

ASSATEAGUE COASTAL TRUST

ACT TO PROTECT OUR COASTAL BAYS

You depend on Assateague Coastal Trust to protect the Coastal Bays watershed and preserve the delicate balance between man and nature that is the foundation for all life on the shore. In turn, ACT depends on the generous support of its members and friends to fuel our efforts to monitor water quality, hold polluters accountable, and educate the public and policymakers on ways to be better stewards of our environment.

Please join or renew your membership in ACT today!

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Assateague Coastal Trust
P.O. Box 731
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ASSATEAGUE COASTAL TRUST WORKS TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS WATERSHED THROUGH ADVOCACY, CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION.

Assateague Coastal Trust (ACT) was established in 1970 as The Committee to Preserve Assateague Island. The legislation that established Assateague Island National Seashore included a provision that would have allowed a significant portion of the island to be developed as a resort, destroying the unspoiled beauty of the island.

ACT fought to eliminate that provision, and the island’s pristine landscape today is testimony of ACT’s success.

While ACT has stayed true to this legacy of fighting to protect our environment, our vision has expanded. Now we work to protect not only Assateague Island, but the entire Atlantic Coastal Bays watershed.

The Delmarva coastal area is a fragile, constantly changing ecosystem. Maintaining the health of this ecosystem is critical to preserving the way of life that is unique to the shore.

ACT is committed to protecting our watershed to ensure clean waterways for humans and wildlife, quality public health and sustainable economic growth now and for future generations.

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“We should set aside some wilderness areas of seashore where the relations of sea and wind and shore – of all living things in their physical world – remain as they have been over long vistas of time.”

Rachel Carson



ASSATEAGUE COASTKEEPER

AN ON-THE-WATER ADVOCATE FOR OUR WATERWAYS

In 2002, ACT strengthened its capacity to watch over the Coastal Bays of Worcester County, MD and Northern Accomack County, VA by launching the **ASSATEAGUE COASTKEEPER®** program.

Part of the international **WATERKEEPER** Alliance®, the Assateague Coastkeeper is your public advocate, protecting the Coastal Bays for the people, plants and animals who rely on clean and safe water.

The Coastkeeper is an **on-the-water monitor** who patrols the watershed by boat in search of evidence of pollution or other water quality problems. The Coastkeeper also reaches out to and engages citizens to provide additional eyes, ears and even noses to identify and report pollution sources.

The Coastkeeper is an **on-the-ground educator** who informs landowners, farmers, boaters and citizens about environmentally-friendly practices they can employ to prevent adverse impacts on the land and waters. The Coastkeeper works with the community to help us help ourselves.

Most importantly, the Coastkeeper is an **in-the trenches advocate** for the health of the coastal bays and the communities who depend on them; making sure existing laws to protect water quality are fully enforced, pressing for the enactment of stronger measures to safeguard our marshes, creeks and bays, and standing up to polluters and policymakers to hold them accountable for their actions.

Report possible pollution to:
coastkeeper@actforbays.org • 443-235-2014

www.waterkeeper.org • www.assateaguecoastkeeper.org



You have a natural and a legal right to water that is swim-able, fish-able and drinkable.

*The **COASTKEEPER** is there to stand firmly on the side of you and your family to safeguard this right against polluters.*

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THE NEXT GENERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS.

The commitment to clean water and a healthy environment is something we must pass on to our children. ACT is committed to spreading our message and values to the next generation of environmental stewards.

Our Coast Kids program is a hands-on environmental education program that provides opportunities for kids and their parents to directly experience coastal Delmarva, appreciate the majesty of the Coastal Bays ecosystem, and become engaged in the mission to protect our natural heritage.

The mission of Coast Kids is to help participants to develop a sense of place—a geographical and ecological awareness that will result in more enjoyment, and ultimately more stewardship of the environment.



As a member of the No Child Left Inside Coalition, Coast Kids is part of a national effort to get kids (back) outside to benefit from what nature has to offer. Enjoying the outdoors not only leads to greater stewardship of the environment, but also improved mental and physical health for children.



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