

## Who We Are

The Friends of Ellisville Marsh, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit corporation created under Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General Laws in July, 2007. [DOWNLOAD THE FRIENDS' BROCHURE HERE](#)

**Purpose**The stated purpose of the Friends of Ellisville Marsh, Inc. is to engage in the following activities:

- Restore, preserve and maintain the Ellisville Marsh ecosystem
- Organize volunteer and consulting support for monitoring and scientific research studies
- Undertake fundraising for the benefit of the Ellisville Marsh ecosystem
- Hold regulatory permits for, and supervise maintenance of, the Ellisville Marsh channel, in compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements and permitting conditions
- Facilitate discussions between the owner of the Shifting Lots preserve, other related parties and various Federal, State, and local regulatory agencies and prepare grant applications for scientific studies of the Ellisville Marsh ecosystem
- Educate and inform parties about the unique characteristics and requirements for sustainability of the Ellisville Marsh ecosystem.

**Governance**The 2017-18 board of directors consists of president Eric Cody, treasurer Frank Doyle, secretary Kelley O'neel, president emeritus Jack Scambos, and directors-at-large Diane Fletcher, Ellen Russell, Pete Hruby, Paula Marcoux, Brad Winn, and Peter Schwartzman. Several of our current and former board members spent their childhoods in Ellisville, giving the Friends an invaluable historical perspective on the life of the marsh and barrier beach. To contact the board, please send an email to [board@EllisvilleMarsh.org](mailto:board@EllisvilleMarsh.org). **Membership**The Friends of Ellisville Marsh, Inc. is a membership organization, open to anyone with an interest in restoring and preserving Ellisville Marsh. A member can be an individual or family living at a single address. Annual membership dues are \$15.00. Additional membership categories include: Supporting (\$50), Sustaining (\$100) and Patron (\$250). All contributions to the Friends and membership dues are fully tax deductible. The annual membership meeting is held on the second Saturday in July each year unless rescheduled by the board in advance. Status reports are periodically sent to members via email to provide updates on progress and solicit input to key decisions.[DOWNLOAD OUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION HERE](#) contact FEM for corporate sponsorship opportunities