



THREE BAYS PRESERVATION, INC.

Preserve, Maintain, Protect & Enhance



“It occurs to me again and again, that if we don’t ambitiously take up the challenge of Three Bays Preservation’s ‘Generosity for Generations’ campaign, then those who come after us will be unfairly burdened with an enormous environmental task that could have been avoided.”

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Dear Friend:

One needs only to spend a short while along the bay on a day in late summer or early fall to be caught in the spell of these waters — and to understand what this story is all about.

A few minutes on the shore — and one becomes a grateful witness to the privileged joys of people all around celebrating these beautiful waterways — fishing, swimming, boating, clamming and birding, all benefitting from Barnstable’s “Three Bays” in their natural state of being. Experience this and one is unequivocally committed to their preservation. Living here — or just vacationing here—it’s obvious that we need to be concerned about their future.

Generosity
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I have children and grandchildren who I hope will do a better job of maintaining the pristine nature of this land than my own generation has done. I’m deeply concerned that if we don’t continue the efforts to protect Barnstable’s Three Bays — North Bay, Cotuit Bay and West Bay — the rising tide of environmental troubles may present insurmountable problems for them to resolve.

With good fortune, some of us spend delightful hours on the waters. Who amongst us then would not be a convert to the challenge to lead and search for others to join this environmental crusade? As a participant in the efforts of Three Bays Preservation to implement programs that will ensure that the bays — the fabric of our community — are protected and enhanced to the benefit of our community and future generations, I am delighted to see that we’re making progress. But there is work to be done on many fronts that requires our attention — and that desperately needs and deserves our generosity and financial support.

“Generosity for Generations” is more than a theme for our annual appeal to the community for funding to continue the work of Three Bays Preservation. It is a call to all to embrace the vision and purpose of our organization through its varied programs to preserve, maintain, protect and enhance the aquatic environment and related ecosystems of the three bay estuary. And to take actions to forestall and minimize threats to the health of the Three Bays system.

Programs and outreach activities led by our Executive Director, Lindsey Counsell, and his staff are making an impact in our community. As leaders in advocating for action to stop the flow of nutrients and contaminants into our bays, we are witnesses to progress within both the public and private sectors that confirms that our efforts are making a difference. The Town of Barnstable has committed to the development of a plan over the next 3 years to manage nutrients in communities throughout the watershed. Our involvement with this issue will continue on an aggressive path — for which we need continued financial support.

And, we have key programs for the year ahead that need immediate funding. These include an ambitious winter dredging project to add 500 feet of renourishment to Dead Neck Island and a project to clean up the historic Mill Pond in Marstons Mills, a vital point at the very source of our watershed.

This letter is a request to you for help with these important tasks. In addressing your annual giving to worthwhile causes, we hope you will consider the importance of the environmental health of this neighborhood and the work of Three Bays Preservation. Your generosity to these projects will have returns for generations to come.

“Generosity for Generations” will allow you to make a contribution to Three Bays Preservation as a gift in honor of a cherished friend or member of your family — young or old — or as a tribute to the memory of someone dear to you. Or it may be designed as a simple donation to the continued work of our organization.

Please take a moment to consider how your continued generosity might be put to the work of preserving and enhancing our Three Bays for future generations. Make your contribution securely here online where you can conveniently choose the type and amount of your gift.

Three Bays Preservation has some very challenging tasks to accomplish. Can we count on your generosity for generations to come?

With sincere appreciation,


William Gahagan
President



While on our web site at www.3bays.org, I invite you to review the valuable information and resources concerning the Three Bays and read the latest edition of our quarterly newsletter, the ***Three Bays Monitor***. Here you can follow the many projects funded through this *Generosity for Generations* campaign and sign up for frequent alerts and news bulletins!