

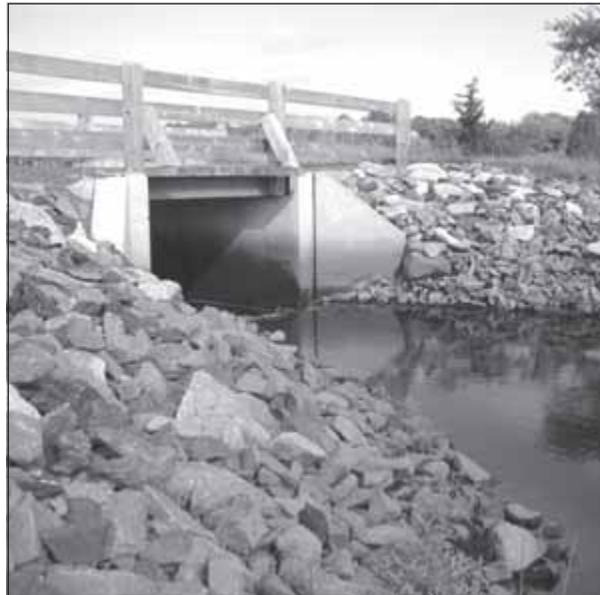
## Massachusetts Bays Program funds new position at APCC

**T**he Massachusetts Bays Program has contracted APCC to be its Cape Cod representative for regional outreach and coastal improvement initiatives. Jo Ann Muramoto, a Ph.D. in geological sciences with over 20 years experience in marine, coastal and wetlands issues, has been selected to fill the new APCC staff position created by the program.

The Massachusetts Bays Program is a federal and state partnership that is part of the U.S. National Estuary Program and is administered by the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management. The Mass. Bays Program works with citizens, organizations and government to protect and enhance the coastal health and heritage of Massachusetts and Cape Cod Bays.

On behalf of Mass. Bays and APCC, Jo Ann will help coordinate local and regional coastal environmental programs and provide technical assistance to communities, organizations and citizens in towns located on Cape Cod Bay. She will work closely with town officials and community members on a wide range of activities, such as development of model bylaws; grant-writing assistance for coastal remediation, restoration and protection projects; stormwater programs; and other environmental education, outreach and stewardship projects. Particular attention will be given to enhancing shellfish restoration resources, evaluating the potential of stormwater utilities, and initiating a fish run restoration and stewardship program.

On the regional level, Jo Ann's duties will involve coordinating the efforts of local, state and federal agencies,



*Utilizing the Massachusetts Bays Program, APCC hopes to initiate a fish run restoration and stewardship program.*



*Jo Ann Muramoto has joined APCC to coordinate Cape Cod's Massachusetts Bays Program.*

nonprofit organizations, and other regional organizations and citizens on coastal projects, monitoring programs and regional planning activities.

Jo Ann is uniquely qualified to perform the varied duties required of the position. Prior to joining APCC, she was senior project manager, quality assurance officer, and coastal and wetlands division director at the environmental consulting firm Horsley Witten Group. Before that, she was the conservation administrator for the town of Falmouth. Her other experience includes working as an action plan project manager for the update of the Buzzards Bay Estuary Program's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. She has also authored numerous scientific and environmental publications.

APCC is looking forward to partnering with Mass. Bays and Cape Cod communities on this important program. The objectives of the Mass. Bays Program dovetail well with APCC's ongoing advocacy and stewardship programs. The partnership will provide APCC with new opportunities to collaborate with towns and other organizations on some of Cape Cod's most critical coastal issues.

## APCC to help coordinate monitoring of Wellfleet's Herring River restoration

APCC is extremely pleased to announce it is partnering with the Cape Cod National Seashore and the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management's Wetland Restoration Program (CZM) on a monitoring project of the planned Herring River marsh system restoration.

