

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

**CAPE COD COMMISSION**

*Planning, Community Development, and Technical Services*

- The Commission served as technical advisors to the Herring River Restoration Committee, which is working on restoration of about 1,000 acres of salt marsh in the towns of Wellfleet and Truro.
- Highland Affordable Housing completed its HOME-supported two-unit affordable rental development at Helen's Way.
- The HOME Consortium made a conditional commitment of \$125,000 in HOME funds to Community Housing Resource for its Sally's Way 16-unit affordable family rental development on town-donated land.
- 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 six automatic traffic-recorder counts on road segments in Truro.
- The Commission developed a scope of work for a Provincetown/Truro Bicycle Master Plan.
- The Commission performed a speed study on Corn Hill Road.
- The Commission prepared a report for the town summarizing traffic-calming strategies and associated costs.
- The Commission conducted the annual Pond and Lake Stewardship (PALS) freshwater ponds sampling snapshot for Duck and Great ponds.

*Regulatory Activities*

DRI Reviews Ongoing at Year End

- Herring River Restoration – the proposed restoration of about 1,000 acres of salt marsh in the towns of Wellfleet and Truro.

**Cape Cod Cooperative Extension**

- 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).
- Ninety-eight participants of all ages visited the Coastal Explorer at the Truro Public Library one day in July.
  - A total of 31 children and 14 adults participated in 3 separate marine science classes held at the Truro Public Library during two days in July and one day in August.
  - One hundred thirty-one students in grades K-6 at Truro Central School participated in 7 marine science classes offered through the Coastal Explorer vehicle during May. Teachers were provided with the *Coastal Explorer Curriculum Guide*.
  - A new 4-H venture was established in Truro with a 4-H Community Garden project that resulted in two 4-H clubs. One club actually planted and tended the garden the other made scientific observations and drew the garden as it progressed in their gardening journals. Then they harvested their garden and entered vegetables into the Truro Agricultural Fair and have been donating more produce to Truro Elementary School. 4-H members in these clubs are from Truro, Provincetown and Wellfleet.
  - A “4-H presents the 4 R’s Recycling Program” for Earth Day reached 129 Truro Elementary students in grades K-6 offered four activities to participate in, playing a game from recycled plastics, composting, making recycled crafts and learning about sorting recycled materials into proper receptacles.
  - Truro Library hosts a Babysitting Program annually during February vacation, and this year was no exception. Children’s Librarian Maggie Hanelt is a strong partner, and teaches the course with the 4-H curriculum and support.
  - The towns of Truro and Provincetown 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, Truro and Provincetown 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.
  - Cape Cod Bay in Truro was assessed and monitored as one of the potential sites for eelgrass restoration and subsequently chosen for experimental eelgrass transplanting to assess its potential for a full-scale restoration effort.
  - Marine staff responded to concerns about shellfish diseases, red-tide and provided information and technical assistance.
  - Technical assistance and educational programs were also provided to town personnel, and local citizens.
  - Household hazardous waste collections conducted for Truro in 2010 provided the following data: Truro residents represented 64 cars and 83 households in three Outer Cape HHW collections. A total of 1,730 gallons / 6,990 pounds of hazardous waste was collected at the Truro 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 Truro in 2010: 13 fever thermometers, 0 lab thermometers, 19 thermostats, 3.0 pounds of elemental mercury, and 0 blood pressure gauges.
- A total of 26 road and marine flares were collected in the Town of Truro by Cape Cod Cooperative Extension in 2010.
- Sharps containers provided by Cape Cod Cooperative Extension in 2009 sustained the need of the Town of Truro through 2010. During 2010 Cape Cod Cooperative Extension paid for the disposal of two cubic yard boxes of used sharps containers by the Town of Truro. The disposal cost for all full sharps containers returned to the town was paid for by Barnstable County / Cape Cod Cooperative Extension.
- Six issues out of the year-long series of *Pumpkin Post & Banana Beat* newsletters have been distributed in collaboration with Truro elementary schools to 21 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.
- A Master Gardener assisted in the development of a community garden in the Town of Truro.
- Thirty-five residents received technical information from the Plant Clinic via phone call, office visit, 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.

