



Fresh Pond Master Plan Advisory Board

2024 Season Volunteer Report

Ranger Tim Puopolo, Cambridge Water Dept.

Overview:

- **Fresh Pond Stewards Program**
- **Public Events**
- **Group Day of Service Opportunities**
- **Partnerships**



Volunteer for Nature!



The Fresh Pond Stewards Program



Who:

You! All ages and abilities welcome!
Minors, please have an adult present

When:

From July through October
Every Thursday from 10am to 12noon
Drop-in once, or every week!

Where:

Volunteers meet at the "Tool Trailer"
between the first Fresh Pond parking lot
and the water at 250 Fresh Pond
Parkway in Cambridge. From there we'll
gear up and head to the day's work site.
(Latecomers refer to the map on the
side of the Tool Trailer)

What:

Managing invasive plants, protecting resource areas, trail work and
erosion control, restoring habitat, special projects, and more!

Questions? Contact Ranger Omar at OMejia@cambridgeMA.gov

The Fresh Pond Stewards Program

Public Opportunity from Spring to Fall

Over 20 volunteers for more than 92 work hours!
(53% increase over 2023)



Advertised Public Events



(Almost) Earth Day Cleanup
12 volunteer hours
7 bags removed from Kingsley Park



Watertown-Cambridge
Greenway Cleanup
100 volunteer hours
70 bags removed from
Greenway



“Day of Service” Volunteer Offerings
Maximizing Impact while fostering community

Wave Life Sciences

- 12 volunteers – 1.5 hours – 18 work hours

Huron Consulting

- 25 volunteers – 2.5 hours – 62.5 work hours
- 10 volunteers – 2.5 hours – 25 work hours

Balwin Wallace University

- 17 volunteers – 2.5 hours – 42.5 work hours
- 15 volunteers – 2.5 hours – 37.5 work hours

Merck Pharmaceuticals

- 15 volunteers – 2 hours – 30 work hours

St. Peter Elementary School

- 15 volunteers – 1 hour – 15 work hours

Arbor Biotechnologies

- 25 volunteers – 3 hours – 75 work hours
- 24 volunteers – 3 hours – 72 work hours

Cambridge Cub Scouts Pack 56

- 14 volunteers – 1 hour – 14 work hours

Coast Sweep

- 13 volunteers – 2.5 hours – 32.5 work hours

Who worked with us in 2024?

Total Volunteers:

185

Total Work Hours:

424

(27% increase over 2023)

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Fresh Pond is also always in need of volunteers!

Whether you are interested in Fresh Pond Day, invasive species or ecological monitoring, each helping hand makes a difference for Fresh Pond and our community. We have a wide array of volunteer opportunities for groups, individuals, and different time commitments and interests. Click below to find out how you can be a part of the team.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Information for: Select a topic

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Water Treatment Plant

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Already Signed Up for 2025:

Cambridge Cub Scouts Pack 56 (April)
Dartmouth University (May)
Hillside Community Church (June)
Arbor Biotechnologies (June)

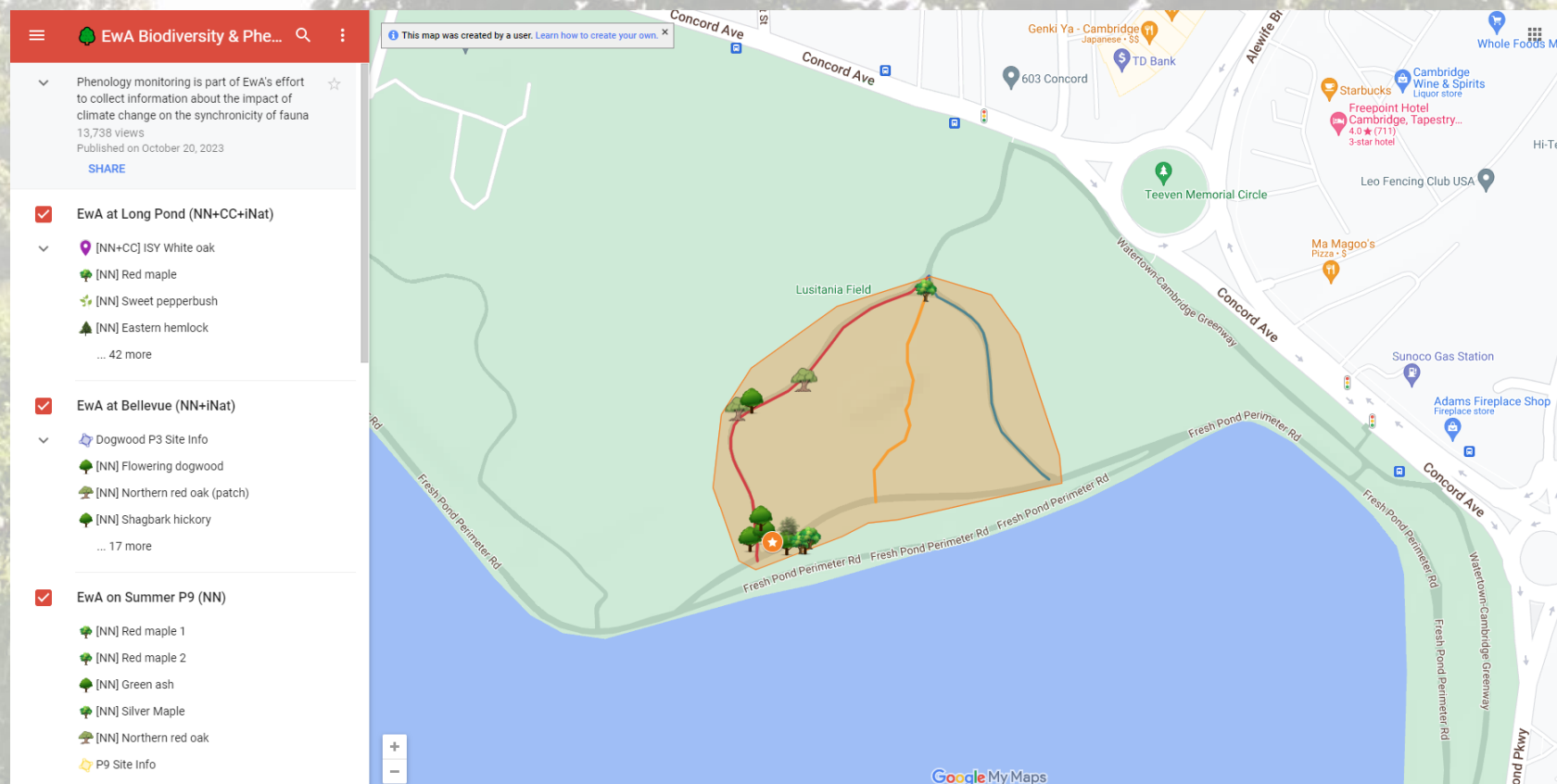
Partnerships

**Improving our knowledge and
furthering the Master Plan**

Earthwise Aware biodiversity study



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The “Neville Habitat Restoration Area” Project



Monthly Sessions from April to October 2023



2024 "Spring Cleanup" Event
Weekly Passive Volunteer Work

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY



National Public Lands Day

4th Saturday of
September since 1994

1st Annual Fresh Pond Event

A collaboration between:

Fresh Pond Reservation
The Native Plant Community Gardeners Group
Cambridge Scouting Troops

The Pollinator Pathway Project



National Public Lands Day

32 scouts and parents, 8 garden group volunteer leaders, 2.5 hours
Dozens of native forbs, grasses, flowers, and trees



Plans already set for 2025



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