

# Baker Cove Watershed

Groton, CT | map not to scale

If it goes on the ground, it goes in the Sound.

When rain falls it follows paths to all downhill bodies of water. These patterns of flow over land are called **watersheds**. At the mouth of Baker Cove, the Poquonnock River joins with waters of the Baker Cove watershed and enters Fisher's Island Sound, the eastern border of Long Island Sound.



Baker Cove watershed



Park



Walking Trail



Boat Launch



Marina



School/Educational Org



Beach

## POLLUTION CONTROL



Rain Garden



Tree Filters



Goose Management



Vegetative Buffer



Wildlife Fencing



Wetlands

## SHELLFISHING KEY

**Conditionally Approved RECREATIONAL BEDS**  
Safe for eating when in open status. Permit required.

**Restricted Relay COMMERCIAL BEDS**  
Not suitable for direct consumption; special license & product cleaning required before eating.

**Conditionally Restricted COMMERCIAL BEDS**  
Not suitable for direct consumption; special license & product cleaning required before eating and may be restricted to certain dates/times.

**Prohibited NO COMMERCIAL OR RECREATIONAL SHELLFISHING ALLOWED**  
Not suitable for direct consumption due to high levels of fecal coliform bacteria / biotoxins causing a public health risk.





## HELP CLEAN UP THE COVE

Map courtesy of The Baker Cove Watershed Committee, a volunteer group working to reduce "non-point source" pollution in the waters that drain into **Baker Cove, Groton, CT.**

The Cove is 'impaired' (polluted), mostly due to fecal coliform, a bacteria found in the waste of geese, house pets, and people. This means shellfishermen have to do special cleaning before bringing their product to market. PLEASE HELP CLEAN UP THE COVE so our waters and shellfish are naturally clean!

### Do you care about Baker Cove? Do your part to help:

- Pick up your pet waste, even in a park or the woods, and dispose of it in the garbage
- Properly maintain your home's septic system. This means have it inspected regularly, don't use additives, & pump it out every 3-5 years
- To help reduce bacteria, do not feed Canada geese or other wild waterfowl
- Use less fertilizer, pesticides, & weed killer by using organic lawn care or by replacing areas of lawn with pollinator-friendly or edible plantings
- Direct your building downspouts toward flat, well vegetated areas or to a rain garden, dry-well, or French drain instead of to paved areas

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## Ways that businesses, places of worship, & community groups can help:

Install rainbarrels & plant rain gardens to capture and slow rains' entry to waterways

Plant suitable native plants near streams, ponds, & oceanfronts creating "Riparian buffers" to filter water & reduce nuisance waterfowl

Sponsor/host a meeting on improving local watersheds or taking on an improvement project

Plant trees to shade hot pavement- streams are sensitive to changes in runoff temperatures

Host or participate in a trash clean-up event

Follow good housekeeping practices with your trash bins and dumpsters

All who live & work in a watershed share a stake in its benefits as well as responsibility for its quality. Among Baker Cove's many stakeholder neighborhoods: Airport Industrial Park, Avery Heights, Branford Manor, Cobblestone Run, Country Glen, Courtland Drive, Eastwood Village, Grasso Gardens, Groton Estates, Groton Towers, Groton Townhouse Apartments, High Rock Landing, Jupiter Point, Kinnesbrook Condos, Long Hill, Laurel Hill, The Ledges, Peppertree Garden, Pequot Village, Phoenix Apartments, Poquonnock Village, Sound Breeze, Tall Woods, and Twin Hills.

### BAKER COVE WATERSHED COMMITTEE

#### Eastern CT Conservation District (ECCD) Facilitator

CT Dept. of Energy & Environ. Protection (DEEP),  
Groton Open Space Association (GOSA),  
Groton Shellfish Commission, City of Groton,  
Groton-New London Airport, Ledge Light Health District, Town of Groton, Groton Utilities,  
CT Dept. of Agriculture/Bureau of Aquaculture (DA/BA),  
Avalonia Land Conservancy, UCONN Avery Point

MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN & INQUIRIES WELCOME.

## MAP & GUIDE

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BAKER COVE  
Groton, Connecticut

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