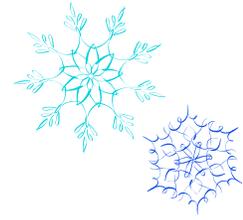




Saugus River Watershed Council



5 December 2019

Dear members and friends,

Thanks to generous financial support and volunteer efforts from members like you, the Saugus River Watershed Council is making significant progress in protecting and restoring the natural resources of the Saugus River watershed. I hope you will consider making a tax-deductible donation for our Annual Appeal to help us continue our important work during 2020.

With improving water quality, the Saugus River watershed provides valuable habitat for fish and other wildlife. This past spring marked a decade of partnership with the MA Division of Marine Fisheries and the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission with a ramp enabling over 6,500 American eels to migrate upstream over a dam into Reedy Meadow.

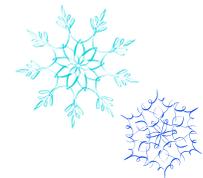
Educating young people about environmental stewardship is vital to protecting and restoring our natural resources for the future. Through our partnership with New England Discovery, over 1,000 students participated in classroom and field-based environmental education programs during 2019. Thanks to your help, we continue to offer these innovative watershed awareness programs free to students and schools in our 11 watershed communities -- Saugus, Lynn, Revere, Wakefield, Lynnfield, Melrose, Malden, Everett, Peabody, Reading and Stoneham. We are looking to expand our education program in the coming year and would love your support.

During 2020, we attended public hearings and wrote comment letters regarding projects such as Wheelabrator, Strawberry Brook in Lynn MVP, and Rumney Marsh. Our comments focused on improving water quality, reducing stormwater pollution, and protecting wetlands and buffer zones.

As we look to the future, we anticipate additional water quality improvements as Saugus, Lynn and Revere continue to upgrade their sewer and stormwater infrastructure. We plan to focus attention on the Rumney Marshes Salt Marsh ACEC restoration plan. Removal of the I-95 embankment and restoration of the hydrology of the impacted marsh, would be one of the largest salt marsh restoration projects with the greatest benefits for the Massachusetts Coast. At the same time, we are working with local groups as major projects and building takes place to assure protection to coastal waters off of Saugus, Lynn, Revere and other North Shore communities.

We look forward to working with you during 2020 to improve our local environment and offer new programs for the public to enjoy the natural beauty and wildlife of the Saugus River watershed.

Wishing you and your families a happy and healthy 2020!



Mary Lester

Thank you for your continued support!

2019 Annual Appeal Contribution

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation in support of the Saugus River Watershed Council's efforts to protect the natural resources of the watershed during 2015. Contributions of any size are appreciated.

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$ _____

Name: _____

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