

BBAC MISSION STATEMENT:

The Buzzards Bay Action Committee, by recognizing that the drainage basins of Buzzards Bay crosses municipal boundaries; that the future of the Bay depends on the quality of neighboring communities to control the quality of their environment through regional communication and cooperation among municipal, state and federal agencies responsible for managing the Bay and its watershed.

The Buzzards Bay Action Committee agree to exchange information and ideas that will expedite the region's ability to implement sound environmental regulations and by-laws to protect and enhance our mutual resource, Buzzards Bay.

We agree to review and update our individual town by-laws and regulations so as to voluntarily:

- **Manage nitrogen sensitive embayments**
- **Protect and enhance shellfish resources**
- **Control stormwater runoff**
- **Manage wastes from boats**
- **Manage individual septic systems**
- **Prevent oil pollution**
- **Protect wetlands and marine habitat**
- **Plan for a shifting shoreline**
- **Reduce/eliminate toxic pollution**
- **Manage dredging and disposal of dredged materials**

The Buzzards Bay Action Compact, signed in January 1991 by 12 Buzzards Bay municipalities in support of the draft Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for Buzzards Bay.

The goals of the CCMP are to control stormwater runoff, better manage individual septic systems, protect coastal and inland wetlands and marine habitats, reduce and eliminate toxic pollution, protect and enhance shellfish resources, prevent oil pollution, protect, enhance and restore natural ecosystems and habitats, vernal pools, watershed habitats biodiversity, impaired marine and freshwater wetlands, and anadromous fish runs and to protect marine and freshwater quality to ensure plentiful and clean water for people and wildlife.

Number one goal is to continue to implement the goals of the CCMP.

- The BBAC will facilitate coordination of grant applications based on town needs
- Work with Planning Boards, Public Works Departments and Conservation Commissions to more effectively address stormwater management and remediations through improved consistency in developing regional regulations and zoning bylaws and implementation of Phase II stormwater programs
- Work with Shellfish Departments and Boards of Health to increase shellfish resources for recreation and commercial use
- Work with municipalities to pursue Clean Vessel Act funds to protect Buzzards Bay water quality

- Work cooperatively with the Coalition for Buzzards Bay and the Buzzards Bay Project to review ongoing municipal efforts to address regional goals to implement recommendations in the CCMP
- Work with municipalities to minimize oil pollution in Buzzards Bay
- Work with municipalities to address the continued need for household hazardous waste collections
- Provide public education and information regarding the above goals

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