



**SOUTH BETHANY COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE  
ADOPT-A-CANAL/ROAD-END PROGRAM  
2016 ANNUAL FALL UPDATE**

South Bethany's Community Enhancement Committee (CEC), chaired by Councilwoman Sue Callaway, is pleased to report that since 2011, the Adopt-A-Canal/Road-End program has grown from **6 to 33** adopted gardens and celebrated its **2016 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Adopt Contest** with continued contributions from Lord's Landscaping.

- **1st PLACE WINNER** was the Canal End on York Road between Victoria and Brsitol, adopted by Phil and Cicily Iachangelo \*\$200
- **2nd PLACE WINNER** was the Canal End on Canal Drive between W. Bayshore Drive, adopted by Kathy Jankowski and Rob Youngs \*\$100
- **3rd PLACE WINNER** was the Canal End along Route 1 between Tern and Sussex Place, adopted by Bryant & Olivia Elrod \*\$50

This year we added Honorary Mention awards to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Place Winners. We appreciate all who demonstrated their support for the program by casting more than 200 votes! Thanks also to the Public Works Department who provide consistent support to the Adopt Program.

Under the leadership of Adopt Program members Sue Callaway, Bobbe Stephan, Carol Stevenson, and Pat Wesigerber, the CEC proudly announces we have a total of **33 Canal/Road Ends** that have completed the adoption process. The CEC continues to focus on finding adopters for those on the "Priority A-List." We are also seeking more volunteers to help maintain existing adopted canal/road ends. Neighbors continue to work together to plan, develop and maintain the adopted gardens. Some adopters have engaged a landscaper and others just set to work from start to finish! These successes inspire others to join the effort to beautify and showcase our 5-mile network of canals that intertwine our community. We invite you to visit the following Canal/Road End gardens and see the difference! **REMEMBER:** *You do not have to live near or adjacent to the Canal or Road End to adopt it!*

Below is our 2016 overview of our **33** adopted Canal/Road End gardens. Those adoptions labeled **Renewed Adopters**® indicate volunteer adopters who have continuously committed to maintain their Canal/Road End gardens! Highlighted areas feature specific updates about the adoption.

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!

**#1 - Canal End on Peterson Drive - Renewed Adopters @ Adopted in 2011 by John & Pam Eckenrode. They were our first adopters to join the program who did not live near or adjacent to the Canal End! *The Eckenrodes have moved from SB so we are seeking volunteers to assume responsibility for maintaining this canal end!***



BEFORE ADOPTION



SUMMER 2016

**#2 - Canal End at the Corner of Canal Drive and Russell Road - Adopted by Sandi & Dennis Roberts and neighbors in 2011 - 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE WINNER of the 2011 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Beauty Contest Renewed Adopters @ The Roberts have done a great job in maintaining this very visible Canal End - they are always working to improve it! Many drivers, walkers and bikers get to enjoy this enhanced garden every day! They also won 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE in the 2015 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Adopt Contest!**



SUMMER 2011



SUMMER 2016



**#3 - Last Road End on Bayshore Drive:** Adopted by Bayshore Drive homeowners Sharon and Tony Nonn in 2011. It is now maintained by their neighbors the Callaways, and is enjoyed by many as a quiet retreat.



SUMMER 2011 - BEFORE ADOPTION



SUMMER 2016

**#4 - Canal End Fence Area along the Anchorage Forebay on Route 1:** Originally adopted by Kent and Bobbe Stephan, the CEC chose this area as its 2015 Earth Day adoption. The Stephans continue to maintain this revitalized area. In partnership with the Center for Inland Bays, a Community Education sign provides information about the impact of stormwater runoff on our canal water quality. Out for a walk? Stop by and read the sign and view the beautiful garden!



SUMMER 2011



SUMMER 2016

**#5 - Canal End between W. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets along Canal Road:** Adopted by Kathy Jankowski & Rob Youngs in 2011 with lots of neighbors! *Renewed Adopters* @ Kathy and Rob set a great example of getting neighbors involved with the adopt program. With the wetlands in the background, the end result is worth visiting next time you drive, walk or bike down Canal Drive! They won 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE in the 2016 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Adopt Contest!



INITIAL WORK IN 2011



SUMMER 2016

**#6 - Road End at W.11th Street:** Adopted by Barbara and John Sears in 2011 *Renewed Adopters* @ The neighborhood group included the Soradys, the Hendrix's and the Longs that planned their design around an old sea caldron that has been in that very same location for years! It's a very enjoyable place now to sit and relax, watch the boats and kayaks go by and enjoy your pets!



