

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2017 Nominee Profile

Mudge Island Citizens Society

Category:	Organization
Project:	Establishing and operating the Mudge Island Citizens Society
Nominator(s):	Peter Alexander

Description:

The Mudge Island Citizens Society (MICS) helps make Mudge Island self-sufficient and resilient by providing support for fire prevention, firefighting equipment, and emergency and medical services on Mudge Island.

MICS volunteers have developed and maintained land that is used to store and service emergency and firefighting equipment and accessories, and emergency medical equipment and supplies. They have also acquired cisterns for bulk storage of rainwater for island firefighting use.

MICS has purchased and maintains three Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the use of island residents. The AEDs are housed at accessible roadside locations around the island. To encourage community support and participation, they host regular educational events on topics of wildfire response, emergency medical response, the use of AED's, first aid, and equipment maintenance.

The MICS's work benefits both the ecology and community of Mudge Island. MICS's work in fire prevention and response, and promotion of rain water storage contributes to protection of local ecosystems. The volunteer work of Mudge Island Citizen's Society fosters community engagement, participation, and responsibility. Their work benefits the preservation of the natural rural environment and the cohesiveness of the Mudge Island community.