

## CCOM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO SAVE FORT POND – INSTALLATION OF FLOATING WETLANDS

Concerned Citizens of Montauk needs community volunteers on Saturday, May 21st to help install CCOM's pilot floating wetlands system in Fort Pond.

In 2021, CCOM installed over 3,000 square feet of floating wetlands filled with native plants at two locations in Fort Pond. These native plants and their submerged root systems absorb excess nutrients in the water-nutrients that have fueled the proliferation of harmful algal blooms in late summer.

This year, volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 21st starting at 9am at the NYSDEC Boat Ramp on Fort Pond on 41 S. South Erie St., Montauk. Volunteers are needed to plant 7,200 native plants into reusable pots, stand in the water (preferably with waders) to install the pots into floating mats, and then tow and anchor the mats into the Pond.

CCOMs floating wetlands are part of a multi-faceted comprehensive effort to monitor, study and improve Fort Ponds water quality. Other efforts include bacteria monitoring, harmful algal blooms monitoring and analysis, septic upgrade outreach, open space land acquisitions, and mitigating stormwater runoff.

To register as a volunteer, please email: [Info@PreserveMontauk.org](mailto:Info@PreserveMontauk.org)



CONCERNED CITIZENS OF  
MONTAUK

# SAVE FORT POND

**VOLUNTEERS Needed**  
Plant & Install Floating Wetlands  
Improve Water Quality

MAY 21, 2022  
9:00AM  
FORT POND BOAT RAMP  
S. ERIE AVE. MONTAUK

Bring gloves & waders. Lunch will be provided.  
REGISTER: [INFO@PRESERMONTAUK.ORG](mailto:INFO@PRESERMONTAUK.ORG)

