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# WATERSHED NEWS

## Celebrate Our Earth in April



Every day is Earth Day for the Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition, the Waldo County Climate Action Coalition and the many other organizations in our area working to preserve our beautiful environment. But, as the snow turns to rain and our environment turns from gray to green, April is a wonderful time to renew our appreciation for all the wonder our earth holds.

You can celebrate Earth Day on **April 22** by joining BBWC and the Waldo County Climate Action Coalition at **6:30pm** when the **Colonial Theatre** will show *A Peace of Forest*. This compelling, feature-length film celebrates the beauty and intimacy of wildlife in Maine by showcasing surprising, tender and exquisite interactions of wildlife during peaceful moments in Maine's natural world. After the film, Thomas and Lee Ann Szelog, award winning photographers and passionate wildlife advocates, will discuss the making of the film. There will be a \$15.00 admission charge for this event.

Join BBWC and other environmental organizations in celebrating Earth Day the whole month of April with programs and outings:

**April 1 - April 30 – “A Celebration of Earth”- RSU 71 Student Art Show**  
Abbott Room, Belfast Free Library

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Earth Day Activities, continued from page 1.

## Tuesday, April 1, 6:00 - 7:30 pm - Our Maine Fibershed: Change Your Fiber and Help the Climate

with Pat Harpell, cofounder of Maine Fibershed. Abbott Room, Belfast Free Library. *See Programs, page 10, for details.*

## Wednesday, April 2, 6:00 - 7:30 pm - Grow Your Own Organic Garden!

Learn about the basics of organic gardening with the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association. Abbott Room, Belfast Free Library. See <https://www.waldoclimateaction.org/events-calendar.html> for details.

## Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 - 8:00 pm - A Fierce Green Fire: The Battle for a Living Planet

This is the first big-picture exploration of the environmental movement – grassroots and global activism spanning fifty years from conservation to climate change. Sponsored by the Sierra Club of Maine and Waldo County Climate Action Coalition. See <https://www.waldoclimateaction.org/events-calendar.html> for details.

## Saturday, April 19, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. - Earth Day Paddle on the Goose River

Paddle the Goose River from Swanville into Belfast. *See Outings, page 8, for details.*

## Sunday, April 20, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Earth Day Hike on Sears Island

*See Outings, page 8, for details.*

## Saturday, April 26, at 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Gratitude Hike on Sears Island

Sierra Club Maine is hosting an Earth Day hike on Sears Island in Searsport. See <https://www.sierraclub.org/maine/events> for details.

# What Happened at BBWC in 2024? We Were Busy!



- ◆ 150+ volunteers working on BBWC programs (*see page 3*)
- ◆ 23 Penobscot Bay Stewards learning about our watershed
- ◆ 300+ next generation environmentalists educated in our Making Friends with Nature, Fish Friends, Troy Howard Merlin Program and Hurricane Island natural literacy programs in area schools
- ◆ 17 water quality monitoring volunteers sampling eight onshore and offshore sites
- ◆ 35 educational walks, talks, paddles and hikes
- ◆ Plus, maintaining the Little River trail, joining the Healthy Beaches program and organizing activities for Earth Week and Bird Week.
- ◆ All this and more was celebrated at BBWC's Annual Meeting on February 27.

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# Thank you Volunteers!

We couldn't do it without them. With only two part-time contractual staff, almost all programs and administrative tasks are performed by volunteers. We want to thank those listed below for all their wonderful efforts.

