Upper Cape West & South Group

Baseline Conditions & Needs Assessment

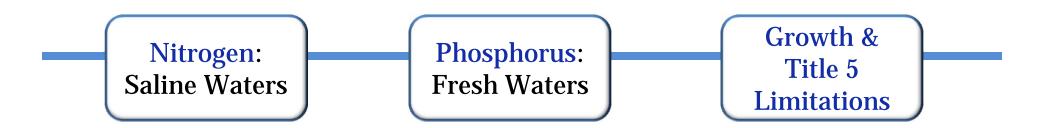
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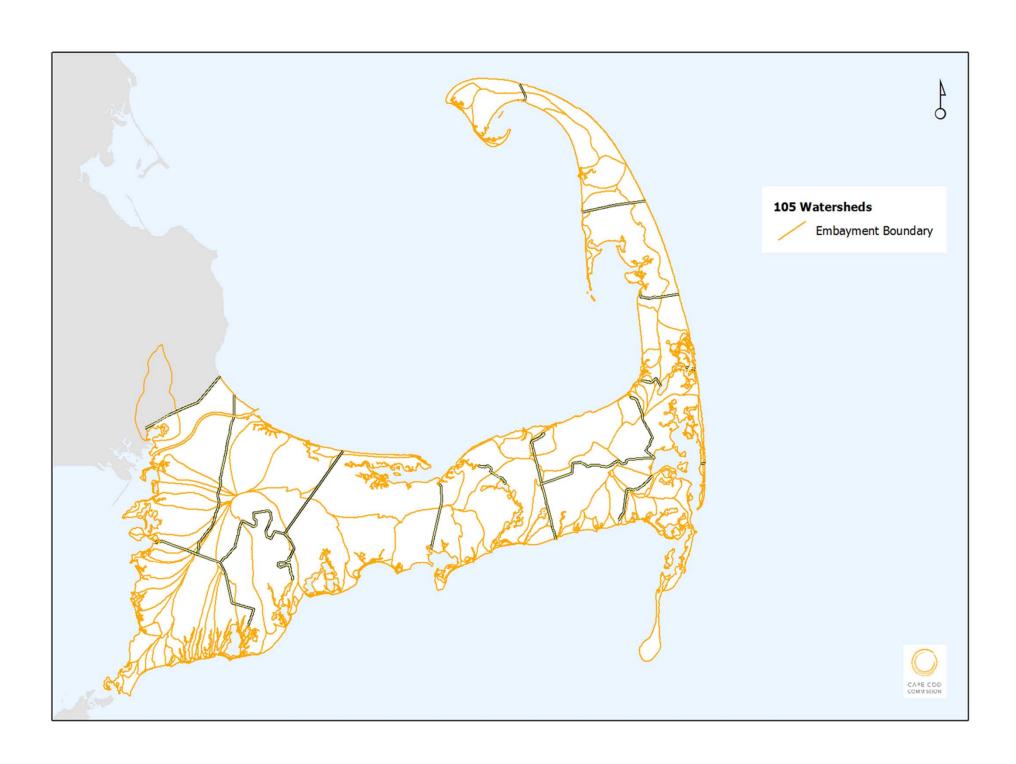
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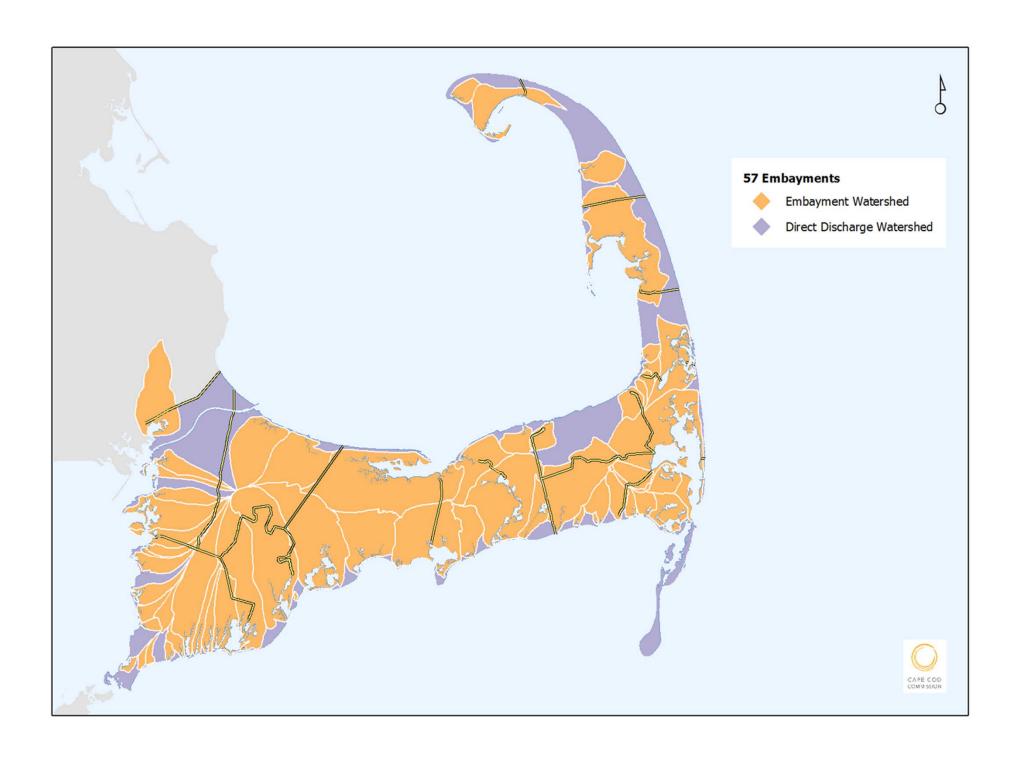
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