

Resources

Contact the following organizations for more information about ongoing efforts to address water quality, pollution, flooding issues, or dealing with pet waste.

Saugus River Watershed Council

(781) 233-5046

www.saugusriver.org

Metropolitan District Commission

(617) 727-5350

Friends of Rumney Marsh

(781) 286-2841

Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Wetlands Restoration and Banking Program

(617) 292-5808

City of Revere

Mayor's Office (781) 286-8110

Public Works (781) 286-8149

Town of Saugus

Town Manager (781) 231-4111

Public Works (781) 231-4145

City of Lynn

Mayor's Office (781) 586-6849

Public Works (781) 598-4000

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Dog Lover's Guide to



A Cleaner Rumney Marsh

About Rumney Marsh



Rumney Marsh is one of the most biologically significant salt marshes north of Boston. Designated as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in

1988, the marsh contains winter flounder, alewife, American eel, soft-shelled and razor clams, mussels, and a variety of native migratory birds.

The Rumney Marsh ACEC includes two highly productive estuarine systems - Rumney Marsh in Lynn, Revere, and Saugus; and Belle Isle Marsh in Boston, Revere, and Winthrop.

Rumney Marsh is located in the southern portions of the Saugus River watershed. Both the Saugus River and the Pines River travel through portions of the marsh before merging at the Saugus River estuary.

Illegal dumping, pollution, and encroaching development are all issues that continue to threaten Rumney Marsh today. Despite pollution, Rumney Marsh provides important spawning and nursery grounds for many fish and shellfish. Migratory birds such as egrets and snowy owls continue to use the marsh as an important stop over for rest and food.

Ongoing Efforts to Restore the Marsh

Collaborative efforts among state and federal agencies and environmental advocacy organizations are helping to protect and restore the wildlife and natural resources of Rumney Marsh.

Several marsh and habitat restoration projects, conducted as mitigation for the Central Artery/Tunnel and other projects, have restored 25 acres and removed thousands of cubic yards of fill along the Pines River. Self-regulating tidegates have been installed to replace broken standard gates in Revere, restoring tidal flow to 45 acres of wetlands.

During 2002, the Massachusetts Wetlands Restoration Program published a Salt Marsh Restoration Plan for Rumney Marsh. The plan identifies and prioritizes additional restoration projects that would restore approximately 200 acres in numerous sites throughout Rumney Marsh.

At the same time, the Saugus River Watershed Council is working with property owners, state and federal environmental agencies, and public officials to reduce illegal dumping, improve water quality, and educate the public about the natural resources and environmental issues associated with Rumney Marsh.



Benefits of Cleaning Up After Your Dog

The old race track within Rumney Marsh, and the residential neighborhoods surrounding the marsh, are very popular for dog walking. Pet waste deposited near Rumney Marsh, left on roadways, lawns or sidewalks washes directly into streams or into storm drains that eventually empty into water bodies that flow through Rumney Marsh. Pet waste is one of several sources of bacterial pollution that have caused shellfish beds in Rumney Marsh to be closed.



You can help improve water quality throughout Rumney Marsh by ensuring that your pet's waste doesn't end up polluting local waterways.

Please pick up and deposit waste into trash barrels in your neighborhood or at home to be sure that your pet's waste doesn't contribute to pollution in Rumney Marsh.

--- Your efforts will help restore water quality and reopen shellfish beds in Rumney Marsh! ---