Cathryn Aiken	Bill Colcord	Josh Goldstein*	Sally Jones	Katie McDonald	Dave Thomas
Maeve Arthurs	Caryn Converse	Barbara Gordon	Jenni Judkins	Aleta McKeage	Tina Baker Thurber
Bruce Bailey	Marcia Cooper	Marjie Gormley	Cathy Kemper	Mariane McKinney	Lauren Tieje
Beverly Baker	Jennifer Craig	Howard Green	Anita King	Linda Meadows	John Tipping*
Van Bankston	Nelle Davis	Mickey Green	Marley Kormann	Peter Millard	Dianne Torresen
Jon Beal	Paul DeOrsay	Sam Green	Amy Kroll	Joanne Moesswilde	Sarah Torresen
Rachel Beckford	Robin Duffy	Gary Gulezian	Cassie Kromer	Lynda Munro	Hubie Townsend
Martha Beiser	Russ Eagleston	Steve Guyan	Joel Krueger	Lauren Murray	Tyrone Townsend
Susan Belair	Jane Earley	Kate Hanson*	Charlie Lamonica	Rene Ouellet	Nancy Trimper
Barbara Bell	Tom Earley	Jane Hardy	Drew Laughland	Lisa Pohlmann	Don Trites
Sally Bennett	Chuck Easley	Carol Harrell	Ned Lightner	Diane Post	Ruth Trites
Emily Berry	Barbara Egan	Ron Harrell	Kristen Lindquist	Jenny Presley	Sarah Trites
Iris Bird	Jonathan Ellis	Meg Haskell	Deb Lindstrom	Gene Randall*	Judy Walker
Greg Biddinger*	Emily Estes	Connie Hatch	Maeve Littlefield	Lawrence Reichard	Sandy Wallace
Rafe Blood	Kevin Finnigan	Laura Hepner	Karen Lotito	Lee Reilly	Dick Warren
Dave Bond	Rick Fitzsimmons	Paula Heron	Mike Lotito	Kathleen Reilly-	Lavinia Welch
Judy Bond	Gef Flimlin	Kip Hillman	Sandy Lord	Repass	David Wessels
Michael Bowe	Lorenzo Forcella	Sam Hughes	Skip Luken	Mike Repass	Glen Widmer
Joy Bowles*	Ridgely Fuller	Sally Jones	Jeffrey Mabee	Ben Rosenthal	Cheryl Wienges
Elliot Bradbury	Jacque Gage	Ann Kennedy*	Maine Midcoast	Jack Shaida	Janet Williams
Paul Briggs	Sarah Garbe	John Krueger	Reentry Center	Nina Shepperson	Holly Wise
Chantal Brouillard	Kathie Gass	Kim Ingraham	Steve Mars	Jeff Shula	Cortland Wolfe
Cloe Chunn*	Noah Gilchrist*	Rusty Ingraham	Chris Mattson	Kris Shula*	Jessica Young
Meredith Coffin	Pat Gladding*	Larry Jones	Teddy Mattson	Cyrene Slegona	* BBWC Board
Alan Cohen	Sharon Goguen	Sharon Jones	Roy McAlpine	Suetta Tenney	Member

**And many thanks to those below who gave their time, energy and knowledge to make our programs a success.**

Heather Augustine	Denise Buckley	Kathy Given	George Jacobson	Keith Miller	Ian Stewart
Jonathan Bell	Ellie Daniels	Prentice Grassi	Catherine Johnson	Rolf Olsen	Astrig Tanguay
Martha Bell	Corliss Davis	Alyssa Gregory	Travis Long	Matt O'Malia	Steve Tanguay
Bobbi Billings	Don Desrosiers	Tom Groening	Chuck Loring	Megan Pinette	John Tipping
Bailey Bowden	Russ Eagleston	Brenda Harrington	Misty Mallar	Jennifer Riefler	Ronnie Trundy
Mike Bowe	Mattie Eberly	Don Hudson	Teddy Mattson	Charles Rolsky	Fred Yost
Chantal Brouillard	Landon Fake	Staff of Hurricane	Ashley Megquier	Jack Shaida	
Maulian Bryant	Maria Girouard	Island	Dan Miller	Scott Smith	

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# BBWC's Natural Literacy Program: Making Friends with Nature 2024 Annual Report

*“When I say PHOTO, you say SYNTHESIS.  
PHOTO SYNTHESIS,  
PHOTOSYNTHESIS!”*

This word has taken center stage this year in the Natural Literacy classes taught by Jenni Judkins, BBWC's talented natural literacy educator. Students learned that the remarkable process of photosynthesis is fueled by the sun's energy, which fixes the carbon from CO<sub>2</sub> into sugar releasing oxygen. Through games, songs and exciting discoveries in the fields, forests and ponds that surround their school, students grew to appreciate the complex and important role of photosynthesis in the marvels of evolution.



Natural Literacy Educator  
Jenni Judkins

The verdant, flower-filled September days at the start of the school year provided a wonderful introduction to biodiversity. While getting to know each other, students welcomed two new mascots into their circle, a cuddly sheep named Baaa-ony (Botany) and Chlorophyll (who began as a solar powered green groundhog but, due to a breaking fall from the backpack, became a green frog puppet). Chlorophyll led the students in singing her name and learning her talents. Students learned some organic chemistry through numerous rounds of Photosynthesis Tag in which the “animal tagger” converted O<sub>2</sub> to CO<sub>2</sub> while another “plant tagger” converted CO<sub>2</sub> to O<sub>2</sub>.

