



Providing ecological restoration educational opportunities

ECOLOGICAL OYSTER FARMING AND RESTORATION

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The **Society for Ecological Restoration**, New England Chapter is pleased to offer a field trip opportunity to view an innovative and effective restoration partnership which aims to improve local economies and coastal waters.

Over the past five years, restoration practitioners and members of the shellfish farming community have teamed up to address the loss of a critical marine habitat. Oyster reefs improve coastal waters by removing nutrients, reducing erosion and protecting vegetated shorelines, and providing nursery habitat to marine finfish and invertebrates.

Come join experts in shellfish aquaculture and restoration on a tour of working farms and restoration project sites in Charlestown Pond, Rhode Island. A guided tour will be provided by Steven Brown, Coastal Restoration Scientist for The Nature Conservancy. Learn more about beneficial farming and restoration practices which aim to improve local economies and coastal waters.

We can only accommodate **15 people** - so make your reservations today! To save your spot please contact Steven Brown at dsbrown@tnc.org.

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