



RECENT SITE VISIT TO THE MASS AUDUBON LONG PASTURE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY (L-R) Ian Ives, Sanctuary Director; Dara Gannon, Cape Cod Foundation Program Officer; Caroline Neville, Cape Cod Foundation Intern; Lynne Mason-Small, Cape Cod Foundation Grants Committee Member and Senior Vice President at Rogers & Gray Insurance.

STRATEGIC FOCUS GRANTS POWER UP NONPROFITS' STAFFS

Often, you need to increase your people-power to get where you're going. That's what two local nonprofits discovered. The Mass Audubon Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary is expanding its school outreach program; The Association to Preserve Cape Cod is building a new resource for the community. We gave them strategic focus grants to help make it happen.

MASS AUDUBON LONG PASTURE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

A decade ago, 500 local students went on an off-road adventure. They explored the woods, wetlands, tidal flats, salt marsh and fields at Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary, 110 spectacular acres of conservation land on Cape Cod Bay in Barnstable. They weren't reading about wildlife or the forces of wind, weather and fluctuating tides in their text books; they were experiencing it first-hand—and loving it. Flash forward to 2017. Now, over 4,000 students from Cape schools participate in conservation science programs at Long Pasture. Because this vital and innovative school programming is a primary and pivotal aspect of the Sanctuary's strategic plan, earlier this year we awarded the organization \$6,500 to support a School Program Coordinator position. You don't have to be a kid to enjoy the Long Pasture experience. More than 15,000 people visit this nature hotspot every year.

THE ASSOCIATION TO PRESERVE CAPE COD

The Association to Preserve Cape Cod also needed additional help--a Restoration Technician to be exact--for the expansion of its Restoration Coordination Center (RCC). The RCC, established in 2015, was created to help towns and communities on Cape Cod prioritize, plan, implement and manage restoration programs. There are over 170 identified Cape-wide projects to restore impaired saltmarshes, fish runs and shellfish beds, plus storm water projects to improve water quality and habitat. While some projects are underway, others need resources to greenlight them. By creating a centralized resource and management center, APCC intends to increase the number and success rate of these important coastal wetland projects. With our \$5,000 strategic focus grant, the APCC was able to leverage other funds to hire a Restoration Technician, whose expertise and involvement is vital to the Center's success.