

Ambassador Role and Responsibilities: Your Opportunity to Become a Leader in Improving Montauk's Water Quality

Within the context of the Save the Lake - Save the Pond program, the role of ambassador will be as facilitator and liaison. CCOM will provide the education, training and tools necessary for ambassadors to recruit and guide residents in becoming stewards. Ambassadors will be the liaisons between CCOM and stewards, providing one-on-one assistance in reaching steward status.

Those who assume the role of ambassador will most likely be interested in becoming stewards themselves and wish to take a larger role in the program. * These are people who recognize the importance of community involvement in the quest to improve water quality in Lake Montauk and Fort Pond and are most likely already active members of the community. The time commitment will involve four hours of training followed by visits with stewards, typically requiring one or two site visits. The first site visit will be to work with the property owner to assess the site and set program goals; the second site visit will be a follow-up and to award "steward" status. Ambassadors will *not* be expected to manage a minimum number of stewards, as we recognize that each parcel of land involved will be different and the work required will vary. However, we hope to recruit as many stewards as possible, as progress overall will depend on the level of participation. The program will be reviewed and revised as needed and is expected to evolve and grow at a rate that is appropriate for ambassadors and their available time.

Following training, the ambassador will be familiar with the program criteria, the relationship between land use practices and water quality, basic site assessment, and strategies (action items) and how these can best be applied to individual sites. Ambassadors and CCOM representatives will share wisdom, advice and resources as needed.

**Those who wish to serve as Ambassadors are not required to live within the program boundaries of Lake Montauk and Fort Pond. But those outside the program boundaries are not eligible for steward enrollment.*

Ambassador Responsibilities

Training

Commit to four hours training (local water-quality issues, program framework, on-site training, tracking procedures)

Educate/Work with Stewards

In collaboration with the property owner, perform on-site visit(s) to assess existing conditions and suggest action items for "steward" status. Provide resources (available through CCOM or other sources) to successfully complete action items.

Tracking

Follow-up with the prospective steward to ensure action items have been completed. If yes, the ambassador records the owner/site as an official steward of the program. If no, the ambassador follows up with the property owner to encourage actions toward becoming a steward.