Summer became Autumn and, with the change in seasons, pollination and seed dispersal made way for lessons focusing on the changing leaf colors. Students learned about xanthophyll (yellow pigments) and anthocyanin (bright red pigments). As the leaves fell to the ground, students became acquainted with their deciduous neighbors - Ash Tree, Quaking Aspen Tree, Big Tooth Aspen Tree, Oak Tree, Beech Tree and, finally, White Birch Tree and Gray Birch Tree.



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When all the deciduous trees were bare, the students shook the boughs of their conifer friends—Hemlock Tree, Balsam Fir Tree, White Pine Tree and the three native Spruce Trees – Black, Red and White. They collected their cones and imagined the time when the conifers ruled the land.

Students learned how trees support hundreds of lives of animals (including us!) and plants by providing food, homes, building and nesting materials, refuge, and perches for mammals, birds, insects, fungi, lichens, mosses, and many others.

As the winter solstice drew nigh, classes celebrated with a Forest Tea. The first little paper cup with tea – red from passion flower, sweet with honey and fragrant with mint and needles from balsam fir – passed from hand to hand as each student shared the joy they found in the forest. The last to share poured the liquid out to share with the forest that provided this joy. Once each student had a filled cup, hands were raised in a CHEER TO OUR FOREST!



Schools/Grades	# Students	Program Hours	Student Hours
Nickerson- 4 <sup>th</sup> g	19	4	76
Ames -3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> g	49	20	328
Searsport – K, 1 <sup>st</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> g	49	20	245.5
CASS	88	43.5	648
Weymouth - K	38	16.5	313.5
Wagner – 8 <sup>th</sup> g	60	9	180
<b>Totals</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1,791</b>

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# Public Composting Comes to Waldo County

by Dianne Torresen, Community Compost Collaborative



The threat and challenges of climate change are overwhelming, but what can individuals do about it that really matters? A small group of former Pen Bay Stewards came up with a plan. Corliss Davis, Marje Stickler and Dianne Torresen recognized that composting food waste shrinks landfills and produces a climate friendly soil conditioner. It's a powerful action that almost everyone can do.

But, while some people can recycle food scraps and yard waste in their own backyards, many in our community – especially older residents and renters - lack the ability, means, space, or time to manage composting on their own. Calling themselves the Community Compost Collaborative, Corliss, Dianne, Marje and Brenda Harrington from the Belfast Free Library got together in 2023 to figure out how to bring free and readily accessible community composting to Belfast.

The Collaborative explored several options for a food waste drop-off site. After much research, it became clear that ScrapDogs, a local composting business, offered the best composting services at the lowest cost. In July 2024, the Belfast City Council unanimously approved the ScrapDogs proposal for a one-year pilot compost station at the Belfast Transfer Station.

In this pilot program, Belfast residents are offered two ways to dispose of food waste for composting. Public drop-off allows anyone who is entitled to use the Belfast transfer station to collect food waste in their own containers and dump them into lidded bins. A monthly paid subscription service to ScrapDogs (<https://scrapdogscompost.com>) allows customers to pick up and drop off designated five-gallon food waste buckets which ScrapDogs then collects. Customers are offered up to 20 bags of finished compost per year.

In only three months, between November 1, 2024, when the program began. and the end of January 2025, over 4,000 pounds of food waste were dropped off at the transfer station and composted, reducing the city's waste transportation and disposal costs.

This continued effort will help mitigate climate change. Decomposing organic matter in landfills produces methane, which is at least 28 times more potent at trapping heat in the atmosphere than CO<sub>2</sub>. Also, since landfills are designed for dry trash, wet garbage like food waste leaches dangerous chemicals into land and water nearby.

There is yet another important reason to compost. Forty percent of food produced for our consumption is wasted every year and 97% of that ends up in landfills. According to Food Rescue Maine at the University of Maine Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions, food waste accounts for about 24% of all the garbage in landfills. Composting helps recapture some of the resources lost to food waste and the compost created and used by local residents and farmers supports our local community by improving the crops they grow and we consume.

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# Nordic Abandons Plans for a Salmon Farm in Belfast

by Jeff Shula



The Little River Trail will remain a lovely walk.

