

Protect Our Cape Cod Aquifer (POCCA)

We are fortunate to have drinkable water below us, let's do all we can to protect it- POCCA is an all-volunteer team of concerned citizens who get together weekly to promote the protection of the water we drink on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard.

Our mission is to inspire local governments to do more to protect drinking water. We also educate citizens and businesses about non-toxic products that decrease the amount of toxins entering the aquifer. Will you join us in the protection of our greatest natural resource?

Here are some examples of what POCCA has accomplished and what we are actively involved in:

- * POCCA discouraged Eversource from spraying herbicides along power lines.
- * POCCA educated businesses and homeowners on the purchase of non-toxic chemicals.
- * POCCA organized educational lectures on safer product options.
- * POCCA worked with local high school students how they can get involved in their own community protecting water.
- * POCCA reached out to 21 board of Selectman encouraging members to draft documents that protect our natural resources with higher standards than the state allows.
- * POCCA got on the agenda at the Pesticide Advisory Board in Boston educating them a few times in 2017
- * POCCA collaborated with Senator Julian Cyr on a bill to give Cape and MV towns a greater say on what happens to their land pertaining to how Eversource maintains vegetation overgrowth using herbicides, that is not necessary.
- * POCCA spoke many times on local radio shows: WOMR 92.7FM and WPXE 93.5 FM with Sarah Colvin.
- * POCCA appeared several episodes on different local access television stations throughout Cape Cod.
- * POCCA reached out to health boards and will now contact each town's department of water protection with what they can do to help protect our waters more in the future.
- * POCCA worked on a bill of rights for Barnstable County that comes out in 2018.
- * POCCA hosted networking events with local artists, bands, and businesses.
- * POCCA provided updates to reporters at Cape Cod Times, Cape Cod Chronicle, Cape Codder, Barnstable Patriot, and The Banner
- * POCCA inspired a group of talented local musicians who formed The Dirty Water Dance Band in an effort to celebrate and protect our waters through vibration and dance.
- * POCCA invited this band, TDWDB, to perform at fundraising events where guests receive valuable information on how we all can protect our aquifer. Come celebrate our water! Join us, it's a festive way to learn and network.

The POCCA team supports local groups and collaborates with many organizations across Cape Cod and beyond. We participate in the movement to close the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant in Plymouth and speak at the March Against Monsanto in Boston yearly. We also attend lectures on climate change and meetings with State Senator Cyr, Senator Markey, and Representative Keating.

Our long-term goal is to modify language on town and state levels in order to preserve drinkable water longer. We advocate for laws that will prevent certain toxins from entering our aquifer. We seek a united front to do more to protect the water we rely upon each day. Power in numbers prevails so we reach out now for the help of citizens.

Thank you for connecting with the POCCA team and joining our mission to protect our home, the land we all love so much, Cape Cod and MV. Anyone interested in helping can participate by donating time, money, or writing skills. Please sign up for our weekly newsletter to receive new ideas and a list of new events and meetings by going to our website. We look forward to hearing from you to work together to protect our most precious natural resource here, drinkable water.

We are in this together so let's unite for a stronger front. Sharing this information with your circles helps so much.
Thank you for caring ~ Helping to protect our quality of life on Cape Cod ~ The POCCA Team :)

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