



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

**WHAT:** Floating wetlands installation to improve water quality in Ft. Pond, Montauk

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 21, 2022, 9am – 1pm (approximately)

**WHERE:** Meet at Fort Pond Fishing Access / Boat Launch Ramp: 41 S. Erie St., Montauk

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CCOM is looking for able-bodied, motivated volunteers to take part in year two of our innovative water quality remediation project for Fort Pond in Montauk. We will need 25-30 volunteers.

### ABOUT THE PROJECT:

CCOM was awarded a grant through East Hampton Town's Community Preservation Water Quality Improvement Program to install (6) 500 sq. ft., seasonal floating wetlands in Ft. Pond.

Native plants (7,200 in total) will be set into floating mats; as the plants mature, their roots will uptake excess nitrogen and phosphorus as food. The goal is to reduce the nutrient load in the Pond to minimize risk for harmful algal blooms, which have plagued the Pond for years.

### WHAT TO EXPECT | WHAT TO BRING:

- Assemble foam mats
- Transplant native plants into special containers to fit into mats (work gloves recommended)
- Transport plants from potting table to mats (ability to lift up to 25 lbs.)
- Fit containers into mats
- Help float mats into shallow water to prepare for final transport to moorings (boots / waders)

You'll be doing a great thing by helping us and the community with this project. If you would like to sign up as a volunteer, please contact CCOM for more information: [Info@PreserveMontauk.org](mailto:Info@PreserveMontauk.org) | 516.769.7424

