



## Who We Are & What We Do

We are a coalition of private citizens, organizations, businesses, and state and federal agencies pledged to conserve, protect, restore, and enhance the Scarborough Marsh watershed.

Encompassing an area of nearly 3,200 acres, the Scarborough Marsh is the state's largest salt marsh, accounting for 15% of the state's total tidal marsh area. Virtually all of it is owned and managed by the State of Maine, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Founded in 2000, Friends of Scarborough Marsh is at the center of efforts to protect wildlife habitat, restore the salt marsh closer to its original state, conserve neighboring land, and educate the public about the ecological and economic significance of this precious resource.

We are an all-volunteer effort and a registered 501(c)3 group. Our funding comes from donations as well as public and private grants.

### **Salt marsh Restoration.**

Friends is the force behind partnerships to design, permit, fund, execute, and monitor restoration projects involving more than 1,000 acres of salt marsh. Five projects have been completed and more are 'in the works.'

### **Land conservation.**

Now is the time to ensure remaining undeveloped upland areas are protected. By working with willing landowners and partners, we secure gifts, purchases, or easements for parcels within 250' - 500' of the 'critical edge'. Land abutting the marsh has been conserved and discussions with landowners are ongoing.

### **Invasive species control.**

Invasive plants like *Phragmites Australis* and *Purple Loosestrife* threaten to crowd out native marsh grasses and plants. A systematic effort to control invasives is well underway.

### **Education & Awareness.**

Volunteers invest countless hours in activities that build appreciation for the marsh and how we impact the resource. Small actions have cumulative and lasting impacts—together we can ensure the Marsh's vitality today and for the future!

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