In January, after more than six years of environmental studies and legal wrangling, Nordic Aquafarms abandoned its plans to build a \$500 million salmon farm in Belfast. Upstream Watch, a local environmental organization, immediately hailed it as "a HUGE win for Belfast, the Little River, and Penobscot Bay."

According to Friends of Harriet L. Hartley Conservation Area press secretary Andrew Stevenson, "Credit for stopping the company from building its facility goes to everyone who testified against it at public hearings, donated to citizen action organizations that mobilized to defend the Penobscot Bay and Maine's midcoast, wrote letters to newspapers, or talked with friends and neighbors about the long-term damage such an industrial enterprise can do."

First proposed in 2018, the \$500 million project was planned by the Norwegian company on former Belfast water district property along the Little River reservoir, with intake and outflow pipes extending into Penobscot Bay.

Opponents warned that nutrient-rich effluent would contain a variety of pollutants and would warm the waters of the bay. They said the 28 megawatts of electricity powering the plant would create a significant carbon footprint and would require a \$63 million upgrade by Central Maine Power Company to provide the electricity. "There is a place for industrial development, but it's not on land with mature forests and rivers and wetlands," Jill Howell of Upstream Watch said on News Center Maine after the decision.

Nordic had received local, state, and federal permits for the project, but spent millions on legal challenges that were ultimately insurmountable. Among those challenges was the question of who controlled the intertidal zone where pipelines were set to go. The Maine Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Friends of Harriet L. Hartley Conservation Area in the case. And in 2024, when opponents challenged the seizure of the mudflats by eminent domain, the Belfast City Council reversed its decision to claim the disputed mudflats, stripping Nordic of its access to the intertidal zone. Following its decision to pull the plug on the salmon farm, Nordic placed its 54 acres for sale at an asking price of \$2 million.

Despite the removal of one threat, Upstream Watch is continuing to keep tabs on the Little River site. "We recognize that this property and the lower Little River ecosystem are still vulnerable to other industrial development, and we remain committed to ensuring the protection of this land," said Upstream Watch on its website.

According to a Bangor Daily News report, Nordic has agreed to pay Upstream Watch \$125,000 within two years, or upon the sale of its Belfast property. Friends of Harriet L. Hartley Conservation Area, Judith Grace and Jeffrey Mabee also still have outstanding legal claims against Nordic and continue on in their efforts to seek fair compensation as well as the protection of this land. They are seeking \$2.5 million in damages from Nordic.

"How willing Nordic is to fairly compensate the people who suffered the most from the company's stubborn campaign of regulatory manipulation, self-serving public relations, and legalized bullying will tell us much about the lasting legacy of this 'Nordic saga,'" summed up Andrew Stevenson on the Harriet Hartley website. Meanwhile, according to Seafood Media Group, Nordic has moved on to the West Coast proposing to build a facility in Humboldt, California to raise yellowtail kingfish.

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# Spring Outings



## Saturday, April 19, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Earth Day Paddle on the Goose River

Paddle the Goose River from Swanville into Belfast. Join us at the put-in just below the Swan Lake dam, near Swan Lake Grocery, at 9:00. Bring water, lunch, protection from sun, wind, and rain. Binoculars helpful.

## Sunday, April 20, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Earth Day Hike on Sears Island

We'll meet at 9:00 am at the gate on Sears Island. Bring water, lunch, and protection from weather and ticks. Binoculars helpful.



# Cathy Morgan Bird Week May 10 - 17



Join us in welcoming our fine feathered friends as thousands of birds migrate back into our region - and we do mean 'thousands.' Check out Bird Cast, a free web page that reports the numbers of birds at <https://birdcast.info/> and search for Waldo County. The number of birds flying in is amazing. Get your sneakers on and polish up your binoculars because those birds won't watch themselves.

Cathy Morgan Bird Week (named for an avid BBWC birder and late BBWC board member) is full of birdy activities, including a series of bird walks at local preserves with expert birders, a paddle on Marsh River and a lively and entertaining talk by Nick Lund of the Maine Audubon Society. All activities are free. Join us and bring a friend:

## May 1 - May 31 - "Celebrating Our Fine Feathered Friends"

Kramer Gallery, Belfast Free Library—Exhibit of art depicting birds by local artists



## Saturday, May 10 - Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day!

Birds love Sears Island, a national eBird hotspot. Meet Maine Master Naturalist Cloe Chunn and Todd Miller at the Sears Island gate at 7:00 am and see the birds that flock to the island. Be ready for warblers in the trees and waders along the shore – and maybe an osprey or two. This walk is ADA-accessible, parking is easy and there are rustic facilities.