### **Fire & Rescue Training Academy**

- Cold Water Rescue
  - 1 Firefighter
- Firefighter I&II
  - 2 Firefighters
- Flashover
  - 2 Firefighters
- Thermal Imager
  - Firefighters

8 Students \$5,400.00 Dollar Value 63 Day Value, 560 Hour Value

## **Department of Health & Environment**

- Responded to 16 residential and commercial referrals for Indoor Air Quality (IAQ), hazardous material issues, or Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) assistance (12 residential/commercial IAQ/housing, four commercial industrial hazardous materials).
- Conducted Advanced Right to Know and Blood borne Pathogen Training for Outer Cape Health Services (67 people).
- Providing full EHS assistance for Outer Cape for review of Spill Plan, Infection Control Plan, PPE and Chemical storage plan-included on site walk-thru, plan review and re-write and implementation.
- Provided annual IAQ assessment and EHS inspection of Truro Police Department-approximate savings to town \$2500.
- Coordinated County and Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps nurse and volunteer staff scheduling for town's H1N1 influenza immunization clinics
- Coordinated County and Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps nurse and volunteer staff scheduling for regional adult immunization clinic; 9 adult immunizations (shingles, Td, Tdap, MMR, varicella, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, pneumonia) given to Truro residents at no charge. Acted as an evaluator for the HSEEP compliant public health preparedness drill conducted at this clinic
- Attended all Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) meetings and assisted with numerous H1N1 planning sessions.
- Provided over 40 hours of professional services to assist in public health emergency preparedness planning and immunization clinics.
- Secured a grant for the collection and laboratory analyses of marine beach samples. Sampling of marine water was conducted weekly at seven sites; Dune's Colony (# 648 Shore Rd), Crow's Nest (# 496 Shore Rd), Sunset Village (#372 Shore Rd), Cold Storage/Pond Village, Noon's Landing, Pamet Harbor, and Beach Point Landing. Monthly sampling of marine water was conducted at eight sites; Ballston Beach, Coast Guard Beach, Corn Hill Beach, Fisher Beach, Great Hollow, Head of the Meadow, Longnook, and Ryder Beach. The Truro 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 Truro for posting at all beaches.
- Created ClinicACE, an internet-based immunization clinic preregistration system and successfully pre-registered 2 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 16 innovative/alternative wastewater treatment units.
- Continued Carmody Innovative/Alternative(I/A) Septic System Database User Fee collection, invoicing I/A operators for 11 systems for which they are responsible for reporting to the database.
- Approximately 40 inspections were performed in support of the Town Health Department during the seasonal influx of tourists.

- Turo and Provincetown F.D. and P.D., 27 Tuberculosis tests, three Hepatitis B shots, eight Hepatitis A shots, 3 MMR shots, 10 Tdap shots
- Truro Fire Dept., 2nd Hepatitis B, 1 shot given
- Truro and Provincetown Fire Depts., 3rd Hepatitis B, two shots given and 2nd Hepatitis A, three shots given.
- Secured home betterment loans for the correction of one septic system within the town (\$20,550).
- Two inspections of every tobacco retailer and two tobacco compliance checks of each tobacco retailer were conducted.
- Assisted the Town of Truro by achieving Tier 2 Hazardous Chemical Emergency Reporting compliance for one facility.
- Made training and guidance available for the facility on Tier 2 Hazardous Chemical Reporting under SARA Title III.
- Assisted town Health Department staff in meeting the deliverables of the CDC/MDPH Health Agents Coalition grant, as well as state mandates in public health emergency planning.
- Coordinated the organization, documentation and delivery of a flu supply “go kit” for the town health department.

#### **Department of Human Services**

- Co-sponsored a suicide prevention community forum (March 2011)
- The HRC chair and coordinator met mid-year with the Boards of Selectmen at their regional meeting, and began a process to name a representative to serve as a liaison between the town and the HRC, support human rights, and advise HRC about issues particular to the town.

#### **Resource Development Office/AmeriCorps Cape Cod**

- Town Beach Cleanup  
Members worked with community volunteers to do a town-wide beach cleanup.