

Weymouth Back River ACEC and Herring Run

Challenges to Herring Migration



Introductions & Agenda

Linda DiAngelo - President, Back River Watershed Association (www.backriverwatershed.org)

Introductions & background on the Back River Watershed Association

Scott Dowd - Biologist Boston Aquarium Project, Co-Founder Project PIABA, Weymouth Conservation Commission

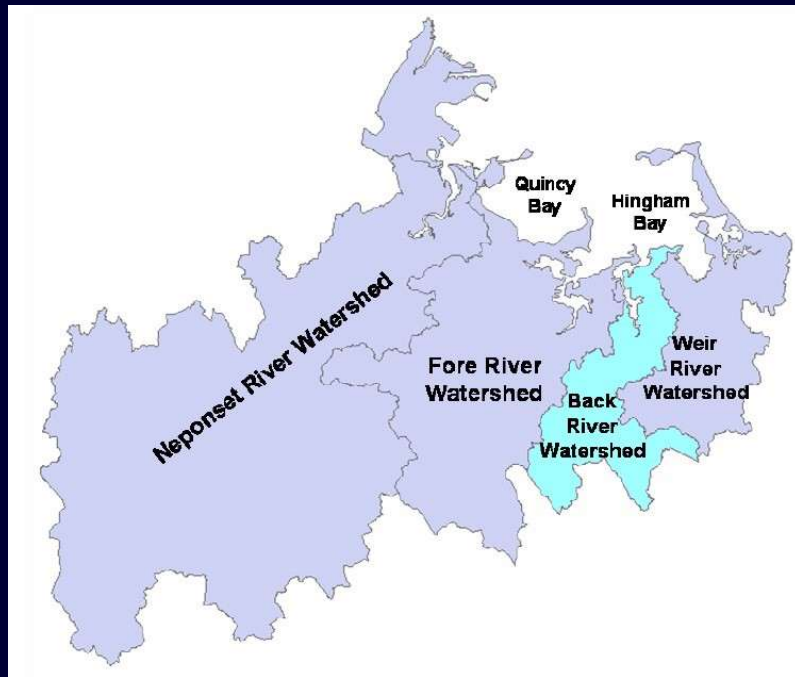
Scott will discuss stress to the Weymouth Herring Run

Andrew Hultin - Weymouth Conservation Administrators

Andrew will provide an overview of the Weymouth Herring Run

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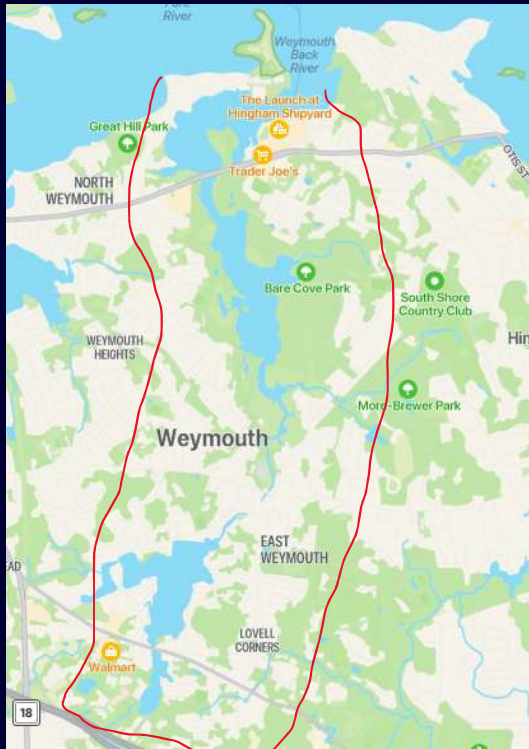
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The Ecology of the Weymouth Back River

A Monograph



Study of the Ecology of the Weymouth Back River and estuary

Supports the future management of this vital natural resource

Prepared by the School of Marine Science & Technology at UMASS Dartmouth in partnership with the Town of Weymouth & the Back River Watershed Association

A sub-basin of Boston Harbor located largely in the towns of Weymouth & Hingham

Tidal river about 1.5 miles in length

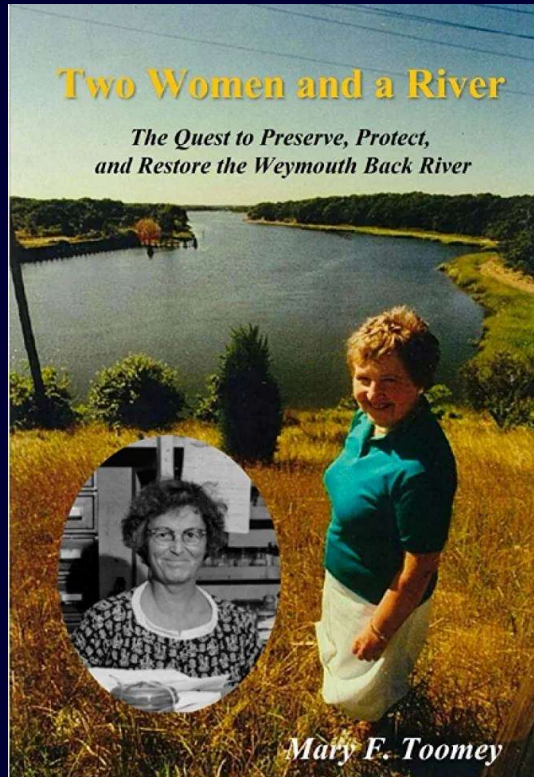
Highly productive estuary that supports salt water marshes, various aquatic species, wildlife, & most importantly the Weymouth Herring Run

Bordered on the Weymouth side by the east coast's tallest Esker ridge in North America (Great Esker Park)

Designated as an ACEC, Wild Life Refuge, Local Scenic River & one of Massachusetts' Special Places

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Author Mary F. Toomey was a former Weymouth high school English teacher, Weymouth Town Meeting Member & ardent environmentalist who saved Great Esker Park in 1966 & founded the Back River Watershed Association in 2000

Mary worked under the direction of Dr. Mary Sears, United States Naval Reserve Commander and oceanographer at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution to save the Weymouth Back River and surrounding lands

Cleaned up pollution, restored fisheries & the Herring Run, lobbied for Abigail Adams State Park, & created nine open space public parks in Weymouth and Hingham

Instrumental in creating the Weymouth Back River Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in 1982

Helped identify a hazardous waste site on Weymouth Neck & secure funding to clean the site

Ms. Toomey received many honors and awards including the prestigious Gulf of Maine Visionary Award by the Gulf of Maine Council in 2004

Visit www.backriverwatershed.org to purchase a copy

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