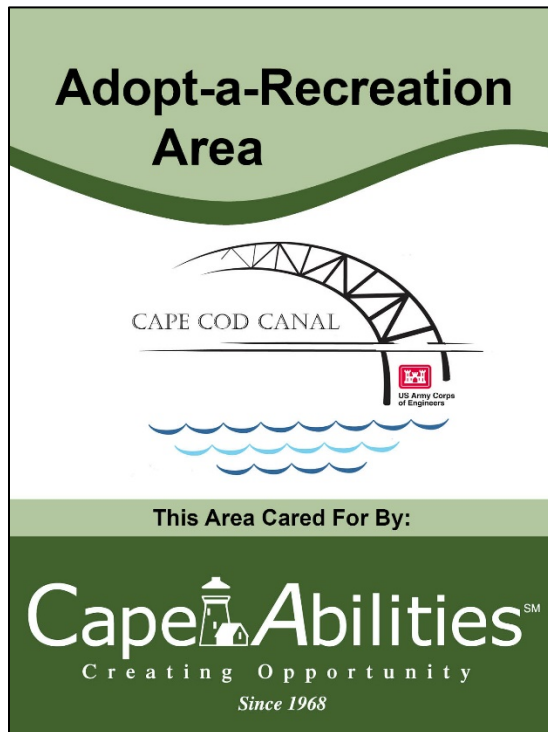


## Adopt-a-Shoreline & Adopt-a-Recreation Area Programs

The Cape Cod Canal's Adopt-a-Shoreline and Adopt-a-Recreation Programs are working partnerships between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Cape Cod Canal and local community groups created to preserve and maintain the 9 recreation areas, 2 interpretive trails and 14 miles of shoreline along the Cape Cod Canal.



Under these partnerships, neighbors and community groups volunteer their time to improve their chosen recreation area and/or section of shoreline.

Adopters can work on a variety of projects including gardening, trail maintenance, removing invasive plants, painting, repairing park structures, litter clean up, etc.

Adopters collaborate with the USACE Volunteer Coordinator to create a work plan and volunteer schedule that is customized for your group and adopted area.

The USACE provides support, technical expertise, tools and supplies. They also fabricate and install a sign at the adopted area recognizing the group's efforts.



*Captions:*

*Top image: example of sign recognizing adopting organization at the Cape Cod Canal Visitor Center in Sandwich.*

*Bottom image: Massachusetts Maritime Academy cadets working on a pollinator garden at their adopted Recreation Area in Buzzards Bay.*

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For more information about how your group can get involved or if you have questions about any of our volunteer opportunities please contact:

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