BEFORE ADOPTION - 2011



SUMMER 2016

**#7 - Road End at W.8th Street:** Adopted by Lisa & Conrad Schmidt in 2011 -  
*Renewed Adopters* @ The Schmidts hired Lord's Landscaping to complete their design and install an irrigation system. As seasonal weekend South Bethany property owners, they do not have to worry about watering!



**BEFORE ADOPTION 2011**



**SUMMER 2016**

**#8 - Canal End Between W. 7<sup>th</sup> and W.8th Street:** Formally adopted by Flo & Ron Smith in 2011  
*Renewed Adopters* @ The Smiths have been caring for this Canal End for several years. We appreciate their commitment to maintaining this Canal End!



**SUMMER 2011**



**SUMMER 2016**

**#9 - Canal End between Sussex and Tern:** Adopted by Bryant & Olivia Elrod in 2011 - *Renewed Adopters* @ Bryant is an exceptional gardener who has created a unique and eye-catching garden. The Elrods won 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE in the 2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Adopt Contest and 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE in the 2016 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Contest". Next time you are walking along the Route 1 pedestrian walkway - stop by this Canal End, it is worth the visit!



**BEFORE ADOPTION - 2011**



**SUMMER 2016**

**#10 - Road End at Godwin Place:** Adopted by Godwin Place homeowners Michael & Jennifer Lee in 2012. *Renewed Adopters* @ After the Town removed the overgrown juniper bushes, the Lees set to work in the spring 2012. Their design demonstrates that each adopted Canal End can have its own unique look - they have added a bench, bird house and planters.



**SUMMER 2012**



**SUMMER 2016**

**#11 - Canal End between Petherton and Brandywine along Route 1:** Adopted by Pat Voveris in 2012 - Ocean Drive resident Pat Voveris took a keen interest in adopting a Canal End. While walking along our Route 1 Pedestrian path, visit this Canal End garden and enjoy the view. Pat continues to provide support but the canal end is now maintained by the CEC and Town.



Initial Planting 2012



SUMMER 2016

**#12 - First Canal End on the right side of Bayshore Drive:** Adopted by Carol & Todd Stevenson with help from the Schmitts and Callaways in 2012 - *Renewed Adopters @* After the Town removed the overgrown junipers, the Stevensons & Schmitts have done an awesome job of maintaining the canal end. Neighbors and visitors frequently sit on the bench and enjoy the view. This Canal End won 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE in the 2013 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Contest, 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE in the 2014 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Contest, and 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE in the 2015 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Adopt Contest!



SB MAINTENANCE AUGERING HELP! - 2012



SUMMER 2016

**#13 - Canal End Between W. 4<sup>th</sup> and W. 5<sup>th</sup> along Canal Road:** Adopted by Lynn & Jerry Masiello in 2012 this Canal End is another great example of how neighbors working together can really make a positive change! *Renewed Adopters @* Like several other Canal End adopters, they installed a soaker hose system to facilitate watering!



**BEFORE ADOPTION IN 2012**



**SUMMER 2016**

**#14 - Route 1 Canal End between Henlopen Dr. and New Castle Dr:** This Canal End was the second to be adopted by oceanside resident Pat Voveris in 2013. Pat's landscaping crew turned this overgrown Canal End into a visual asset and neighbor Anita Dayton provided watering support! **In 2016 New Castle neighbors Carole & Richard Beutel adopted the Canal End. Thank You!**



**BEFORE ADOPTION**



**SUMMER 2016**

**#15 – First Road End on Bayshore Dr:** This Road End was adopted in 2013 by Bill & Lisa Lenz. *Renewed Adopters @* After the Town removed the overgrown junipers, their vision transformed this Road End with some watering help from neighbors. It is now a welcoming place to sit and enjoy quiet time on a bench that was never used before the renovation! The Lenz's continue to maintain and enhance their original design!



2013 ADOPTION GIVES NEW LIFE TO A BENCH HIDDEN BY OVERGROWN JUNNIPERS

SUMMER 2016

**#16 – First Canal End along York Road:** In partnership with the Town's Public Works, the CEC Committee adopted this Canal End as its 2013 Earth Day Project. After the junipers were removed, CEC members joined together to design and plant the landscaping. A good time was had by all! **In 2016 this Canal End was adopted by Tom Laddbush & Susan Wanich. Thank You!**



BEFORE ADOPTION 2013



SUMMER 2016

**#17 – Road End on Kent Place:** Tammy & Pete Werner took the lead on adopting the Road End on Kent Place with help from their neighbors the Buchanans. This was another overgrown area that is now a transformed sanctuary for sitting and enjoying the view! *Renewed Adopters @ Their Canal End* won 4<sup>th</sup> PLACE HONORABLE MENTION in the 2016 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Adopt Contest.



