



## OUR PARTNERS ON THE POND SERIES



### THE BLOCK ISLAND CONSERVANCY

A nonprofit organization, The Block Island Conservancy, was formed 50 years ago to preserve and protect Block Island's heritage, natural resources and rural character. We are an accredited land trust, governed by an all-volunteer board and funded primarily by donations. We are proud to serve our Block Island community and will continue to work to preserve and protect habitat for wildlife and open

space for the enjoyment of all.

The BIC has worked for several decades to protect wetlands and fragile marshes all around the Great Salt Pond. In addition, to protecting these properties for the birds, plants and other wildlife, the Block Island Conservancy has worked to provide public open spaces around the pond for all to enjoy. Bonnell Beach, Solviken and Beach Ave are all examples of properties on the pond that BIC has worked with our conservation partners to protect.

The Block Island Conservancy is also an intervener along with the Committee for the Great Salt Pond, the Town of New Shoreham and the Block Island Land Trust in the long-standing litigation to protect the pond from private business encroachment from their proposed expansion by Champlin's Marina. We will continue to stand with our partners to protect the pond.

The Block Island Conservancy is also a strong supporter of the purchase of the Overlook property. This property is zoned for commercial development and because of that, it could be very densely developed. By conserving this property, we will be able to protect a sensitive buffer zone around the Pond in an area that is seeing increasing pressure from development while providing permanent community access to the Great Salt Pond.

To learn more about The Block Island Conservancy, please visit [biconservancy.org](http://biconservancy.org) or call 401.466.3111.



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**OUR MISSION:** To protect and enhance the environmental quality of the Great Salt Pond, including its shorelines and wetlands, and to promote appropriate and productive uses of the Pond's resources by residents, visitors and local businesses.

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