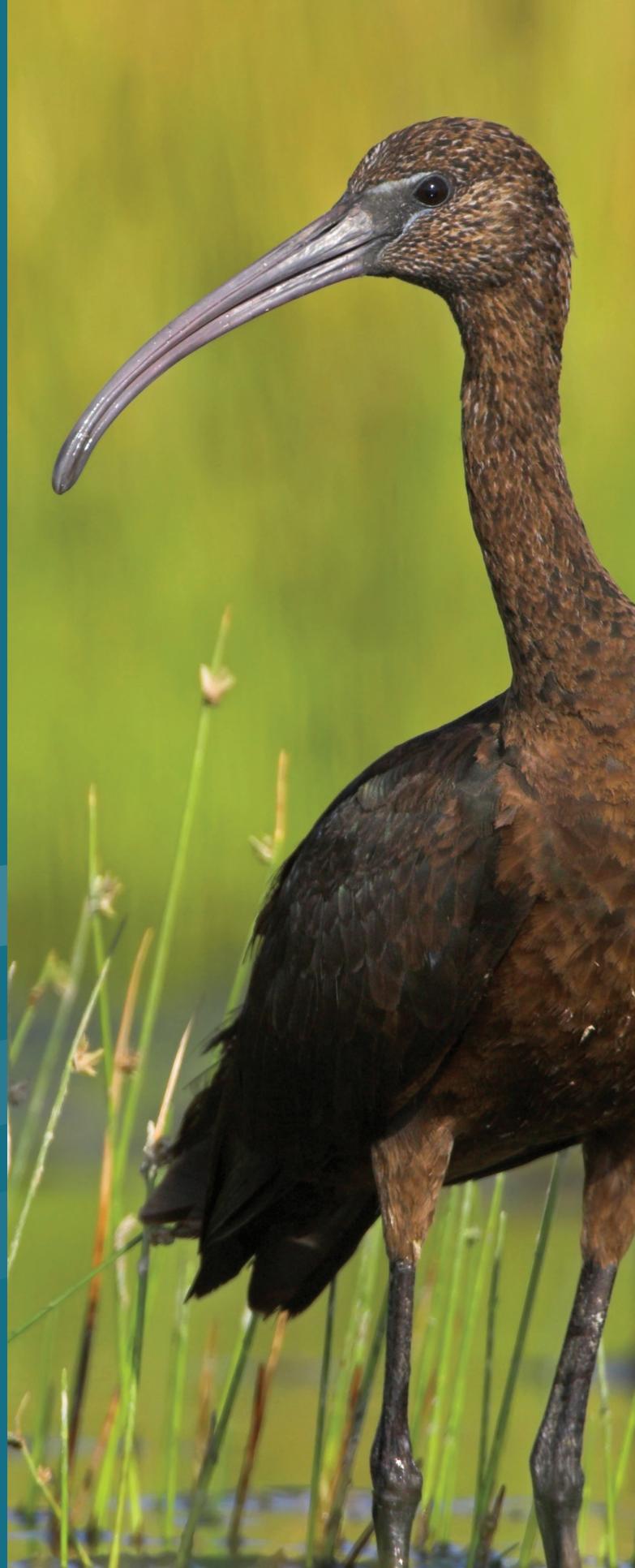




Protecting & Restoring the Estuary

FOR OVER 25 YEARS



Partners



Friends of Casco Bay
Casco BAYKEEPER



THE ESTUARY – WHERE FRESH AND SALTWATER MIX

Estuaries, where rivers meet the sea, provide vital habitat for many marine species. Humans also rely on estuaries for food, recreation, jobs, and protection from coastal storms.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Casco Bay Estuary Partnership is to help conserve the ecological integrity of Casco Bay and its watershed through science, public stewardship and effective management.

