

PROVINCETOWN
TOWN SERVICES REPORT
Fiscal Year 2011
(July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011)

CAPE COD COMMISSION

Planning, Community Development, and Technical Services

- The Commission assisted the town with development of its final Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review.
- The HOME Consortium made one down payment/closing cost loan totaling \$8,540 to a low-income first-time homebuyer in Provincetown.
- The HOME Consortium made a conditional commitment of \$100,000 in HOME funds to Community Housing Resource for the redevelopment of 15 affordable rental units at 83 Shank Painter Road.
- The Commission provided technical assistance for several transportation-related projects on the Outer Cape:
 - an Outer Cape Bicycle Shuttle, to be implemented in FY2012 (operational in August 2011)
 - a Satellite Maintenance Facility Feasibility Study that examined the potential for a maintenance facility for Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority vehicles with possible availability to Outer Cape towns
 - a Cape Cod National Seashore Integrated Parking and Transit Study that looked at alternatives to beach parking for all beaches located on the Lower/Outer Cape. The study included future demand and existing facilities risk analyses, potential central parking options, and shuttle routes to serve the beaches.
- The Commission conducted eight automatic traffic-recorder counts on road segments and six turning-movement counts at intersections in Provincetown.
- The Commission developed a scope of work for a Provincetown/Truro Bicycle Master Plan; the Boards of Selectmen in both towns approved the scope and work will begin in FY2012.
- The Commission began the Shank Painter Road Corridor Study, which will define transportation improvements, including bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, in the corridor (more information is available on the web site www.gocapecod.org).
- The Commission worked with The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts to update data about protected open space in Provincetown.
- The Commission supported the town's work on its Phase 3 sewer extension project.
- The Commission conducted the annual Pond and Lake Stewardship (PALS) freshwater ponds sampling snapshot for Clapps Pond.
- The Commission conducted water education festivals for students in Provincetown.

Regulatory Activities

DRI Decisions in Fiscal Year 2011

- Waste Treatment Telecommunications Monopole – The Commission approved as a DRI with conditions the proposed construction of a wireless telecommunications facility in a 40x40-foot compound on 9/30/10.

DRI Minor Modifications

- Cape End Care Campus/Cape End Manor/Seashore Point – The Commission approved a minor modification to allow changes to the phasing of the project on 4/7/11.

Cape Cod Cooperative Extension

- The Provincetown Conservation Department received a \$4,000.00 Barnstable County Land Management grant to develop the B-Street Community Garden & Conservation Park. The funds were used to purchase supplies (lumber, irrigation supplies, soil and compost) needed to build the gardens.
- The Coastal Processes Specialist presented a talk entitled: *Coastal Processes Of Provincetown, MA & The Basics Of Beach Nourishment* on 3/14/2011 in the town of Provincetown, which was attended by 25 individuals (mostly ConCom and Board of Selectmen).
- The Coastal Processes Specialist published and distributed educational information to the Conservation Commission Agent of the town. These materials consisted of a Biological Erosion Control Extension Bulletin (4 pages) and a Coastal Managers Guide to Longshore Sediment Transport (46 pages).
- Twenty children and 19 adults participated in 3 separate marine science programs held at the Provincetown Museum during two days in July and one day in August, with the highlight being fish printing.
- The towns of Provincetown and Truro jointly received 120,000 2-3mm hard clam (quahog) seed through the Barnstable County Municipal Shellfish Propagation Program. Value of this seed at time of dispersal was \$960.00.
- Additionally, Provincetown and Truro jointly received 100 bags of remote-set oysters also funded through the Barnstable County Municipal Shellfish Propagation Program. It is estimated that each bag contained a minimum of 1000 juvenile oysters. Value of these bags of remote-set at time of dispersal was \$1,150.00.
- One shellfish culturist received a SEMAC grant of \$2,360.00 to investigate growth rate of sub-tidal clam culture in Provincetown and another grower received \$800 through SEMAC for additional clam experimentation.
- One shellfish culturist was chosen and funded at \$1,000.00 to be part of the SEMAC Research Farm Network which focused on a comparison of triploid (seedless) oysters and conventionally grown diploid oysters.
- Technical assistance and educational programs were also provided to town personnel, aquaculturists, and local citizens.
- Household hazardous waste collections conducted for Provincetown in 2010 provided the following data: Provincetown residents represented 61 cars and 76 households in three Outer Cape HHW collections. A total of 1,295 gallons / 6,020 pounds of hazardous waste was collected at the Provincetown HHW collection.

- Year round residents comprised 95% of participants, 34% of participants were participating for the first time in the collection, and 21% of participants brought waste that was left in their home when they bought it.
- The Cape Cod Cooperative Extension mercury collection program collected the following items in the Town of Provincetown in 2010: 11 fever thermometers, and 7 thermostats.
 - A total of 45 road and marine flares were collected in the Town of Provincetown by Cape Cod Cooperative Extension in 2010.
 - A total of 162 sharps containers were paid for and provided by Cape Cod Cooperative Extension to the Town of Provincetown in 2010 for distribution to the general public. The disposal cost for all full sharps containers returned to the town was paid for by Barnstable County / Cape Cod Cooperative Extension.
 - Nutrition educator participated in Biometric Screenings offered by the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group. Nutrition education through a display, one-on-one conversations, educational materials, and food demonstrations was made available in conjunction with health screenings.
 - Six issues out of the year-long series of Pumpkin Post & Banana Beat newsletters have been distributed in collaboration with Provincetown elementary schools to 11 families with children in kindergarten. The Pumpkin Post series is an educational newsletter including recipes and regular columns on child feeding challenges, seasonal foods, physical activity, and menu ideas. The series of six newsletters focus on themes about breakfast, fitness, fruits and vegetables, healthy lunches, goal setting and holiday eating.
 - One part-time nutrition educator has been contracted through the Family Nutrition Program (FNP) to teach elementary students in an after-school program entitled Kids in the Kitchen. A total of nine children participated in the series of 5 lessons at Veteran's Memorial Elementary School. The lessons are aimed at improving food choices, incorporating physical activity, and increasing awareness of safe food handling practices.
 - Five residents received technical information from the Plant Clinic via phone call, fact sheet, or soil test.
 - Educational materials for distribution included wallet cards and rack cards. These materials contain key information on tick identification, life cycle and prevention tips for tick bites and lowering the risk of tick-borne illnesses such as Lyme. Distribution points included Town Halls including all Department of Health Offices, Chambers of Commerce, Public Libraries and golf courses. Golf courses were offered signs to post to alert people about tick habitat and precautions. Each distribution point was visited between May and June as the highest risk period for Lyme disease approached (June – August). In general, each location received between 50 and 200 each of rack and wallet cards.