THE JUNNIPERS ARE REMOVED  
TRANSFORMATION BEGINS - SUMMER 2013

SUMMER 2016

**#18 – Canal End between Godwin Place and Kent Place:** Indian River High School Student and Eagle Scout Tristan Smyth adopted this Canal End in 2013 as his community service project requirement for his Eagle Scout badge. Tristan worked hard to prepare this rugged area for landscaping. His grandfather made the bench which resides in this lovely setting off the Route 1 Pedestrian path. *The Canal End is now maintained by the CEC and Town as Tristan is in college!*



JUNNIPERS AND ROOTS REMOVED  
SPRING 2014

SUMMER 2016

**#19** – Canal End on York Road between Bristol and Victoria Roads: This beautifully landscaped Canal End is owned by Phil & Cicily Icangelo. With a few exceptions, the Canal and Road Ends behind York Beach Mall are actually owned by property owners. The Icangelos asked to be part of the Adopt Program and we welcomed them aboard! This canal end is the 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE WINNER in the 2014 4<sup>th</sup> Annual and the 2016 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Adopt Contest! *Renewed Adopters* ©



**SUMMER 2013**



**SUMMER 2016**

**#20** – Canal End on Canal Dr. between W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St: Lori & Frank Cicero adopted this Canal End in late summer 2013 – just in time for the 2013 Adopt Contest and they placed in the top five! *Renewed Adopters* ©



**BEFORE ADOPTION**



**SUMMER 2016**

**#21 - Canal End on Canal Road between W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. and W. 6<sup>th</sup> St:** After the Town removed some invasive junipers, Alan & Caroline Raistrick took the lead in organizing neighbors who joined together and created a brand new look for this Canal End in September 2013. Great teamwork and great design! Canal Drive walkers and cyclists enjoy these changes! *Renewed Adopters* @



FALL 2013



SUMMER 2016

**#22 - Canal End on Canal Road between W. 6<sup>th</sup> and W. 7<sup>th</sup> St:** Betty & Dick Dubreuil adopted this Canal End prior to their summer departure for Colorado! Upon their fall return, they turned a mundane area into a well-landscaped Canal End for all to enjoy! This has been fun to watch grow and blossom. *Renewed Adopters* @



FALL 2013



SUMMER 2016

**#23 - Road End on Sussex Place: Renewed Adopters @** Previously long time visitors but now year-round residents, Ann & Don Boteler adopted this Road End in 2013. After the Town removed the invasive junipers, the new landscaping design revealed a beautiful holly tree lurking behind them for years! The Road End improvement compliments the lovely landscaping found on Sussex Place properties.



**BEFORE ADOPTION 2013**



**SUMMER 2016**

**#24 - Petherton Road End: Renewed Adopters @**

Cindy Scruggs took on the challenge of improving the Petherton Road End in 2014. Cindy added a bench and created a tranquil spot for resting, reading, chatting or just enjoying the view!



**SUMMER 2016**

**#25 - W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street Road End: Renewed Adopters @** In 2014, new homeowner on South Anchorage Drive, Scott Weitz adopted the Road End across the canal that he viewed from his back porch! He created a much-improved view for his family, guests and many others!



**BEFORE ADOPTION 2014**



**SUMMER 2016**

**#26 - Canal End on Peterson Drive Closest to Anchorage:** In partnership with the Public Works Department, the CEC adopted this Canal End as its 2014 Earth Day Project. After the junipers were removed, CEC members and Public Works joined together to design and plant the landscaping. A good time was had by all! This Canal End is maintained by volunteer Pat Weisgerber.



**BEFORE ADOPTION 2013**



**SUMMER 2016**

**#27 - Canal End between Petherton Drive and the Anchorage Forebay area: This Canal End was adopted by Garnet & Thomas Timbario in 2015. They selected this one as it had a memorial bench placed there in honor of Garnet's father. They worked closely with Lord's Landscaping to create a creative design - making it a much more desirable area to sit and relax. In addition, Garnet is the first adopter to add solar lights within the garden! This Canal End won 5<sup>th</sup> PLACE HONORABLE MENTION in the 2016 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Adopt Contest.**



