastern seaboard from Portland, Maine to Norfolk, Virginia, can be designated as a single, linear city containing one-fifth of the Nation's population.

9. The 54 undeveloped stretches of seashore selected by the survey range in size from one mile long to 100 miles. Some are located within three hours driving time of our greatest population centers. All are within one-day travel distance of hundreds of thousands of people.

10. At least two and possibly five of the areas may be of significance to all the people

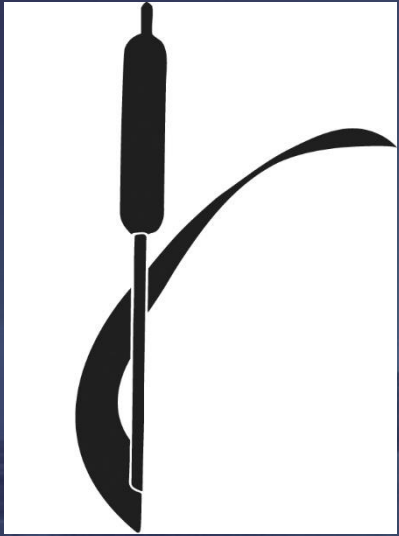
Black areas on these maps (and on pages 30-31) show the 16 choicest areas still available for public recreation. Many other fine areas that were available 20 years ago have long since gone into private hands.

The National Park Service completed the Seashore Recreation Area Survey of the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts in 1955 and made public the general findings in a report titled Our Vanishing Shoreline (page 18) identifying the outer cape as a place still possible to be preserved.



August 7, 1961

A long-time summer resident of the Cape, J.F.K. co-sponsored this legislation while in the Senate. The goal, he wrote, was "to preserve the natural and historic values of a portion of Cape Cod for the inspiration and enjoyment of people all over the United States."



