

About FOGH

Friends of Good Harbor, Inc. is a citizen-based organization dedicated to the environmental preservation, restoration, and enhancement of the Good Harbor beach, marsh, and watershed. Initially, representing the neighborhoods abutting Good Harbor, FOGH has expanded to include the larger community of Gloucester and Cape Ann. Members work on project initiatives and meet collectively as a non-profit association. FOGH is incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a non-profit corporation with pending status under Section 501c3 of the federal tax code. The organization maintains a web site at www.goodharbor.org.



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*Supporting the
preservation and
enhancement of beach, salt
marsh, and wetlands*



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Friends of Good Harbor Projects

FOGH Initiatives

Friends of Good Harbor (FOGH) has five initiatives on which volunteers work collaboratively.

1. Gateway Acquisition

The Friends negotiated the purchase of a six-acre salt marsh parcel at the corner of Thatcher Road and Witham Street, land which was approved for condo development (Briarneck Crossing) by the State Housing Appeals Committee. FOGH's funding plan combines grants from the Gloucester Community Preservation Act, the State LAND Grant Program, the Dusky Foundation, the owners, and community donors.

2. Marsh Monitoring

The Friends collected and reviewed recent reports on the condition of the salt marsh and the wetlands of Good Harbor, sponsored a marsh walk with the executive director of Salem Sound Coastwatch, and launched a summer project to study and monitor the health of the marsh.

3. Beach Improvements

FOGH members are collaborating with the Gloucester Department of Public Works on a beach enhancement program with recommendations for improved signage, demarcations along the boardwalks and the dunes, and improved guidelines for beachgoers and beach use. Dune restoration and protection is also a priority for FOGH.

4. Conservancy

FOGH proposes to unite the Good Harbor salt marshes as a contiguous sanctuary called the "Good Harbor Conservancy." The conservancy would initially embrace an area of over 100 acres



with approximately 30 current owners. Owners would be asked to participate under the umbrella of the Conservancy and agree to conservation restrictions.

5. Walkway

The Friends completed a study of pedestrian flow along Thatcher Road last summer and will soon undertake a feasibility study for a walkway to the beach primarily for public safety but also for encouraging fitness and increasing awareness of the salt marsh as a vital natural resource.

Get Involved

The Friends of Good Harbor welcomes all interested persons.

Join. *Become a member of FOGH. Dues are \$20 per year.*

Contribute. *Contribute to the Gateway property acquisition by donating to FOGH's community fund raising campaign.*

Volunteer. *Get involved in one of the initiatives.*

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