



TAUNTON RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

A VOICE FOR THE RIVER SINCE 1988



Water Quality Testing

The Taunton River Watershed Alliance has done water quality testing in the Taunton River and its tributaries since its inception in 1988 and we have a treasure trove of data. This information shows that ongoing efforts to clean up the river are necessary, effective and must be continued. Every dollar is needed to support this grass roots, all volunteer effort. Each bucket of water pulled up in the early morning to be tested can have national implications. It already has.

Key points of this program are:

- Steve Silva, former Director of Water Quality at the EPA, spearheads this critical program
- Our volunteers are essential and are trained annually
- Twenty sites, 4 in the Taunton River, 16 in the tributaries, are included in this water quality health check
- Teams perform monthly tests from April to October
- Nitrogen is the biggest pollution problem and most of it comes from wastewater treatment plants
- Each improvement brings prior species back and increases biodiversity.

We invite you to support this exceptional organization as a donor or sponsor. You can reach us in 1 of 3 ways:

Web: www.savethetaunton.org/donations/donate • **Call** 508-828-1101 and leave a message • **Email** director@savethetaunton.org with your contact info and how you'd like to sponsor. One of our volunteers will contact you within a few days.

Our Mission: ...to protect and restore the watershed's natural resources for current and future generations.

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