



PWQC 2025 Year End Newsletter

December 2025

Thanks to everyone for your support throughout 2025. Hands on, financially or any other way that you contributed to our mission. This has been our most productive year since our founding in 2019. The valuable work of PWQC and our contribution to restoring our salt water is becoming tangible. Untreated storm water has been reduced significantly by our rain gardens. Oysters are maturing as they continue to filter harmful nutrients from Red Brook Harbor, Hen Cove and Pocasset Harbor.

The Federal Government shutdown delayed the town's storm water drain project. Everything is in place to finalize that work and Tim Lydon (Bourne engineer), expects to start the installation in March 2026.

Here is a timeline of PWQC events in 2025:

January – 5th Anniversary of the Incorporation of PWQC. Board of Directors dinner

February – Our purchase of 200,000 oyster babies

April – Finalizing plans and approvals for building of rain garden 1

June – Over 30 volunteers helped our corporate partners to build rain garden 1

August – Holding our 5th Annual Meeting with special guest Congressman Bill Keating

August – Final plans and approvals for rain gardens 2 and 3

September – With the help of our 30 volunteers and 20 students from the Environmental Science Program at Upper Cape Tech we completed rain gardens 2 and 3.

October – PWQC received an extension of our grant. The end of the grant was extended from December 31, 2025 to June 1, 2026. We now have funds to replace any plants that may not survive the winter and make any necessary repairs.

November – Those with a Bourne shellfish permit began harvesting the first of our oysters. Around the area of the “spit” off Patuisset has been busy on Sundays. Harvesting can continue on Sundays through the end of December.

At the end of 2025 all PWQC members & supporters should be proud of our accomplishments this year. 2026 will be another productive year for the Pocasset Water Quality Coalition. We are Looking forward to it!!! (continued below)

Jan & Keith Barber have completed the installation of a new IA Title V system. The new KleanTu Nitro system is at the top of the list of most productive systems reducing nitrogen. The link below is to a photo timeline of the installation. The decision to undertake this was to get ahead of when everyone will be required to do it. Additionally, we are setting an example of what needs to be done to continue restoring our salt water.

Reach out to Keith if you have questions about your system.

[Septic installation timeline](#)

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