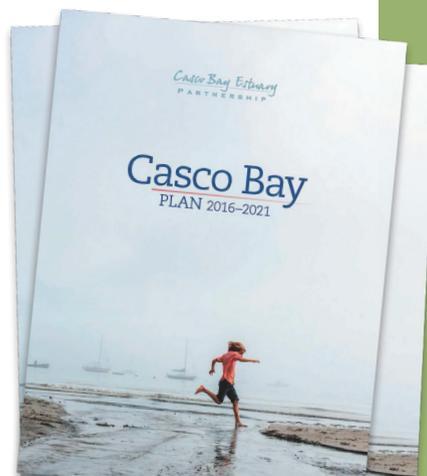
TO GET INVOLVED
VISIT OUR WEBSITE
cascobayestuary.org

Meet CBEP

Casco Bay Estuary Partnership is a collaboration of agencies, organizations, and individuals working on behalf of the Bay. We work as a catalyst for action with the goal of keeping Casco Bay and our nearly 1,000 square miles of watershed clean and healthy.

The Casco Bay Plan guides the work of Casco Bay Estuary Partnership. The Plan identifies four goals: Protect, restore and enhance key habitats; Reduce nutrient pollution and its impacts; Foster resilient communities; Mobilize collective knowledge and resources.

To learn more about our work and the Casco Bay Plan, visit us online at: cascobayestuary.org



HOW WE CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEALTH OF CASCO BAY

CBEP is non-regulatory and locally managed, and receives core funding from the Environmental Protection Agency. With additional resources, the Partnership can do more to help our partners protect the health of Casco Bay:

–
Sharing scientific expertise and data

–
Helping coastal communities adapt to a changing climate

–
Coordinating Bay-wide environmental monitoring

–
Providing financial support and technical assistance

–
Supporting place-based marine education

OUR VISION FOR THE BAY

A Healthy & Productive Estuary



RESTORING TIDAL MARSHES

CBEP works with many partners to restore tidal marshes and carries out long-term monitoring of these sites to better understand the effects of sea level rise.



RESTORING ALEWIFE RUNS

CBEP, with many partners, improved passage for alewives (river herring) and protected key parcels along Mill Brook in the Presumpscot River estuary.



PROTECTING KEY HABITATS

In the last 20 years, CBEP has worked with its partners to protect over 10,000 acres of land, in more than 26 communities, with at least 26 partners.

“In the last several years, CBEP’s Habitat Protection Fund has helped us acquire critical habitat in two large preserves. Staff has also provided expertise that contributed to successful protection of an additional 72 acres of key habitat.” – REED COLES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HARPSWELL HERITAGE LAND TRUST

OUR VISION FOR THE BAY

Clean, Safe Water



PROTECTING SEBAGO WATER QUALITY

CBEP participates in Sebago Clean Waters, a coalition protecting water quality and habitat in the Sebago watershed through voluntary forest protection.



COORDINATING MONITORING OF THE BAY

More than 15 organizations regularly monitor Bay water quality. CBEP brings them together to identify shared monitoring priorities.



RESTORING LONG CREEK

CBEP, with partners, launched an innovative public/private partnership to restore Long Creek in South Portland.

“CBEP has supported the Portland Water District for more than 25 years – with support, technical assistance and funding for cleaner water and a safer environment.” –PAUL HUNT, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER, PORTLAND WATER DISTRICT

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Communities Engaged in Protecting the Bay



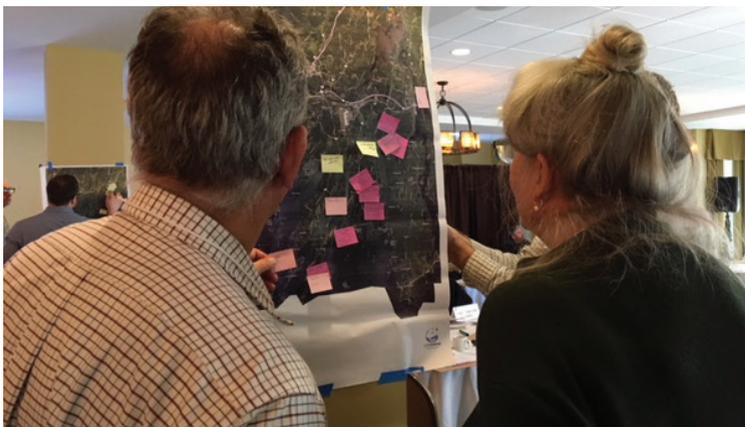
SUPPORTING COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Our community grant program encourages new partnerships that engage communities with the Bay and its watershed.



