



Dear Orleans Pond Coalition Members and Friends,

We are very pleased to invite you to join OPC in celebrating Spring 2023. We have a number of major events and workshops throughout April and May to welcome in the new season.

DETAILS BELOW

Join the Orleans Earth Day Clean-Up



Invest In Our Planet

Join the community-wide effort to remove garbage and debris from the town shores and landings.

Every April 22nd, stakeholders of all backgrounds come together to advance sustainability and climate action in commemoration of Earth Day.

Our world needs transformation. It's time for the people of the world to hold governments and the private sector accountable for their role in our environmental crisis while also calling for bold, creative, and innovative solutions. This will require action at all levels, from business and investment to city and national government.

In Orleans, Earth Day Clean-up has for many years been run by the Friends of Rock Harbor to specifically spruce up the Rock Harbor area. This year the Orleans Pond Coalition is joining the Friends of Rock Harbor along with many other Orleans organizations and businesses like: the Orleans Conservation Trust; the Federated Church of Orleans; and Del Mar Vacations to expand that clean-up to all the beaches and landings in Orleans. We wish to thank everyone involved in preparing to make this event a success.

That's where you come in: as an individual, you yield real power for change through your influence as a consumer, a voter, and a community member. Don't underestimate your power. When your voice and actions are united with millions of others around the world, we can create an inclusive and impactful movement that is impossible to ignore.

With your help we will organize and clean-up the following Orleans beaches and landings:

- Town Cove (by the Yacht Club)
- Rock Harbor
- Skaket Beach
- River Road Landing
- Mill Pond Landing
- Barley Neck Landing
- Baker's Pond
- Cedar Pond
- Priscilla Point
- Nauset Beach
- Kent's Point
- Crystal Lake
- Pilgrim Lake
- Pahwah Landing
- Pahwah Point
- Rt28/Tar Kiln Beach
- Bike Path along Namskaket

Select a beach or landing of your choice, register by clicking the button below and filling out the form presented on the OPC website. Then on Saturday, April 22nd, bring

your gloves, a rake or shovel, join us at your selected site to help make our community beautiful.

[Register to Volunteer for Earth Day Clean-up](#)

Mass Oyster Volunteering

A New Volunteer Opportunity.

Mass Oyster is seeking a few more volunteers. Are you interested?

They are partnering with the Wellfleet Shellfish Department to utilize their 2022 recycled oyster shells in bags as cultch in the harbor.



Volunteer Description:

The bags will be placed in the 'set' zone of the Wellfleet Harbor to promote natural spat recruitment. Like a quick-start habitat, these bags will help establish new beds in the intertidal area. Project will be using plastic (industry standard) and biodegradable (eco-friendly) materials on two different sets to monitor and perform a study. Each process will take place outdoors at the Wellfleet Transfer Station. Each shift will be ~3 hours. Each process is done by two people.

Available days/Times

- Friday April 14th 9am – 12pm
- Saturday April 15th 9am-12pm
- Saturday April 15th 12pm-3pm
- Sunday April 16th 12pm-3pm
- Monday April 17th 11am – 2pm
- Tuesday April 18th 11am – 2pm

Please let us know if you are interested, Register by clicking the button below and filling out the form presented on the OPC website. We will forward your details to Mass Oyster.

[Register to Volunteer for Mass Oyster](#)

OPC Composting and Hugel Terracing Workshops

Featuring Peter Jensen, Regenerative Agroecologist
Terra Firma Permagardens, Orleans, MA



- **Creating a Hugel Terrace** - Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2:00 – 4:00pm
- **Home Composting 101** - Wednesday, May 10, 3:00 – 5:00pm
- **Home Composting 101** - Saturday, May 13, 10:00am – 12:00pm

The Answer Lies in the Leaves

Simple steps you can take to heal and nourish your land and waters

There are many ecological challenges facing Cape Cod: summer drought; winter erosion; pollinator habitat loss; excess nutrients in our ponds and marshes; road runoff flowing from overwhelmed storm drains; and weak garden soils leading to poor vegetable harvests.

The wonderful news is this: an answer lies in the leaves.

While autumn leaves can be a nuisance when they clog gutters, storm drains and gardens they also hold an answer to our troubles – carbon! Carbon is the basic building block of healthy soil. Carbon binds free-flowing nitrate. It hosts fungal mycelium that binds excess phosphate and detoxifies road runoff. And, it is the essential strata within the forest for pollinator habitat.

Carbon is the stuff that feeds, heals and purifies dormant season runoff, and mitigates summer drought and flood.

The trick is to capture this carbon bounty. But how to do that?

You are invited to participate in two “learning by doing” workshops, hosted by Terra Firma Permagardens and sponsored by OPC, on just this question:

Workshop #1: Creating a Hugel Terrace

In this workshop, you will learn how to create your own hillside runoff capture garden.

Workshop #2: Composting 101

Due to high demand, we are offering two Composting 101 workshops on the essential elements of composting using kitchen waste, leaves, and lawn clippings.

Each workshop will last 90 minutes, allowing ample time for your questions, and will take place at the Terra Firma Permagardens hillside home overlooking Pilgrim Lake in Orleans.

Space is limited to 20/session. Pre-register by clicking the button below and filling out the form presented on the OPC website. Cost is \$15 for OPC members; \$25 for not-yet-members. All proceeds go to support future OPC community-based, clean water initiatives.

[Register for an OPC Workshop](#)

We are excited for you to join the Orleans Pond Coalition during this very special year – our 20th anniversary - by becoming a member, volunteering, participating in our programs and events, or telling your friends about us. With your help, we will safeguard Orleans’s most precious resource: our waters.

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