



Your opinion matters!

Here's an opportunity to help shape the future of open space, parks and recreation in Plymouth.

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Division of Conservation Services oversees open space planning in communities across the state. Every seven years, communities must submit a new Open Space and Recreation Plan in order to remain eligible for State funding. It's time for Plymouth to update its 2017 Plan and we need your help. ***What is your vision for open space and recreation in Plymouth? What's working well and where can we improve?***

This survey is your opportunity to share what matters most to you and your family when it comes to open space, parks and recreation in Plymouth. You can access the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PlymouthCommunitySurvey>

Pinewoods Camp Zoom Series

The Biodiversity and Conservation of Six Ponds

Tuesday, April 23

7:00pm

With Karen Grey, Chris Jacobs, Steve French, and
Blake Dinius

Click [HERE](#) to register.

Karen Grey, president of Wildlands Trust, will introduce the history of conservation efforts in the Six Ponds area. Following her presentation, a panel of educator naturalists will discuss the region's unique habitats.

Blake Dinius has spent over 15 years in insect research and education. Currently, Blake serves as the entomologist educator for Plymouth County Extension. He has a lifetime love of insects, spiders and centipedes.

Karen Grey is the President and Executive Director of Wildlands Trust, headquartered on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. Wildlands Trust is one of Massachusetts's oldest and largest land trusts, ensuring the protection of nearly 14,000 acres of natural and agricultural lands.

Chris Jacobs is the Executive Director of Pinewoods Camp. In addition, Chris is a curious naturalist with a particular affinity for native plants and aquatic macroinvertebrates. She serves as the Vice President of Wild Ones – South Shore, MA Chapter, which promotes the use of native plant in gardens and landscapes.

Steve French is a Field Teacher in the Southeast Region for Mass Audubon. Prior to working for Mass Audubon, Steve volunteered for the organization for over 10 years in many capacities including membership on the Sanctuary Advisory Committee.



Orange Fungus on beech limb. Photo by P. Conant

It's that time of year!

Mark your calendars for the annual roadside clean up and help keep our Six Ponds area clean. No need to sign up! This year there are two dates, Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18. Just pick your date and show up at 10 a.m. at the Clark Rd./Long Pond Rd. intersection and pick up your purple bags. Thank you!

TWO DAYS!
MAY 17 & 18
Rain or Shine!

2024
PLYMOUTH
HOMETOWN

Cleanup

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Join an existing group, create your own, or go out solo to help clean up a neighborhood, park, or roadway that needs some attention.

- ✓ Sign up online at tinyurl.com/CleanUpPlymouth or visit Town Hall
- ✓ Pick up the required PURPLE BAGS at Town Hall
- ✓ Participate in the Plymouth Hometown Cleanup on May 17th and/or 18th
- ✓ Leave filled purple bags at your indicated drop location
- ✓ DPW will pick up bags from drop locations

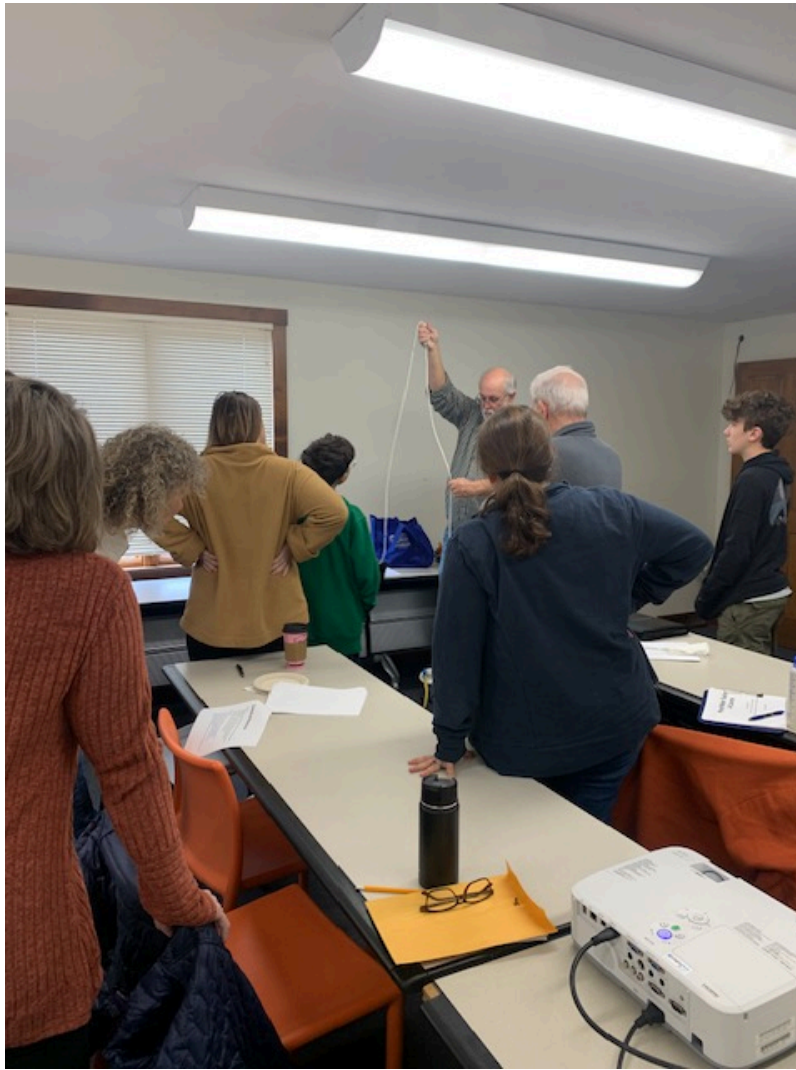
QUESTIONS?
CONTACT PATRICK FARAH (TOWN HALL)
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(508) 322-3374

Sign up online!
Scan QR code or visit
tinyurl.com/CleanUpPlymouth

Water Quality Testing Training

Six Ponds President Hampton Watkins, in collaboration with Southeastern MA Pine Barrens Alliance ([SEMPBA](#)) held two hands-on training sessions this winter to learn how to take water samples from our ponds across the region. It was heartening to see how many residents from the greater Plymouth area are interested in learning how to test the water of their ponds.

The final training session will be held on Thursday, May 9 from 6 - 8 p.m. If you are interested in attending this session, please contact Hampton at hampton.watkins@gmail.com.



Keep an eye out this spring for your membership renewal letter. The Six Ponds Association is *totally* supported by you -- your donations and memberships. Your contributions do make a difference to our neighborhood. Thank you!



Firewise Community Status

Please help the Six Ponds maintain our status with the nationally recognized Firewise program. No doubt you have done yard/woods cleanup to clear tree limbs or cleaned your house gutters. In doing so, you have cataloged hours of work that helps us maintain our designation as a Firewise Community, **Simply fill out the Worksheet** and send it to Hampton. If you paid a contractor to do the work, that still counts and helps us to keep our wooded areas less vulnerable to wildfire.

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