



Committee for the Great Salt Pond receives the 2023 Save the Bay Award for Environmental Achievement

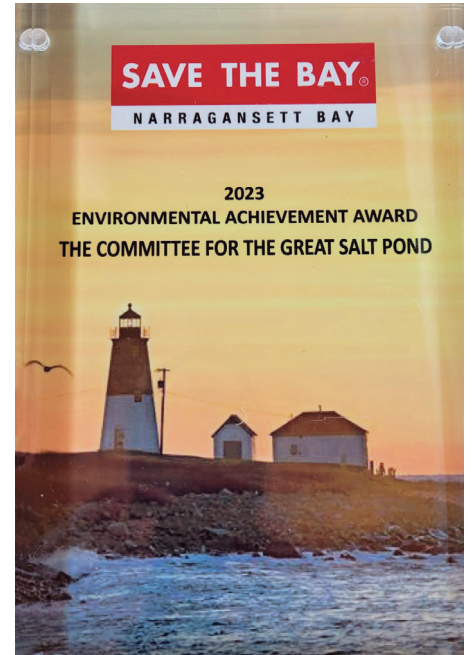
Topher Hamblett, interim director of Save The Bay presented the award to CGSP at their annual meeting in June. A short part of what he had to say is shown below, which sums up much of the Committee's efforts over the years. The remainder of his presentation speech can be found on our website, cgspliblockisland.org.

"In the mid-1980s, the Great Salt Pond – a spectacular place in the heart of Block Island – was threatened with sewage pollution and overdevelopment. It was on the brink.

Fortunately, a group of concerned Block Islanders took action by forming the Committee for the Great Salt Pond, with a mission to "protect and enhance the environmental quality of the Pond and its watershed, including its shoreline and wetlands, and to promote appropriate and productive uses of the Pond's resources by residents, visitors and local businesses."

For 26 years the Committee has been THE voice for the Great Salt Pond, pulling the Pond back from the brink and leading the way to its cleanup, restoration and ongoing protection."

This has been a joint effort and the Committee is very grateful to the community, CGSP members, and present/past board members for receiving this prestigious award.



Past and Present Committee for the Great Salt Pond Board Members

Bob Agricola
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All names listed in photos from left to right.

Top left photo: Trudy O'Toole, Mary Najmy, Cheryl Moore

Top center photo: Betsy Pyne, Bruce Johnson, Jane Musky, Diane Robina, Mitch Silberbush, Diane Johnson

Top right photo: Andy Korfin, Cindy Pappas, Tricia Foley

Bottom left photo: Claire Costello, Sven Risom, George Davis

Bottom right photo: Carl Kaufmann, Ed Hayde, Henry duPont, Eric Reimer

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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Please consider becoming a member of The Committee for the Great Salt Pond. For information and details, visit our website at cgspliblockisland.org.