Stewardship Program

WHAT is the stewardship program?
We connect visitors, residents and businesses with opportunities to support the long-term sustainability of Cape Cod and the Islands through our Stewardship Fund Grant Program.

HOW are the grants used?
Grants are used to fund a variety of projects and programs that affect the visitor experience, improve our environment and create a sense of place.

WHY should I be a CARE steward?
As a CARE steward, you will be recognized in the community and through CARE’s promotion as a leader. Learn more about us at careforthecapeandislands.org.

YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS!
“We donate a portion of each whale watch cruise or dune tour ticket included in our tours. This is our way of joining forces and helping to preserve our beautiful surroundings.” – Rene P. Poyant, Director / Cape Cod Custom Tours

How It Works: Donate a percentage of your sales or a specific item to CARE and tell your customers how the funds are used.

BUILD IT YOUR WAY!
“We offer Heritage Tourism packages that contribute greatly to our local economy while promoting cultural exchanges that are life-enriching for our visitors and residents alike.” – Dorie Dineen Ketterer, ShoreWay Acres Inn

How It Works: Your business develops a package of products or services that may be built around CARE’s funding themes, including a donation to CARE as part of the package.

MAKE YOUR EVENT COUNT!
“We love Cape Cod because of the natural resources and outdoor activities that it offers – our donation to CARE in lieu of wedding favors was an excellent means of sharing that with our guests.” – Christin and David Quinn

How It Works: Invite your clients to celebrate a special occasion such as a wedding with a donation to CARE or let us organize a give back/team corporate event for a group.

GIVE YOUR GUEST A CHOICE!
“As part of our commitment to preserving the Cape while using best practices to provide solutions in sustainability, we offer guests three levels of “green” for consideration as they book their reservation.”
– Mark Novota, Managing Partner, Wequassett Resort

How It Works: Guests decide how green they want to be.

“In the end, it’s all about protecting our product. If the product – our destinations – aren’t protected in environmental and social terms, then people won’t want to visit them; it is as simple as that.” – John De Vial, Head of Financial Protection, ABTA
Funded Projects

With your help, we can fund even more!

CARE for the Cape and Islands projects help to preserve and protect our natural environment, culture and historic places. Each year we seek proposals from local nonprofits that fit within five themes including Carbon Footprint Reduction, Environmental Stewardship, Food and Culture, and Infrastructure and Sense of Place. These projects lead the Cape and Islands community one step closer to long-term sustainability and the protection of our fragile environment.

Help CARE to fund more projects like these through your partnership support. Become a CARE Steward today!

Cape-Wide
- Cape Cod Freshwater Mussel Education
- Earth Day Event: Songs & Seeds distribution on CCRTA
- Maritime Meanderings: Cultural Themed Itineraries

Upper Cape
- Falmouth Bikeways Map & Guide
- Falmouth Bikeways Signage and Safety
- Falmouth Station Historical Signage
- Falmouth Water Quality Aquaculture Project
- Food Scrap Collection & Education
- Waquoit Bay Reserve Wampanoag Wetu Project

Lower Cape
- Cape Cod Museum of Natural History Pollinator Path
- Charms for Change: 3D Printing to Change the World
- Chatham Fish Pier Host & Learning Program
- Harwich Conservation Educational Videos

Outer Cape
- Cape Cod National Seashore: Green Team Takes Action Video
- Citizen Science Marine Debris Education Project
- Highland Light Water Filling Station
- Salt Pond Visitor Center Water Filling Station
- SEA SPACE Marine Discovery Center
- The Story of Spinnaker at Center for Coastal Studies Lab
- Whale Habitat & Historical Signage

Mid Cape
- Cape Abilities Farm Tour
- Cape Cod CAN’s Natural Wonders Mural
- Connecting Yarmouth Historic Trails
- Hyannis Sea Captains’ Row Trail, Map & Mural

Nantucket
- Beach Debris to Treasure Art Education

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