

**2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee held ten meetings during the year. The meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month and are rotated within one of the five communities of Easton, Sharon, Foxborough, Mansfield and Norton.

On February 3, 2011, David McGowan, Land Protection Specialist from the Nature Conservancy discussed the Nature Conservancy as well as his role in land preservation in southeast Massachusetts.

The 24th Annual Canoe River Awareness Day took place on May 14, 2011, at the Mansfield Water Treatment Plant. Several dozen people attended as well as a State Representative, a member of the Mansfield Board of Selectmen and a representative of the Mansfield Natural Resources Trust. Informative tours of the water facility were provided and many people went out on the canoes.

On April 7, 2011, the Committee voted to send a letter of support for the Town of Norton's Open Space and Recreation Plan.

On June 2, 2011, Kathy Romero of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection attended the monthly meeting and discussed her work in water source protection as well as her role as liaison to the Safety Drinking Water Advisory Committee.

On August 4, 2011, Kelley Freda of the Massachusetts Division of Conservation and Recreation presented an overview of the Division's efforts to educate people regarding animal waste and the importance of preventing it from entering the water supply.

On November 3, 2011, the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee voted to oppose any chemical treatment of Beaumont's Pond in the Town of Foxborough and is in favor of the proposed method of lowering the water level at Beaumont's Pond. This opposition was conveyed to Foxborough Conservation Commission Chairperson Jane Pierce.

Throughout the year, the Committee was involved in the development stages of a Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee Educational Outreach Kiosk.

Early preparations were discussed for the CRAAC 25th Anniversary Celebration to be held at the Sharon Community Center on September 14, 2012,

The committee would like to thank Karen Gallo of the Town of Easton Water Division, Antonetta Ackerman of the Town of Sharon Water Department, Eileen Zinni of the Town of Foxborough Water Department and Jan Fowler Easton Committee member for their assistance in producing our minutes.

The committee would also like to thank Adrienne Edwards for her design and maintenance of our web site. Please visit our website: www.craac.org