



Friends of Good Harbor

The mission of *Friends of Good Harbor* is to foster environmental preservation, restoration, and enhancement of the Good Harbor beach and marsh and its watershed. FOGH is a citizen-based organization dedicated to the natural, recreational, and educational uses of the expanse of land and water located along the ocean front and traversed by Thatcher Road in Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Initiatives

FOGH has established three developmental priorities involving the engagement of local volunteers and partnerships with public and private organizations and agencies, including the City of Gloucester:

- Basic support activities for Good Harbor Beach working on beach appearance and maintenance, dunes protection, signage and facilities, traffic and pedestrian movement, and improved access
- A special project to design, fund, and implement a walkway along Thatcher Road from Barn Lane to the entrance to Good Harbor Beach and Witham Street
- Preservation of the tidal marshland in the area of Good Harbor including marsh monitoring and management, programs for public awareness and education, and acquisition of parcels for restoration

Organization

In the summer of 2010, an informal group of residents concerned about the conservation of the marsh and the preservation of the beach met and organized as *Friends of Good Harbor*. Representing three neighborhoods abutting Good Harbor - Brier Neck, Old Nugent Farm, and Witham Street - and initially comprising a dozen persons, priorities were identified and action plans formulated. Members of the group work in clusters on project initiatives and meet collectively 3-4 times a year as an unincorporated association. The association draws advice from a panel of resource specialists in environmental sciences and enjoys a growing roster of friends who receive progress reports by email and invitations for volunteer activities. The association is chartered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a non-profit corporation and has pending status as a 501(c)(3) corporation.

Information

Friends of Good Harbor has launched a web site for members and the community containing further information and opportunities to participate. The web site address is: www.goodharbor.org. Interested persons may also receive status reports and updates via email by sending contact information to: info@goodharbor.org. Written inquiries may be sent to *Friends of Good Harbor*, P.O. Box 3145, Gloucester, MA 01931.