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To: Cape Cod Wastewater; Front Desk
Subject: 208 Plan Comments

Dear Sir/Madam:

I attach comments regarding the 208 plan and the referenced land use vision maps for Harwich referenced in the document.

Sincerely,

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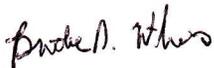
RE: Draft 208 Cape Cod Area Wide Water Quality Management Plan Comments

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments as an individual on the above plan. I appreciate the opportunity to participate as a stakeholder in the process. The generation of alternative scenarios relating to wastewater in Harwich and surrounding towns through the watersheds has been a useful process. I am concerned that the Land use vision mapping process mentioned in the plan is in need of improvement. I attach the vision map for comment and the vision map evidently approved by the Harwich Planning Board with little notice for public comment which greatly reduces the area of resource protection of the Herring River. A portion of North Harwich also appears to have been deleted in the approved vision map. I am concerned that if this vision map were to be followed, the Thankful Chase housing development which has appeared on the Commission Affordable housing page and discussed at the stakeholder meetings could not be justified as it is in an area not considered a village but simply Industrial Service Trade. The cost of providing wastewater and services to areas of other in the map is not clear. A more participatory process for these elements is necessary to achieve the goals of the plan. Developing through grants or other means competition for funding of innovative test wastewater programs should be considered. Programs such as the efforts of Ridgewood, New Jersey to innovate using energy saving techniques could provide case studies. The efforts of Kitsap County in Washington could be referenced. I would suggest mapping key storm water or potential storm water strategies by the county in the Cape towns. Public/private partnerships considering alternatives regarding sites needing redevelopment such as the Handlers property in Harwich. Integrating open space and wastewater planning in East Harwich outside the village center should be encouraged. Best practices for planning of owners' unknown land should be discussed. There should be more discussion of villages- equivalent to neighborhood building techniques. I feel that developing a set of project management guidelines usable by the towns in their wastewater planning and implementation process would be useful. From the perspective of Harwich, understanding the key time points and opportunities for consideration of wastewater alternatives would be helpful for decision makers. I would suggest adding the Massachusetts Rivers Protection Act to the timeline and references. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this document.

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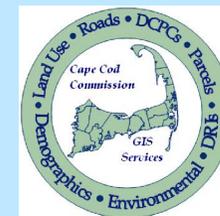
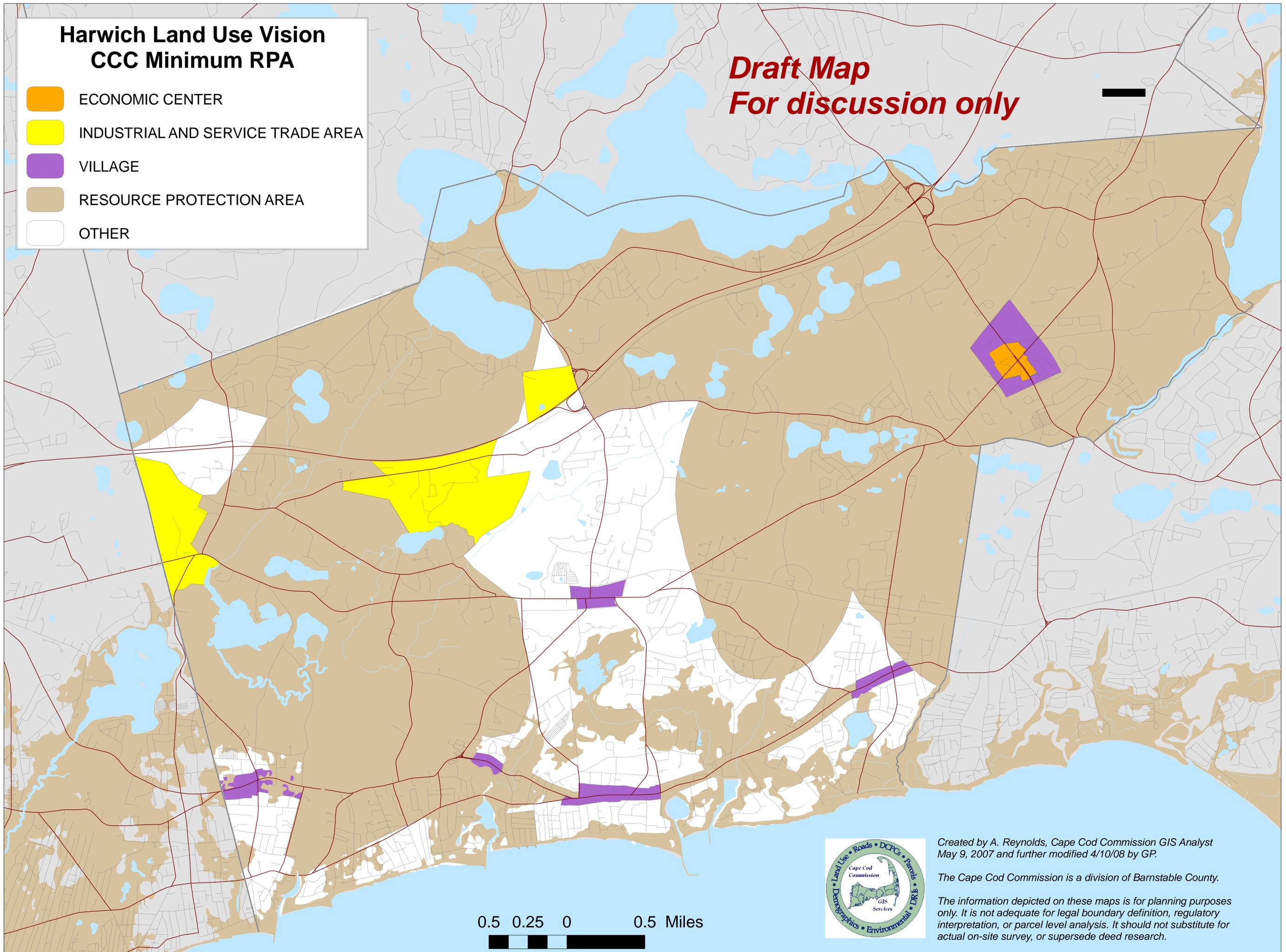
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Attachments: Harwich Regional Vision Map, Harwich Regional Vision Comment Map

Harwich Land Use Vision CCC Minimum RPA

-  ECONOMIC CENTER
-  INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE TRADE AREA
-  VILLAGE
-  RESOURCE PROTECTION AREA
-  OTHER

***Draft Map
For discussion only***



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