The Herring River estuary and salt marsh system encompasses an area of over 1,000 acres in Wellfleet and part of Truro. Restoration of the marsh system will be the largest project of its kind in the entire Gulf of Maine region, which includes the Atlantic coastal area from the southern tip of Nova Scotia down to Cape Cod.

A dike built near the mouth of the river around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century severely restricted tidal flow to the river and salt marsh, resulting in extensive loss of coastal wetlands and the native plants and wildlife associated with it.

As a component of the larger restoration project, APCC and its partners will coordinate volunteers to monitor the salt marsh throughout the process of gradually increasing tidal flow to the river. Volunteer monitors will collect water samples to determine salinity levels at specified sites, and monitoring may be expanded to also track populations and diversity of plant species. The data collected will aid in measuring the success of the restoration project. Preliminary monitoring may begin in late summer.

APCC was an early proponent of restoring the Herring River, and commissioned a study of the marsh system in the 1970s to advance the case for restoration. In more recent years, APCC has been a vocal supporter of the efforts of the Cape Cod National Seashore, the town of Wellfleet and other stakeholders to reach agreement on the restoration process. It is because of APCC's long history with this important issue that it especially welcomes the opportunity to cosponsor the volunteer monitoring project as the restoration unfolds.

One objective of the monitoring project is to generate a sense of stewardship among the stakeholder residents of Wellfleet and Truro. APCC strongly encourages its Wellfleet and Truro members to consider becoming volunteer monitors. For more information, please contact APCC staff biologist Tara Nye toll free at 1-877-955-4142 or [tnye@apcc.org](mailto:tnye@apcc.org).

APCC receives funding for salt marsh restoration projects from CZM, the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment and the International Fund for Animal Welfare.

## Maggie Geist appointed to county task force

APCC Executive Director Maggie Geist has been appointed to the 19-member Cape Cod Commission 21<sup>st</sup> Century Task Force.

Created by the Barnstable County Commissioners, the task force's mission is to conduct a review of the Cape Cod Commission and make recommendations for how the regional regulatory and planning agency can most effectively address Cape Cod's greatest challenges in the decades ahead.

APCC's Cape Cod Business Roundtable was the first to call for a special committee to evaluate the work of the Commission and identify how its energy should be focused (see Call to Action article page 3).

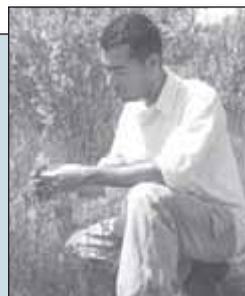
Although the need for a regional approach to planning for Cape Cod's growth has not diminished since the inception of the Cape Cod Commission, a study of how regional issues have evolved can help the Commission better respond to those issues.

The task force will review current Commission programs and policies concerning natural resource protection, affordable housing, transportation, economic development and other important regional issues. The task force will also study the Commission's regulatory responsibilities, as well as its role in providing planning and technical assistance to towns.

The task force, which began meeting weekly in late May, has been given six months by the County Commissioners to complete its work. The public will have opportunities to provide input in public hearings to be scheduled.

## Intern assists marsh program

*APCC salt marsh monitoring intern Nelson DeBarros is pursuing a graduate degree in plant ecology.*



APCC has selected Nelson DeBarros of Taunton, MA as this year's intern to assist with the salt marsh restoration monitoring program during the hectic summer months.

Nelson will work with APCC staff and volunteers monitoring seven Cape Cod salt marshes where restoration of normal tidal flow has occurred or is being planned. He will also organize and record data collected by volunteer monitors in order to track the effects over time of restoration efforts.

Nelson is an undergraduate from Providence College with a degree in biology. He will pursue a graduate degree in plant ecology at Pennsylvania State University this autumn.

## Whitlock Internship resumes focus on town centers

Promoting village center revitalization is once again the subject of APCC's Herbert E. Whitlock Internship program. Catherine Goodrum, a masters of city and regional planning candidate from the University of Pennsylvania, has been selected by APCC to continue the work of the previous two Whitlock interns by assisting Cape Cod towns with their village center smart growth efforts.