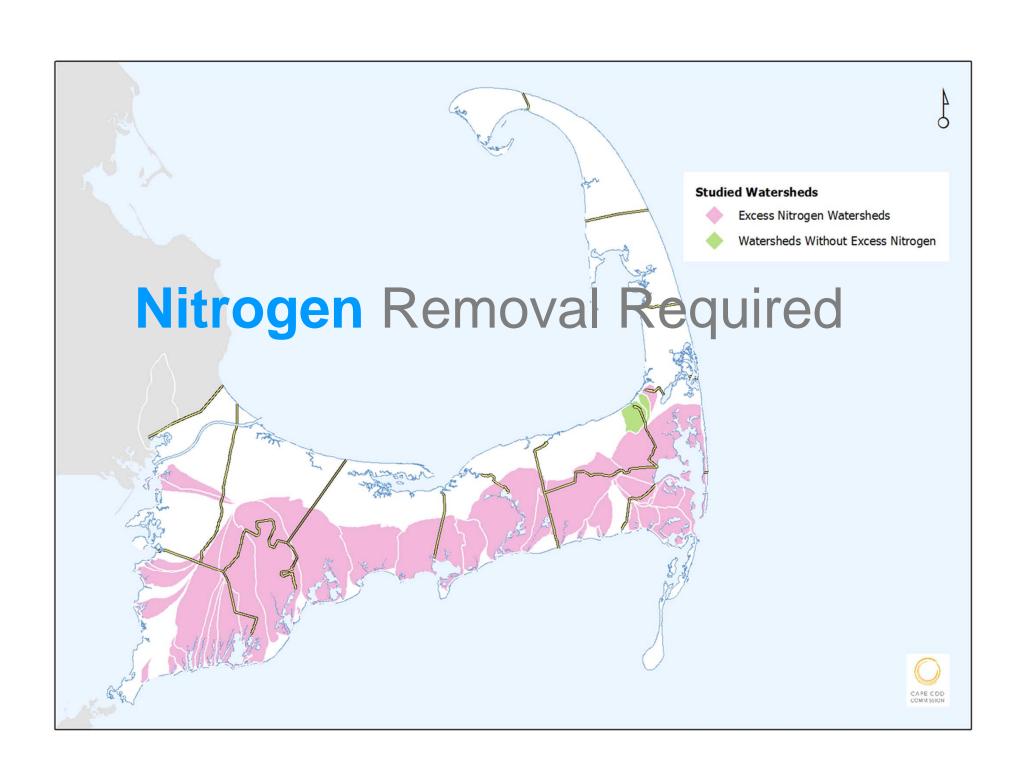
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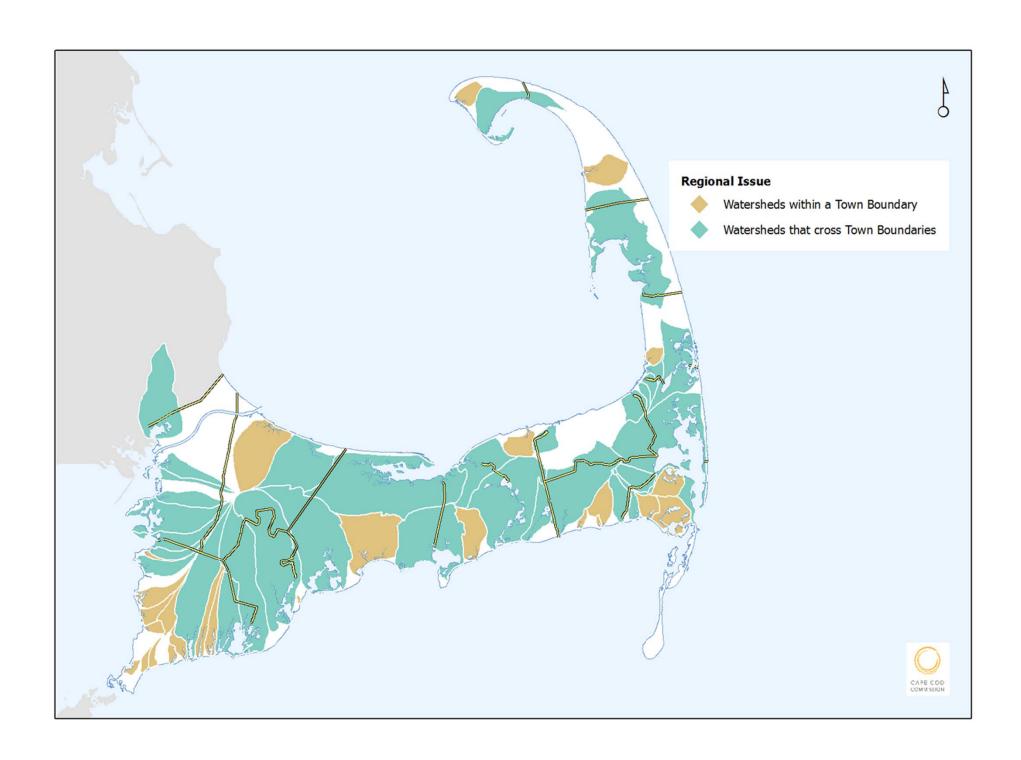
Focus on 21st Century Problems



