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.

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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