APCC is working to reduce growth in outlying natural resource areas by encouraging towns to direct growth to designated village centers, and has used the Whitlock Internship program to aid towns that are undertaking or contemplating such initiatives.

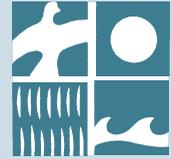
In the previous two years of the internship program, APCC hired graduate level students with architectural and planning skills to work with town planning officials and community leaders who were considering bylaw changes and other measures to revitalize and redevelop existing town centers.

In Dennis, the 2004 intern created conceptual visualizations that depicted how Dennisport could look under proposed zoning improvements, providing a compelling visual tool that helped win over town residents. Last year, APCC's intern provided visualizations and helped coordinate a community charette, or brainstorming session, for Orleans residents interested in improving the town's Main Street. The intern also provided visualizations and other technical assistance for North Falmouth Village residents concerned about the future of their traditional mixed-use neighborhood.

Calling on her training in community planning, urban design and main street economic revitalization, Catherine will continue the town center visioning work begun in the town of Orleans last summer by the 2005 Whitlock intern.

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## 'Call to Action' emphasizes blueprint for Cape Cod



This spring, *Shore Lines* reported on a Call to Action for Cape Cod, released by APCC's Cape Cod Business Roundtable. The Call to Action's ambitious proposals are intended to stimulate a public discussion

over how towns and county government "will need to work together to effectively and efficiently address regional issues facing Cape Cod in the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

Since the release of the Call to Action, APCC and Roundtable members have been delivering their message across the Cape, speaking to local boards, the Cape Cod Selectmen's and Councilor's Association, the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates and the Cape's state legislators.

Specifically, the Call to Action identifies issue areas that must be considered in future planning for the region. It also proposes the following ideas for addressing those issues:

**A Blueprint for Cape Cod:** A critical first step to implement the Call to Action is the development of detailed maps showing where our growth centers should be located, with specific analysis of the amount of growth each area can accommodate. These, along with identification of natural resource areas in need of protection and critical regional highway corridors, will serve as the blueprint for planning a Cape Cod that is environmentally sound and economically viable.

**Regional Authority for DCPC Designation:** The county government should work with the towns to identify areas where special planning protections are needed. Emphasis should be placed on designating water resource, shoreline and transportation corridor Districts of Critical Planning Concern.

**Regional Housing Strategy:** The county and towns should cooperate in seeking additional funding for housing. Higher density zoning in village centers with more residential uses should be created. Cape-specific state legislation should provide funding to offset infrastructure and services costs in high density residential zones, and state affordable housing laws should be amended to include protections for water resource areas.

**TDR Program:** A Cape-wide transfer of development rights program should be established to reduce growth in resource areas and encourage growth in town centers.

**Cape Cod Commission:** The Regional Policy Plan (RPP) should be revised to strengthen environmental protection and the economy, and a special study committee should be created to evaluate and refine the work of the Cape Cod Commission.

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## 'Call to Action'

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**Regional Delivery of Services:** The county's ability to offer regional services should be strengthened in areas that transcend town boundaries, such as workforce housing, wastewater infrastructure, planning, economic development and transportation. Towns are also encouraged to work together to provide these services.

Implementation of several of the Roundtable's recommendations has begun. Notably, TD Banknorth and the Cape Cod Five have awarded grants to APCC to undertake a pilot Transfer of Development Rights project. APCC is very grateful for their support of this important initiative.

In addition, a task force has been appointed and has begun its review of the Cape Cod Commission (see article page 2), and a committee has been set up to work with the Housing Assistance Corporation to develop an action plan for housing.

Read the Call to Action at [www.apcc.org](http://www.apcc.org).

Courtesy Harwich Conservation Trust.



The Call to Action recommends the county identify areas in need of special protection. Harwich's Six Ponds DCPC, where Walker's Pond is located, helps protect water supplies for Chatham and Harwich.

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