



**WATER
QUALITY**



**COASTAL
CONSERVATION**



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS & BECOME A CLEAN WATER ADVOCATE
JOIN CCOM'S SAVE THE LAKE - SAVE THE POND PROGRAM



**BECOME A STEWARD AND
HELP SAVE MONTAUK'S WATER**

The natural systems that filter and clean Lake Montauk and Fort Pond are overwhelmed.

CCOM has launched **Save the Lake – Save the Pond**, a comprehensive, community-based program to improve our water quality. By making some simple changes today, you can reduce nitrogen, limit harmful algal blooms, and ensure future generations will be able to enjoy clean water in Lake Montauk and Fort Pond.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Have your cesspool inspected. Plant native rain gardens or vegetative buffers which help filter storm water runoff. Practice toxin-free landscaping.



TAKE ACTION

Become a Steward: Join your neighbors and work with our trained volunteers to learn how you can better manage your property to help improve water quality.

Sign up today! It's Free!

Arrange for a **free and confidential** property assessment by one of CCOM's volunteers.

Sign up online: SavetheLakeSaveThePond.org

Email Us: Admin@SaveTheLakeSaveThePond.org

Call (631) 238-5720

CCOM WELCOMES TWO NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Laura Tooman to Succeed Jeremy Samuelson as President
Kate Rossi-Snook to Fill New Environmental Advocate Position

CCOM is thrilled to announce two new hires in 2017. **Laura Tooman** is succeeding Jeremy Samuelson as President; and Kate Rossi-Snook, CCOM's first full-time Environmental Advocate.

Ms. Tooman joins CCOM after more than six years with Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele, Jr. where she advised him on statewide environmental planning and other local policy issues. As a member of the Southampton Town Zoning Board of Appeals, Laura has developed a thorough understanding of local zoning ordinances, giving her a keen ability to assist CCOM with its review of pending redevelopment proposals in Montauk.

Ms. Tooman also worked for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, where she was the Coordinator of the Peconic Estuary Program (PEP). Tooman has served on many critical environmental task forces and committees including the Town of East Hampton's Wastewater Project Advisory Committee, Energy and Sustainability Committee, and its Nature Preserve Committee, to name a few. Laura and her husband, avid Montauk surfcasters, live in Sag Harbor with their daughter.

Also joining CCOM's team is **Kate Rossi-Snook**, filling our newly created Environmental Advocate position. Kate's primary focus will be on water quality. She will serve as project manager for CCOM's Save the Lake - Save the Pond program and will also run CCOM's water testing program, now in its fourth year.

Prior to joining CCOM, Ms. Rossi-Snook served as the Hatchery Manager at the East Hampton Town Shellfish Hatchery. She holds degrees in marine biology from Roger Williams University, where she worked closely with commercial oyster farmers; and applied anthropology from University of Maryland, with advanced coursework in fisheries management and wildlife biology. Kate lives in Shelter Island with her husband Tim and their 2-year old son.



Laura Tooman
CCOM President



Kate Rossi-Snook
Environmental Advocate

UPCOMING EVENT

Concerned Citizens of Montauk, in partnership with nineteen other local organizations is hosting The Great Montauk Cleanup on Saturday, April 22nd from 9am-1pm (rain date: 4/29).

Participants should stop by Kirk Park Parking Lot (next to the Montauk IGA) to pick up bags and gloves and then head off to clean up Montauk ocean and bay beaches, parks or anywhere that needs tidying.

With so many participating organizations, this year's cleanup promises to be the biggest cleanup to date!

