



People Of Interest

Steve Travis of 29 White Trellis

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Meet Steve Travis. Born in Boston and raised in Canton, MA. Steve is a native son. After graduating Canton High School, he received a Bachelor's degree in Biology and Oceanography from the University of Bridgeport, CT.

Steve began working for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection right after he received his degree, and is still working for them as a computer programmer.

Although he has stayed with the Department, he has held many positions there which allowed him to do different things. Steve was an aquatic biologist and a field biologist. Steve was involved in assessing the quality of life in our waterways, particularly streams and rivers. Part of the work involved assessing the quality of life of a stream, not only the water but the animals and plants that were found in and around it. His specialty was the midge flies. There are so many varieties, and they have adapted so well to different environments, that you can get a feel for the quality of a stream by the type of midge that inhabits it. Steve even discovered an unknown species of midge which was named after him. If you see a midge, it might be *Hydrobaenus Travisii*, the species named after him!

Steve received his Master's degree in Biology in Aquatic Ecology from Worcester State. Like many driven individuals, Steve worked on his Master's while working a full time job.

Steve's life is research and his ending up at Great Island is no mistake. Steve's father lives in an "over 55 community" where he is involved in that community's government, something which impressed Steve. Steve began researching "over 55's" here in Massachusetts and his research was such that he knew Great Island would be the right place to be.

Steve started doing a website (see <http://www.greatislandatthepinehills.org>) with the research materials he had amassed. The site covers a lot of practical and necessary info. about living here and also the community aspect of Great Island. Check it out!

Steve is single, still works, and looks forward to his many hobbies, kayaking, hiking and biking. We should also mention that among his hobbies, Steve was an avid sailor and sailed his 30' Catalina, "Auspicious" in Narragansett Bay for 20 years!

Steve moved to Great Island in July of last year and really enjoys the friendliness of the residents and the beauty of the neighborhoods.