Children's Cove

- Conducted 2 SAIN (Sexual Abuse Intervention Network) interviews.

- Provided counseling sessions to 0 child victim and their family members with referrals to community providers for long term treatment.
- Conducted 0 medical examinations for children at Children's Cove.

Fire Training Academy

- Cold Water Rescue
 - 24 Firefighters
- Firefighter I/II
 - 4 Firefighters
- Flashover
 - 1 Firefighter
- Thermal Imager
 - 26 Firefighters

55 Students, \$12,600.00 Dollar Value, 144 Day Value, 1,264 Hour Value

Department of Health & Environment

- Responded to 27 residential and commercial referrals for Indoor Air Quality (IAQ), hazardous materials issues, or Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) assistance (22 residential/commercial IAQ/housing, five commercial/industrial hazardous materials).
- Assisted the school in two IAQ issues and hazardous waste disposal.
- BCDH&E provided public health nursing services and senior staff services to assist the Town of Provincetown Health Department with the development of emergency dispensing site plans and public health response plans.
- Coordinated County and Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps nurse and volunteer staff scheduling for regional adult immunization clinic; six adult immunizations (shingles, Td, Tdap, MMR, varicella, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, pneumonia) given to Provincetown residents at no charge. Acted as an evaluator for the HSEEP compliant public health preparedness drill conducted at this clinic
- Managed underground storage tank (UST) program which tracks testing and removal of tanks; also performed tank testing. Ten active tanks tracked and tested; have overseen removal of four tanks in conformance with Board of Health regulations.
- Secured a grant for the collection and laboratory analyses of marine beach samples. Sampling of marine water was conducted weekly at 19 sites; Breakwater Motel, Snail Road, 637 Commercial Street, 593 Commercial Street, Kendal Lane, Atkins Lane, 451 Commercial Street, Johnson Street, 333 Commercial Street, Ryder Beach (Left), Ryder Beach (Middle), Ryder Beach (Right), Court Street, Atlantic Avenue, Town Landing West of C.G. Station, West End Lot, 29 Commercial Street, Provincetown Inn (rotary), and Winston Ave. The Provincetown Board of Health was notified immediately of bacterial exceedences and retesting was conducted daily until bacteria levels were found to be within acceptable limits.

- Designed and commissioned the production of aluminum signs to meet new regulatory requirements mandated in 2010. Signs were purchased by the town of Provincetown for posting at all beaches.
- Created ClinicACE, an internet-based immunization clinic preregistration system and successfully pre-registered two immunizations. Necessary immunization documents were printed by each registrant following completion of the registration process, saving the town valuable time on the day of the clinic.
- Compliance management of 21 innovative/alternative wastewater treatment units.
- Sent/received two correspondences involving one innovative/alternative wastewater treatment systems.
- Continued Carmody Innovative/Alternative(I/A) Septic System Database User Fee collection, invoicing I/A operators for 19 systems for which they are responsible for reporting to the database.
- Landfill sampled semi-annually for a total of 18 wells/year and approximately 40 person hours (this total does not include lab work)
- Over 90 inspections (food service/pools) were performed in support of the town Health Department during the seasonal influx of tourists. In addition other duties were performed for the town including complaint follow-up, data entry/file updates, and compiling food service information for restaurant owners.
- Tick and Lyme Program, Provincetown Elementary, 39 attendees.
- Two inspections of every tobacco retailer and two tobacco compliance checks of each tobacco retailer were conducted.
- Secured home betterment loan for the correction of one septic system within the town (\$11,150 project).

Department of Human Services

- HRC: Through part of the fiscal year, there was an active town representative on the HRC Town Representation Council. The HRC chair and coordinator met mid-year with the Boards of Selectmen at their regional meeting, and began a process to name a new representative to serve as a liaison between the town and the HRC, support human rights, and advise HRC about issues particular to the town.
- HRC: THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACADEMY. Provincetown High School has been a participant in this HRA for five years, and participated in this year just completed.

Resource Development Office/AmeriCorps Cape Cod

- Benches at B-Street Community Garden
Members built 3 benches for the B-Street Garden.
- Hazardous Waste Collections
Members helped to facilitate a hazardous waste collection.
- Old Colony Pathway Maintenance
Members removed debris and maintained the trail at Old Colony Nature Pathway.
- B-Street Garden Expansion
Members built and installed 25 raised garden beds and filled with soil and worked on continued invasive Japanese knotweed removal.

- Provincetown Beach Cleanup
Members worked with volunteers to do a general beach cleanup for Provincetown.
- Shank Painter and Hawthorne Trail Clearing
Members removed invasive plants, weeded at Shank Painter and blazed a trail at Hawthorne.
- Winthrop Street Cemetery Cleanup
Members removed invasive plants and downed trees.