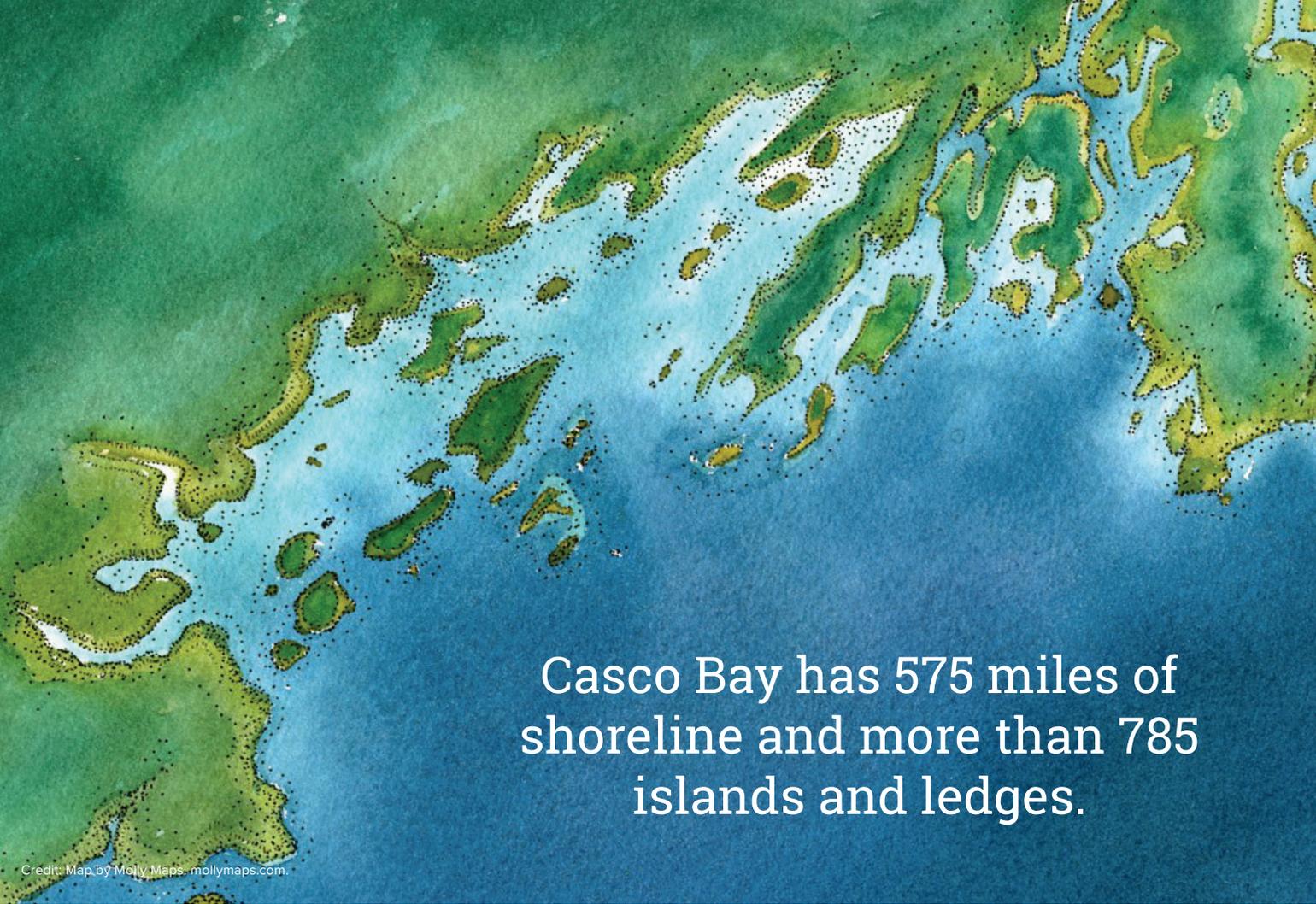
STUDYING ECONOMIC IMPACTS

CBEP's "The Economic Contribution of Casco Bay" documents the Bay's importance to our regional and state economy.



FOSTERING CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS

Coastal communities are facing an uncertain future. CBEP and its partners provide technical assistance to community leaders dealing with impacts of climate change.



Casco Bay has 575 miles of shoreline and more than 785 islands and ledges.

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