## Sunday, May 11 - Celebrate Mother's Day with a Bird Walk

You're invited to BBWC board member Cloe Chunn and David Thanhauser's farm, 210 Oak Hill Road in Swanville, between 7:00-10:00 am to spot birds at their pond, in the woods and fields and along the Wescot Stream.



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**Monday, May 12 - Bird Walk on the Rocky Knolls Trail**

Maine Master Naturalist Erik Klausmayer will lead the bird walk at the Rocky Knolls Trail. Meet at 7:00 am at the Rocky Knolls Tract of Meadow Brook Preserve of the Coastal Mountains Land Trust, 397 Oak Hill Road, Swanville.

**Tuesday May 13 – This day is definitely “for the birds”!**



**7:00 am: - Bird Walk on Sears Island**

Come to Sears Island and join Erik Klausmayer at Sears Island gate. People come from all over the country to watch birds on this island and it’s well worth the trip. This walk is ADA-accessible.

**6:30 pm: Welcoming our Returning Migrant Birds: Who They Are, Where They’re From**

Spend an informative evening with Nick Lund of Maine Audubon in the Abbott Room at the Belfast Free Library. *See Programs, page 10 for details.*

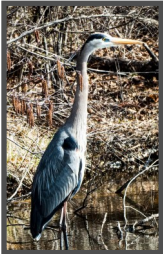
**Wednesday, May 14 - Bird Walk at Head of Tide**

Meet Todd Miller at 7:00 am at Head of Tide Preserve, Coastal Mountains Land Trust, 85 Doak Road, Belfast.



**Thursday, May 15 - Bird Walk at the Ducktrap River Preserve**

Meet Kristin Lindquist and Gary Gulezian at 7:00 am at the Coastal Mountains Land Trust’s Ducktrap River Preserve on Route 52 in Lincolnville for a beautiful walk through the springtime woods.



**Friday, May 16 - Bird Walk on the Belfast Rail Trail**

Meet Cloe Chunn at the Center Parking Lot (a.k.a. Upper Bridge) at 7:00 am. This walk is ADA-accessible.

**Saturday, May 17 - Paddle and bird the South Branch of the Marsh River**

Meet Cloe Chunn at 12:00 noon at the Frankfort Boat Launch on Rt. 1A. Bring your boat, paddle, PFD, water, lunch, protection from sun, wind, rain. This is a four hour trip.

All walks begin at 7:00 am, except the May 17 paddle trip. Bring binoculars, dress for the weather, and bring protection from sun, bugs and rain. FMI: Cloe 338-1147. Phone calls only, please.

**BBWC’s Second Annual Walk and Roll for Conservation**

Saturday, May 31, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
 Steamboat Landing Park & Belfast Harbor Walk

Join us one and all as we celebrate our beautiful environment, our diverse community and the many ways we are uniting to promote conservation of our watershed and Belfast Bay.

The walk is ADA accessible and there will be an ASL interpreter.  
 For information about exhibiting or attending, contact Cloe Chunn - cloechunn@gmail.com

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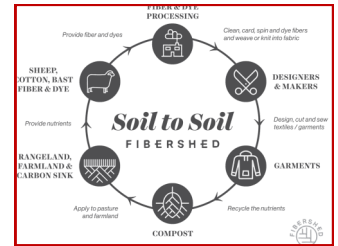
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# Spring Programs

**Tuesday, April 1, 6:00 - 7:30 pm – Our Maine Fibershed: Change Your Fiber and Help the Climate - Pat Harpell, Co-founder of Maine Fibershed**

A Fibershed is a geographical region where natural fiber is produced, processed, made into textiles and ultimately composted. Local natural fiber producers, processors and artisans are the building blocks of a regional Fibershed. Pat will discuss Maine Fibershed and how your fiber choices can influence climate change. Sponsored by Waldo County Climate Action Coalition and the Belfast Free Library.



**Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 - 8:00 pm — Welcoming our Returning Migrant Birds: Who They Are, Where They're From” - Nick Lund - Advocacy and Outreach Manager, Maine Audubon Society**

Millions of birds of hundreds of different species pour into Maine each spring, and it can be an overwhelming experience for birders. Join Maine Audubon to calm your nerves about spring migration, learning about why and how it happens, and what species to expect. If you ever thought talk about birds was dull, you’ll change your mind after you hear Nick’s stories! Sponsored by BBWC and the Belfast Free Library. This program is offered live and on ZOOM and will be available on the Library’s YouTube channel. Register for ZOOM at <http://belfastlibrary.org/events>

Nick Lund is Maine Audubon's Advocacy and Outreach Manager, and also the author of the American Birding Association's Field Guide to the Birds of Maine.

