



S.W.I.M. Safer Waters in Massachusetts

Dear Friends,

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We need your help.

Since 1984, Nahant SWIM Inc. (Safer Waters in Massachusetts) has been working to address important issues that face our community and our local environment. For over 25 years, our organization has been a monitor and one of the first responders whenever situations have arisen that threatened our fragile, natural surroundings. Our members, in partnership with other environmental organizations, our elected officials, and scientists at Northeastern University Marine Science Center in Nahant, have created and executed effective campaigns that have protected the beautiful surroundings we all call our home. Thanks to our collective efforts:

- **SWIM** was instrumental in requiring Boston to build its sewage outfall farther from Nahant and the North Shore.
- **SWIM** made sure that Boston, Lynn and Salem installed secondary sewage treatment.
- **SWIM** prevented dumping of contaminated dredging spoils from Chelsea Creek just offshore from Nahant. This victory has had widespread ramifications, stopping and preventing other proposals to use the ocean for disposal of polluted material.
- **SWIM** helped fight proposed construction of floodgates across the Saugus River.
- **SWIM** worked to protect lobsters from environmental effects of the gas pipeline built offshore from Beverly to the South Shore.

Today, our efforts continue:

- **SWIM** is celebrating its second year of the very successful Adopt-A-Beach program. Every month over 20 volunteers monitor and clean Nahant's beaches .
- **SWIM** is closely monitoring the recent reports and sightings of possible cruise ship discharge in our local waters.
- **SWIM** is offering educational programs to children in conjunction with Northeastern University Marine Science Center on East Point to help insure that the next generation continues to protect our environment.

SWIM needs your help for the future. Although our programs are staffed by volunteers, we do incur costs associated with our activities and advocacy.

Today we are writing you to ask you to please consider making a gift to support **SWIM**. Your contribution will help provide the resources we need to continue our efforts to represent our community whenever situations arise that threaten our priceless island environment. Your contribution will help promote positive change in our natural environment and much-needed education of the public. We are awaiting our IRS determination letter confirming us as tax exempt. Our Articles of Organization with Massachusetts fulfill all the requirements of a 501(c)(3).

In advance, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Vi Patek, President, Nahant SWIM Inc.