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Dear Tisbury Great Pond Stakeholder,

[The Great Pond Foundation Inc.](#), (GPF), a 501(c)3 non-profit (EIN 043446891) dedicated to preserving coastal ponds through science, collaboration, and education, is delighted to report that because of the generosity of community member and in coordination with riparian leadership, GPF's scientific team will be monitoring the health of Tisbury Great Pond in 2021.

GPF's scientific staff will monitor Tisbury Great Pond on a weekly basis from May through October 2021, weather permitting, using a combination of deployed sensors and point sampling. Laboratory nutrient analysis will be conducted by scientists at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA. At the completion of the field season, data will be analyzed and compiled into an Ecosystem Monitoring Report, to be released in early 2022. The report and data will be provided to all Tisbury Great Pond stakeholders and GPF scientific staff will present data publicly, at a mutually agreeable time, date, and place to be determined.

Ecosystem Monitoring Program activities will include the following components:

- Water Quality
- Cyanobacteria Monitoring
- Pond Elevation & Opening Dynamics
- Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Monitoring
- Biodiversity Monitoring
- Watershed Nutrient Loading

We look forward to working with you to protect Island waters.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Reddington".

Emily Reddington | Executive Director