## Earth Day Celebration

### Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 pm

Celebrate Earth Day by joining BBWC and the Waldo County Climate Action Coalition at the Colonial Theatre for a special showing of *A Peace of Forest*.

This compelling, feature-length film, celebrates the beauty and intimacy of wildlife in Maine by showcasing surprising, tender and exquisite interactions of wildlife during peaceful moments in Maine’s natural world. There will be a talk with the film-makers after the film. There will be a \$15.00 admission fee for this event.

As passionate wildlife advocates, Tom and Lee Ann Szelog focus on the important role our natural world plays in our lives through their words, photographs, movie, presentations, fine-art exhibitions. From living in a lighthouse on the Maine coast to a log cabin in the Maine woods, Tom and Lee have documented life, human and wild, in two books. They strive to inspire people to help protect wildlife and their habitat for the benefit of all life, human and wild.

## Community Resilience Day

### Saturday, June 7, 10:00 - 3:00 pm

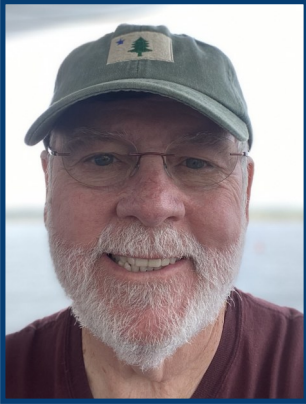
#### Steamboat Landing

Featuring local organizations, businesses, and speakers providing solutions for the changing climate. Sponsored by the Waldo County Climate Action Coalition.

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# *A Message from Our Board*

by Greg Biddinger, President



The year 2025 is the year of the Snake in Chinese astrology and is associated with transformation, renewal, growth and embracing change.

This seems like an accurate prediction for how the year has gone so far for our Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition (BBWC). We are deep into a strategic analysis of our organizational structure, processes and programs. BBWC Vice President Joy Bowles and Board member Josh Goldstein, both graduates of the Penobscot Bay Stewards Class of 2023, and Lynda Munro, Diana Post and Mike Lotito from the class of 2024 are leading the Board in a strategic planning exercise that will create a roadmap for the next 3-5 years.

We expect this self-assessment to lead to many areas of improvement, including the creation of a few standing committees that will act as coordinated hubs of activity for existing programs and new initiatives. These committees will provide opportunities for our members to get involved with directing BBWC's future efforts.

We've known for quite a while that we need to work on upgrading our communications strategies and platforms. Joy is leading an effort to evaluate and redesign our current website and develop a more effective social media strategy. If you go to the website ([www.belfastbaywatershed.org](http://www.belfastbaywatershed.org)) you will see the beginnings of that effort.

We hope to have wrestled these snakes to the ground by this Fall and we look forward to entering the 2026 Year of the Horse with a new sense of purpose and a better set of tools to we can use to further our stewardship of Belfast Bay.

BBWC Board Meetings are open to the public. They are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month September through June, 4:00-5:30 pm in the Abbott Room of the Belfast Free Library.

Contact [gbiddi@gmail.com](mailto:gbiddi@gmail.com) for dates of upcoming Board Meetings.  
We welcome your attendance and interest.

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## Volunteer Opportunities Available

The Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition is looking for committed individuals who are interested in the health of the Belfast Bay watershed and have time and energy to share. Work with a great group of people, have fun, and make a positive impact on our environment. At this time, we are looking for:

**Water Quality Volunteers:** Help monitor the quality of water in Belfast Bay. Learn how to take and assess samples of bay water and how to interpret results.

**Trail Crew for Little River Trail:** Trail Crews maintain the Little River Community Trail in Belfast and the Davis Bog Trail in Morrill. Crew members are called upon when trail work is needed. This work is fun, friendly, and very important to our community.

**Natural Literacy Volunteers:** Help train the next generation of eco-warriors in one of our many school and community based programs.

To get involved, see the list of Committee contacts on page 11.

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**Mission:** *The Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition works to support conservation and stewardship of natural, scenic and public access resources of the Belfast Bay watershed through research, community building and education.*

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