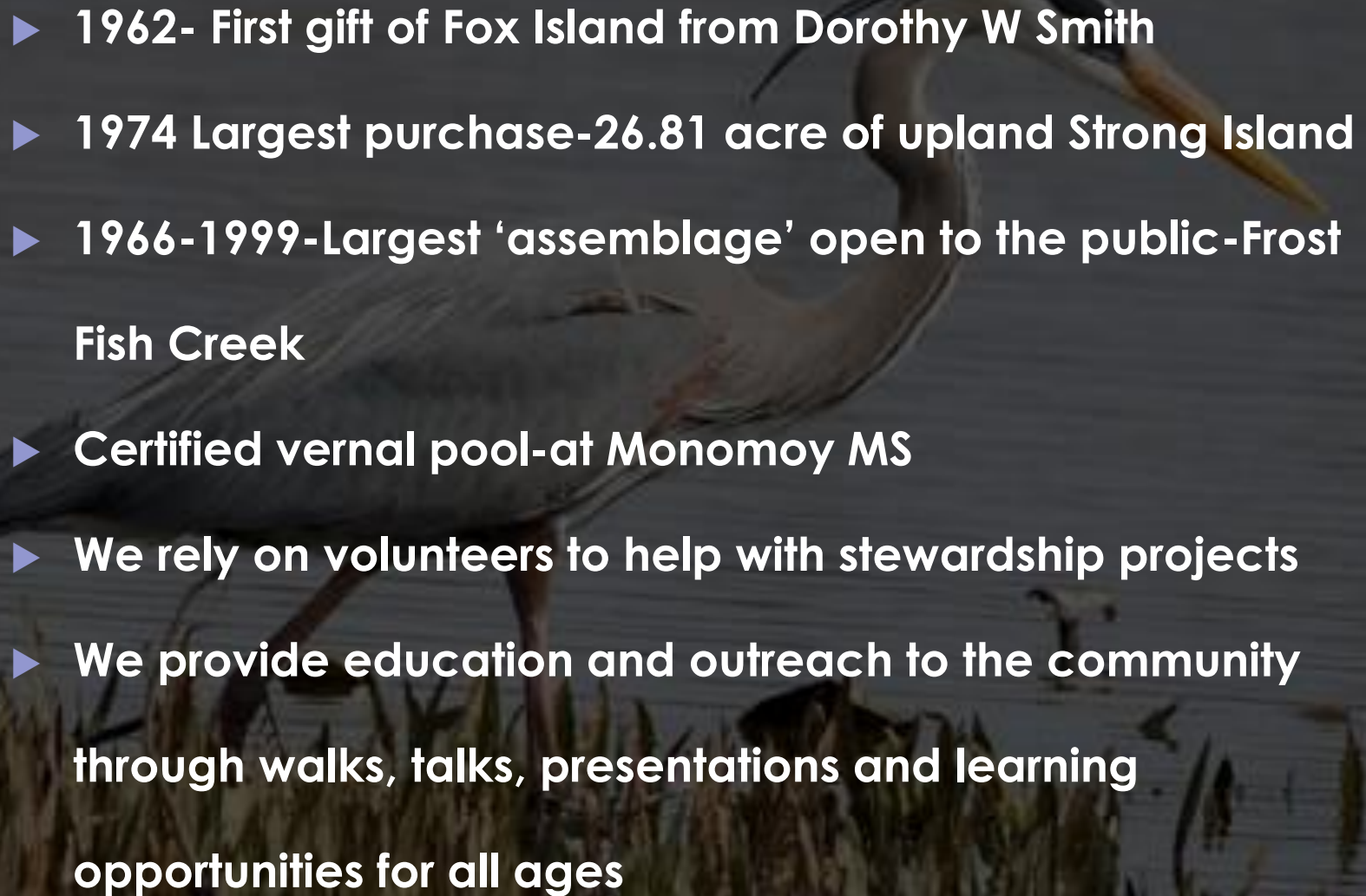
# Chatham Conservation Foundation

*Cape Cod's FIRST land trust, established in 1962*

## OUR MISSION:

We are a nonprofit, donor-supported, community land trust that preserves open space in perpetuity for the benefit of the people, plants, animals, and ecosystems of Chatham, through acquisition, stewardship, education, and advocacy.

[ccfinc.org](http://ccfinc.org)

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- A Great Egret is the central focus of the image, standing in a marshy area. The bird is white with a long, sharp beak and a long neck. It is surrounded by water and reeds. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with more water and vegetation. The overall tone is natural and serene.
- ▶ **1962- First gift of Fox Island from Dorothy W Smith**
  - ▶ **1974 Largest purchase-26.81 acre of upland Strong Island**
  - ▶ **1966-1999-Largest 'assemblage' open to the public-Frost Fish Creek**
  - ▶ **Certified vernal pool-at Monomoy MS**
  - ▶ **We rely on volunteers to help with stewardship projects**
  - ▶ **We provide education and outreach to the community through walks, talks, presentations and learning opportunities for all ages**

## FUN FACTS about Chatham

- ▶ Chatham was the **first** lower Cape town to have a municipal sewage treatment facility (planning began in 1999) and
- ▶ one of the **first** to close and cap its landfill to protect ground water (1993). Closing of the landfill lead to the installation of **solar arrays**.
- ▶ **Ground water protection** is a major function of our wetland protection regulations administered by the ConsComm
- ▶ 1999-present-Land Bank purchases over 185 acres
- ▶ ConsComm vs CCF (regulatory vs. voluntary)



## *Chatham "Friends" organizations:*

- ▶ of Trees 1978
- ▶ of Chatham Waterways 1983
- ▶ of Pleasant Bay 1985
- ▶ Fisherman's Alliance 1991
- ▶ of Sylvan Gardens 2004

## *Other Cape-wide organizations:*

- ▶ 1968 – APCC
- ▶ 1986 – Compact of Cape Cod land trusts
- ▶ 1987-Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore
- ▶ 1990 - Cape Cod Commission



Osprey Pole installation at  
Muddy Creek with Chris  
Walz and neighborhood  
volunteers  
February 10, 2024



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