



Flood Marker Trail

The flood marker trail provides tangible reminders of the devastation from the unnamed hurricane of 1938 and the last major hurricane to hit Mattapoissett, Hurricane Bob in 1991. For his Eagle Scout project, Boy Scout Jared Watson chose to mark flood heights on utility poles around Mattapoissett to serve as a vivid reminder of the impact from hurricanes. Since it's been a generation since Mattapoissett experienced Hurricane Bob, this trail will serve as an important reminder about the potential height of flood waters in the community.

Jared worked with his one of his troop leaders, Jodi Bauer, and the Weather Ready Mattapoissett group to develop this project. He worked with Ms. Bauer to identify potential locations where the flood heights could be marked. Estimates of the maximum water levels from Hurricane Bob are based on maximum water levels from SLOSH maps created by EPA for the Mattapoissett project using the maximum of maximum water depth above ground for a category 2 storm. Flood height estimates for the 1938 hurricane are based on local knowledge. Information was provided that the water depth for the Hurricane of 1938 was 3 feet greater than that of Hurricane Bob.



Marking the Flood Trail: Capturing Historic Hurricanes

