

HUNTINGTON NORTHPORT OYSTER REEF PROJECT

Dear Friend and Supporter,

Rotary is committed to cleaning our waters and to enhancing our marine environment. Under the expert guidance of the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County Marine Program, or CCE Marine, we will be CREATING MULTIPLE STRATEGICALLY LOCATED OYSTER REEFS this summer in the Huntington-Northport Bay Complex to improve water quality and to promote biodiversity. Our beaches and harbors are priceless assets.

This long-term project aims to turn the tide against harmful algae blooms and inshore water pollution. It would not be possible without the close collaboration and dedication of our state, county and local officials. We will be working with aquaculture pioneers raising oysters from infancy to adolescence using the Spat on Shell (SoS) method. Tiny oysters set on individual clam or oyster shells will be delivered to us directly from the CCE Marine hatchery in Southold, which receives critical support from Suffolk County. The oysters will grow in specially designed Nursery Docks, located at facilities generously provided by the town at Gold Star Battalion Beach. The SoS animals form a cluster resulting in a three-dimensional structure that will provide an ideal habitat for other local species to thrive. At the end of the growing season when the oysters reach approximately 1.5 inches in length, we will spread the clusters at predetermined sites in coordination with the Town of Huntington, forming densely packed reefs under permit by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, held by CCE Marine. Our reefs are not intended to be harvested and our SoS oysters have no commercial value. Essentially, we are establishing spawner sanctuaries to produce larvae that will spread oyster throughout the entire Huntington-Northport waterbody. A primary goal is to support sustainable commercial harvest by local baymen, a traditionally important part of our rural maritime heritage.

We are recruiting Dock Sponsors to underwrite the costs of the program and Citizen Scientist Volunteers to help raise the animals. Small teams will gather bi-weekly during the summer to clean, tumble and measure the young oysters until they are big enough to spread at our reef sites. Volunteers will spend time on the docks, working closely with experts from CCE Marine. Sponsors will receive significant recognition via social media and at events throughout the year. This project will be rewarding on every level of participation. Please consider joining us and giving back to the community we all love so much.

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This is a **Public/Private Partnership** organized by the Rotary Club of Huntington and guided by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County Marine Program. The goals are to improve water quality, promote species diversity, support the local shellfish industry and educate our citizens on the importance of healthy marine ecosystems.

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Even with the cooperation of New York State, Suffolk County and the Town of Huntington, we still need additional underwriting to help cover the costs of this important effort. Indeed, without the buy-in of local corporations, organizations and people like you, our work will not be possible.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- \$25,000 Oyster Reef Major Sponsor**
Recognition and Naming on Signage at Gold Star Beach Dock, in all press releases, flyers, Rotary Clubrunner website, social media, community publicity, and Major Sponsor at Speakers Environmental Forum.
- \$20,000 Oyster Presenting Sponsor**
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- \$15,000 Spat on Shell Sponsor**
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- \$10,000 Nursery Dock Sponsor**
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- \$6,000 Full Dock Sponsor**
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- \$3,000 Half Dock Sponsor**
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- \$1,500 One Bay Sponsor**
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- \$1,000 Pilot Reef Sponsor**
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- \$500 Stack Sponsor**
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- \$250 Tray Sponsor**
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Questions and Information, contact: Bill Bohn, 631-880-1210 or bohnwr@optonline.net

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Become a DOCK LEADER

We are looking for a dozen people who will work directly with experts from CCE Marine. This position involves managing and supervising Work Teams of two to three Volunteers who will help you clean, tumble and measure our oysters during the summer growing season. Dock Leaders will be responsible for opening the gate to the pier, distributing tools to other participants and opening the doors of the nursery docks. Collecting and compiling oyster growth and survival data is essential. Recording the presence of other species is another important role in assessing the success of the effort.



We assemble Bi-Weekly to do our thing on the docks. We anticipate that no more than six clean-ups will be necessary before the animals can be deployed. While there is no set attendance requirement, we would hope to see you at least once a month. The work schedule should run from late June through early September, based on growth rate.

Flexibility is built-in to accommodate weather conditions and/or other activities or obligations. We will meet at Gold Star Battalion Beach on Saturdays, and/or Sundays from either 9am to Noon or 1pm to 4pm. Each Work Team will clean a Half-Dock, which consists of 6 Stacks, or 12 Trays of Spat on Shell. A Shift should last about One Hour.

Dock Leaders will be working under the direction of CCE Marine and are required to submit a Cornell Cooperative Extension Volunteer Application in order to fulfill this important function.

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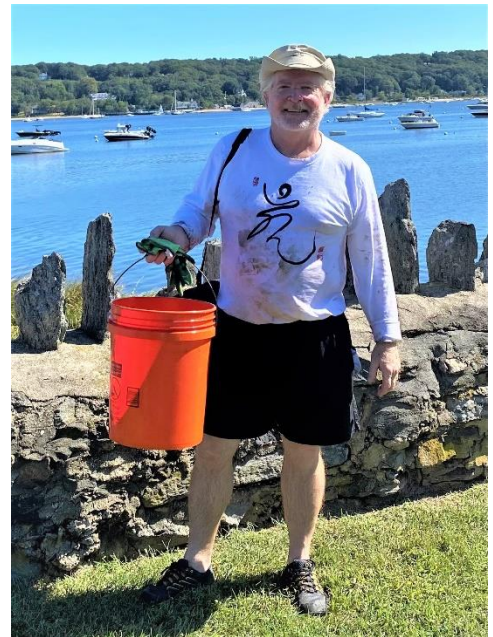
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Become a VOLUNTEER

We are looking for about 36 Volunteers to act as Citizen Scientists on the SoS Nursery Docks at Gold Star Battalion Beach. Join our efforts as an individual or come as a group. We will assemble Work Teams of 2 to three people to clean, scrub and measure our oysters during the growing season. You will be provided with gloves, brushes, calipers and all the equipment needed to carry out this important work. It takes two people to lift the oyster trays out of the water, so some muscle is involved. Be prepared to get a little dirty and wet! Dock Leaders will be working beside you to provide supervision, guidance and a little extra muscle.

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