

Salem Sound Coastwatch has been working since 1990 to protect and improve the watersheds of Marblehead, Salem, Beverly, Peabody, Danvers, and Manchester. Our dedication to Salem Sound has never waivered, and we have you to thank!

Climate Adaptations

We are a time-proven, nonprofit resource to our coastal communities. Municipalities seek our help and expertise. To address sea level rise and flooding, we work on nature-based solutions such as rain gardens and coastal banks, as well as seawalls and other options.

Water Quality

Since 1990, we have continuously supported Salem Sound communities with water quality testing, making us a valued, trusted municipal partner. Our Clean Beaches and Streams program identifies bacterial hotspots for municipalities to study and remediate. The Greenscapes program reached 3,000 students, 211 parent volunteers, and 123 teachers with the in-school Keeping Water Clean program.

Habitat Protection

What happens on the land affects the water, so habitat protection is key to keeping our watershed healthy. We maintain rain gardens, steward the Collins Cove Living Shoreline, and monitor marshes in Gloucester, Salem, and Beverly collecting data on vegetation, salinity, and impacts of sea level rise. Our work continues on restoring essential eelgrass habitats.

School to Sea Education

Children share in the future of our watershed. Our School to Sea program brings the excitement of hands-on, experiential learning to students of all ages. Marine-study boat trips, in-school classes, genuine field experiences, and community engagement opportunities inspired stewardship for over 5,000 students in 2024—more than ever before.

Partnerships

Our approach relies on interconnections. Since 1996, we have worked with the MassBays National Estuary Partnership. We are founding members of the Greenscapes North Shore Coalition, including 27 North Shore municipalities. Dozens of businesses sponsor our Run for the Beach 5K fundraiser. Municipalities, foundations, businesses, and other nonprofits are all part of our network. To make a difference in our local environment, these partnerships are key.

Community Involvement

You are at the heart of our efforts. Collaborating with the community is fundamental to what we do. We rely on volunteers, businesses, schools, and civic groups to achieve our results. And we rely on your financial donations to help the environment where you live, work, and play. Please consider a monthly donation today: www.salemsound.org

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