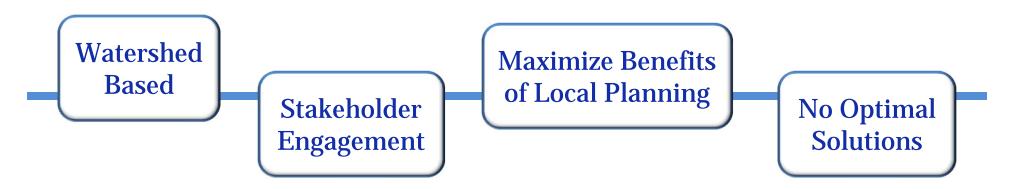






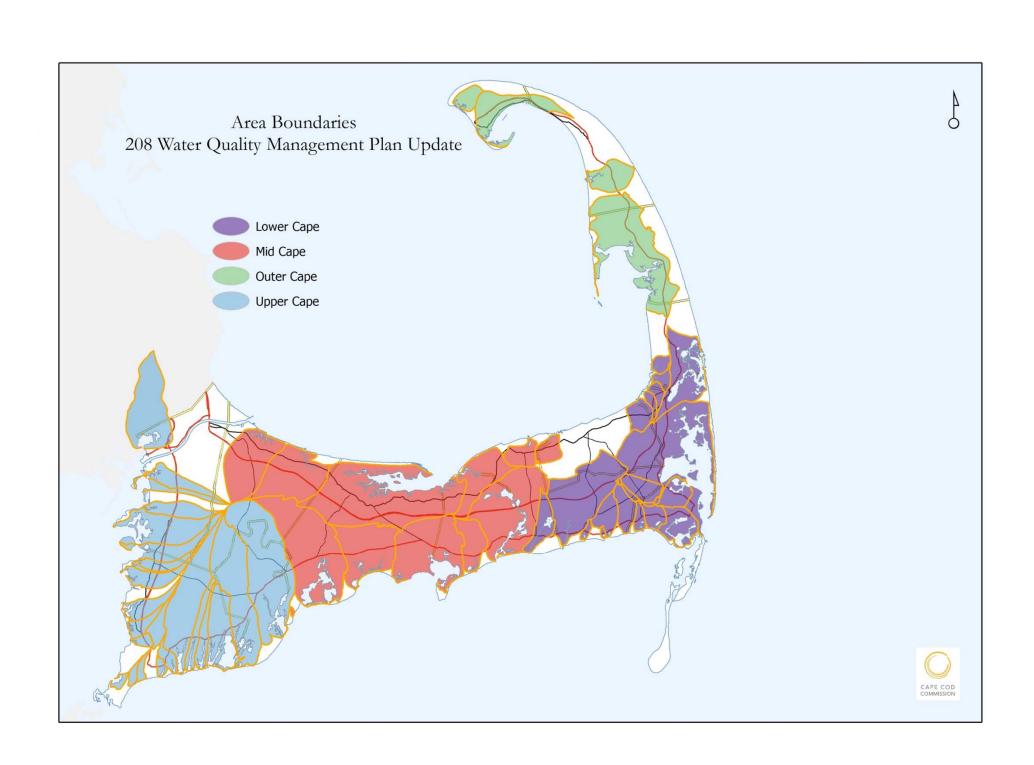


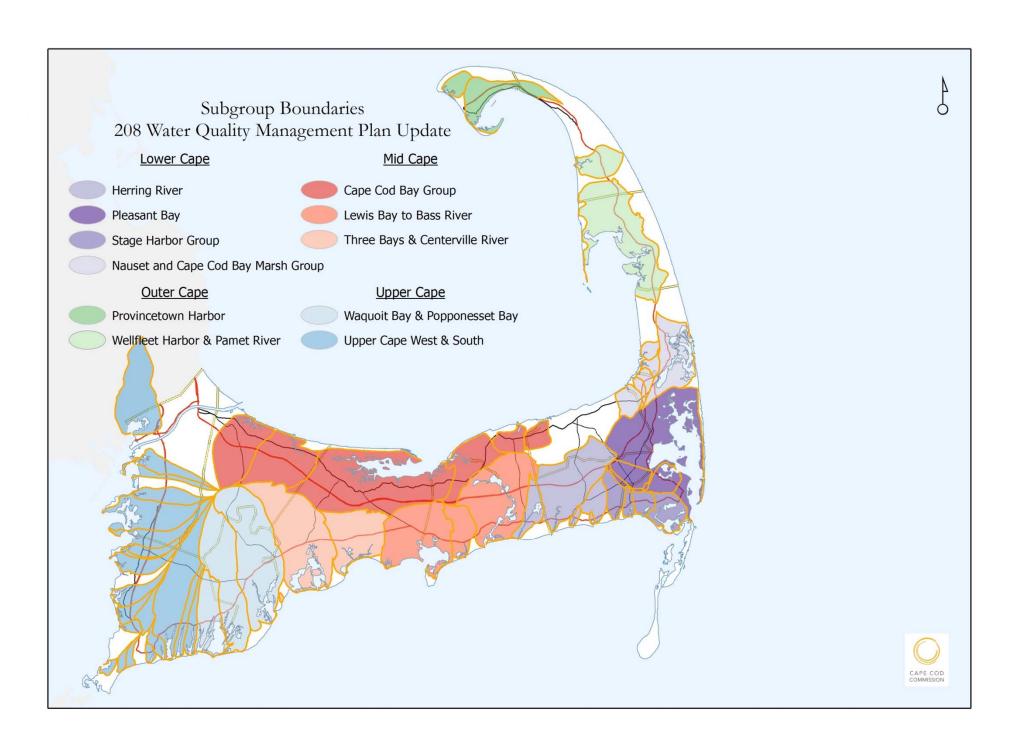
Approach to the 208 Plan Update



Goal:

To generate a series of approaches in each watershed that will meet water quality standards





What is the stakeholder process?

