

**2012 Environmental Service Awards**  
**Congratulations to this year's recipients**

**Elizabeth Graham Taylor (Brewster): Lifetime Achievement in Conservation**

Elizabeth Taylor's environmental service has been a way of life for longer than most can remember. Not only has Elizabeth served on the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Open Space Committee, Water Quality Committee, Community Preservation Commission and Comprehensive Water Planning Committee in the Town of Brewster, she also chaired many of these committees.

Not one to get lost in Town Hall, Elizabeth also found time to volunteer in a regional capacity as Brewster's Representative on the Cape Cod Commission since 1998. As author of the Brewster Open Space Plan as well as numerous grants, town meeting articles and open space acquisitions, she has periodically been confused as an actual employee of her hometown. However, all of her hard work and determination has been purely volunteer. Considered a local hero by many, Elizabeth's decades of service are a model and an inspiration to all who appreciate civic engagement and activism. In recognition of her contributions, MACC recognizes her as the 2012 recipient of the award for Lifetime Achievement in Conservation.

**Darlene Johnson-Morris (Barnstable): Outstanding Environmental Leadership**

MACC recognizes Darlene Johnson-Morris for her inspiring leadership and extraordinary commitment to environmental stewardship and natural resource conservation on Cape Cod. Darlene is the extraordinarily dedicated leader behind AmeriCorps Cape Cod which has graduated nearly 300 young leaders, who completed thousands of projects over the past thirteen years. Ms. Johnson-Morris has served as a mentor and driving force in this program, linking municipalities, schools, land trusts, and thousands of volunteers and a wide variety of natural resource management projects, many of them on town-owned conservation properties. In addition to the direct results of these projects ranging from invasive species control to trail maintenance to habitat restoration, the program has developed an entire new generation of conservation professionals who have gone on to successful careers in public and private service. Darlene has also served Barnstable county communities by assisting them in securing and managing numerous grants that enable resource conservation and stewardship projects to happen in spite of declining local budgets.

Darlene Johnson-Morris's vision and leadership have inspired young people and community members of Cape Cod to be environmental stewards for life. In recognition of her contributions, MACC recognizes her as the 2012 recipient of the award for Outstanding Environmental Leadership.