

COST OF GROWTH

Growth in nitrogen-sensitive watersheds carries a heavy price. To meet water quality targets in these impaired watersheds, a portion of the current nitrogen must be removed **AND** all of the nitrogen from future growth.

When designing a plan, and thinking of options for treatment, it is important to take into account the sources of future wastewater and the amount of nitrogen they may contribute.

GROWTH FACTS

15% growth in the wastewater from additional development is estimated to **add 20%** to the potential construction **costs**

20% increase in construction costs for wastewater treatment could **add** as much as **\$760 Million** to the price tag

Smart growth that is concentrated around existing development and compact is likely to significantly **reduce the cost** of providing wastewater treatment and other services

Directing growth to centers of development is also consistent with the Cape's historic land use pattern, making these areas more **walkable** and reducing traffic congestion

