

An aerial photograph of Quissett Harbor, a scenic coastal area. The water is a deep blue, and numerous sailboats are scattered across the harbor. In the foreground, a rocky peninsula with some greenery and a few people is visible. The background shows a dense forest of trees and several houses nestled among them. The sky is a clear, light blue, suggesting a bright day.

BUILDING RESOURCES FOR RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust

Capital Campaign 2021

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Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust needs your help to raise \$1,000,000 over the next five years to continue our work to protect Quissett Harbor.

- Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust (QHPT) was formed in 2000 to address the deterioration of the Knob's rock armor. The rock armor protects the fragile ecosystem of the Knob from battering surf and storms.
- QHPT's mission also includes the preservation of Quissett Harbor. We work to control bank erosion, maintain beaches and monitor water quality.
- Partners building upon the work we've done include:
 - **Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries**, the primary owner of the Knob
 - **Quissett Harbor House Land Trust, Inc.**, a land conservation group that owns two acres of the Knob and grants public easements
 - **The Town of Falmouth**, specifically the Conservation Commission
- With the completion of the \$1.2M project to repair the Knob's rock armor, we need to build resources so we can continue our responsible stewardship.

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With your help, our Trust has a solid track record protecting the Knob and maintaining the land, beaches and shoreline.

- \$1.3M was invested in 2004 to restore the rock armor.
- Since then, 17 winters of Northwest storms have caused substantial damage and erosion.
- Another \$1.2M is being invested in 2021 to:
 - Restore the Northwest wedge facing Buzzards Bay
 - Restore deterioration along the narrow causeway and the adjacent Dumped Stone Wedge at the Knob
 - Protect eroding banks facing the outer harbor and Gansett near the wooden steps
- QHPT and Salt Pond have spent over \$400,000 maintaining the 12 acres of the Knob, the coastline and inland paths over these 17 years.

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Quissett Harbor and the Knob have repair and maintenance needs over the next five years.

Causeway \$350,000

- Restore the 150 feet of the Causeway.
- Available resources required that we stop restoring the rock armor half-way down the Causeway.
- Our contractor can return late Fall 2021 and winter 2022 to complete the project.

Invasive Plants \$300,000

- Eradicate invasive plants.
- Invasive plants, often nonnative, are destroying native species and promoting erosion.
- Removing the invasive plants and trees and replanting with native species will protect the land and improve our views of the harbor and Buzzards Bay.

Erosion Restoration \$150,000

- Restore areas on the harbor side of the Knob that are experiencing increased cliff/beach erosion.

Replenish Reserve \$200,000

- Replenish the reserve fund.
- This resource is critical to our ability to respond to unexpected damage caused by winter storms or other environmental circumstances.
- The critical nature of the 2020 restoration demanded that we use much of the reserve.
- We must replenish the fund now to be responsibly prepared for the future.

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Our Quissett community has a track record of supporting responsible stewardship.

- Our first capital campaign in early 2000 raised \$1.6M.
- The 2004 Knob restoration project cost \$1.3M, leaving \$300,000 to start our Endowment Fund.
- The 2016–2019 capital campaign raised \$560,000. Annual contributions, less expenditures spent on maintenance projects, built our balance sheet to \$1.3M.
- When we complete the 2021 rock-armor-repair project, our Endowment Fund will be reduced to \$200,000.
- We need your help to continue our stewardship of Quissett Harbor.

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The QHPT Board members are unanimous in their financial support of this capital campaign, pledging \$310,000 over four years.

- We are underway approaching new families who have joined our community and have received \$165,000 in pledges.
- In late spring and summer of 2021, we will approach our faithful stewards who have supported previous capital campaigns.
- Winter 2021–2022 is our target to announce our campaign publicly and report on the commitments made to building resources for responsible stewardship.

LONG TERM STEWARDSHIP

Our objective is to raise \$1,000,000 for projects over the next five years.

- Even as we work on immediate needs, we must plan for how we will maintain our stewardship of Quissett Harbor and the Knob over the long term.
- We must continue to be a vibrant organization so we can address the issues you care about.
- In addition to regular maintenance, future interests will include:
 - **Water Quality.** The rising level of nitrogen in Quissett Harbor is of deep concern. We must develop strategies to reduce this level.
 - **Sea-level Rise.** This is harming the drainage of Quissett Harbor Road and threatens to damage the sea wall. Quissett Harbor Road is regularly inundated at high tides, a problem that will worsen over time. Eventually the Town will need to raise the sea wall and the elevation of the road as well as re-engineer drainage.
 - **Education.** By providing educational opportunities, we become partners with our community, building understanding and fostering commitment.
- **Thank you for your support of Quissett!**