**ADOPTION BEGINS - MARCH, 2015**

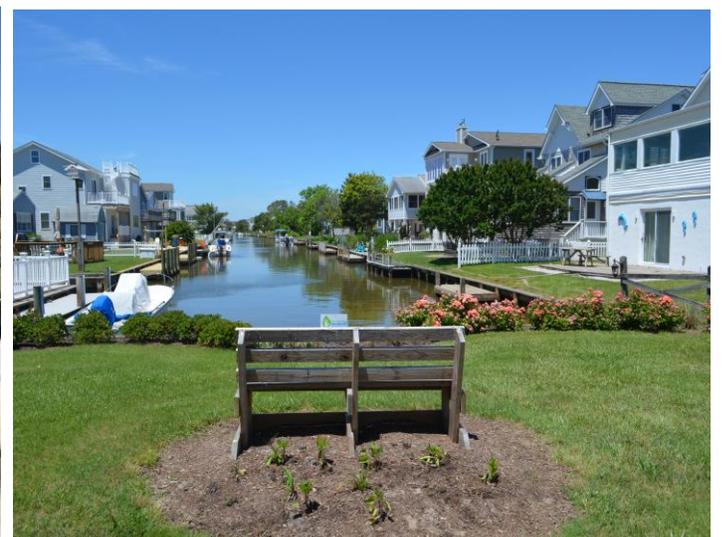


**SUMMER 2016**

**#28 - Canal End Between New Castle Drive and Layton Drive: Led by Kathy Jankowski, a group of South Bethany friends and neighbors joined together, contributed funds and adopted this Canal End in honor of Sue Callaway's Mom - Kitty Lehman - who passed away in 2014. Their collaborative efforts yielded an amazing design and turned a mundane area into a stunning landscaped garden and retreat. This truly is an exemplary illustration of community support! With sincere appreciation, Sue is honored to maintain this adoption.**



**BEFORE ADOPTION 2015**



**SUMMER 2016**

**#29 - Canal End Between Layton Drive and Godwin Place:** This adoption marks the 3<sup>rd</sup> Canal End adopted by Pat Voveris. The CEC greatly appreciates her commitment to enhancing our Town and specifically the canal ends along Route 1 and our pedestrian walkway. Look for Pat's signature white heron located in each of her adopted Canal Ends!



**BEFORE ADOPTION 2015**



**SUMMER 2016**

**#30 - Road End at the end of Henlopen Drive:** Carol & Todd Stevenson adopted their 2<sup>nd</sup> Canal End when they moved from Bayshore Drive to Henlopen Drive in 2014. Carol's commitment to the Adoption Program motivated her to make an improvement on her "new" street! In 2015, she garnered funding and watering support and a new bench from Henlopen neighbors, the Cohens, the Roberts and the Conways, - all necessary ingredients in creating a successful adoption!



**BEFORE ADOPTION 2015**



**SUMMER 2016**

**#31 - Road End at the end of W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street:** In 2014, Pat Weisgerber agreed to take on the challenge of adopting the Road End on W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street. This Road End was in dire need of a makeover! With determination and commitment, Pat created an outstanding design, and solicited the help and support of W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and other neighbors, the CEC & Public Works staff and her husband Frank who built the arbor. Under Pat's leadership and sweat equity, the transformation was incredibly successful and the Road End was the 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE WINNER in the 2015 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Adopt Contest! **Pat is seeking volunteer support to maintain the garden.**



**BEFORE ADOPTION 2014**



**SUMMER 2016**

**#32 - Route 1 Canal End between Brandywine and Henlopen:** Adopted by the CEC as its 2016 EARTH DAY Project.



**BEFORE ADOPTION 2016 PROJECT**



**APRIL 2016 - CEC EARTH DAY ADOPTION**



**VOLUNTEERS & PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVE CANAL END ALONG ROUTE 1**

**#33 - Layton Road End: *MOST RECENT ADOPTION! Newly adopted by Sue and Steve Soulas in 2016.* They worked hard to improve one of the Road Ends on the CEC's priority list! Thanks for making this happen!**



**AFTER ADOPTION IN 2016**

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**2016 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ADOPT BEAUTY CONTEST WINNERS**



From L. to R. Pete & Tammy Werner, Honorable Mention; Bryant Elrod, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner; Sue Callaway, CEC Chair; Megan, Lord's Landscaping; Rob Youngs & Kathy Jankowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner; Pat Weisgerber, CEC Member; and Garnet Timbario, Honorable Mention

**Interested in Learning More or Adopting one of South Bethany's Canal/Road Ends that have not yet been adopted?** Visit: [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org) - Under the Committees section on the left column of the Home Page, Click on Community Enhancement Committee.

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