Public Meetings

Watershed Working Groups

Goals, Work Plan & Roles

Affordability, Financing

Baseline Conditions

Technology Options Review

Watershed Scenarios

July

August

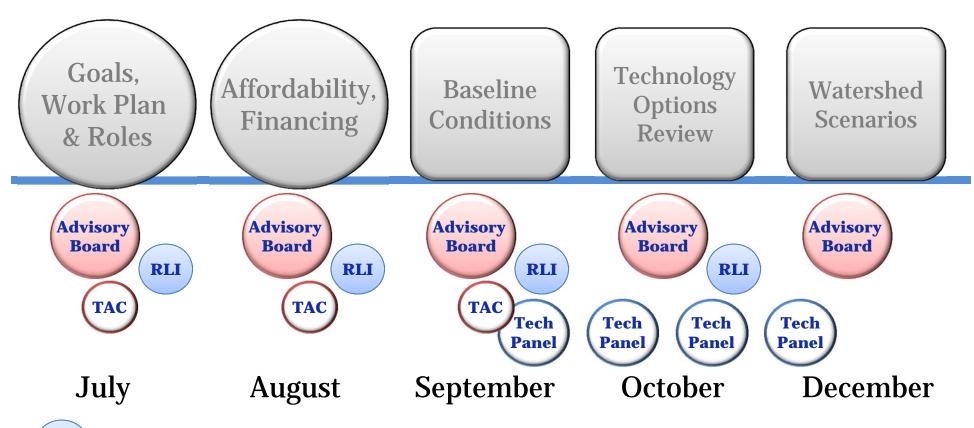
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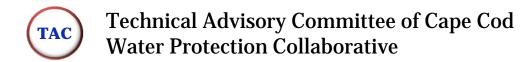
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Watershed Working Groups

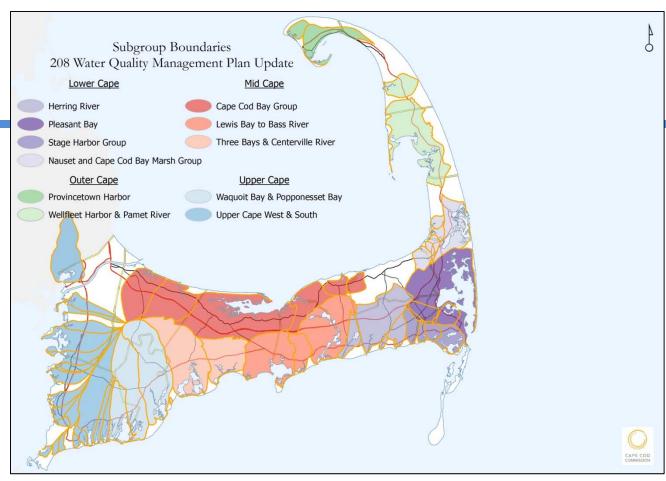


RLI Regulatory, Legal & Institutional Work Group



Baseline Conditions

11 Working Group Meetings: Sept 18-27



208 Planning Process

Baseline Conditions 11 Working Group Meetings:

Sept 18-27

Technology
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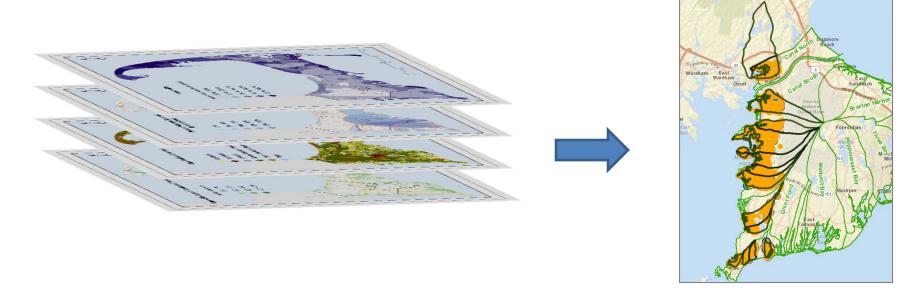


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Goal of Today's Meeting:

To review and develop shared understanding of the characteristics of these watersheds, the work done to date, existing data and information available, and how to apply all of this to planning for water quality improvements for these watersheds moving forward.

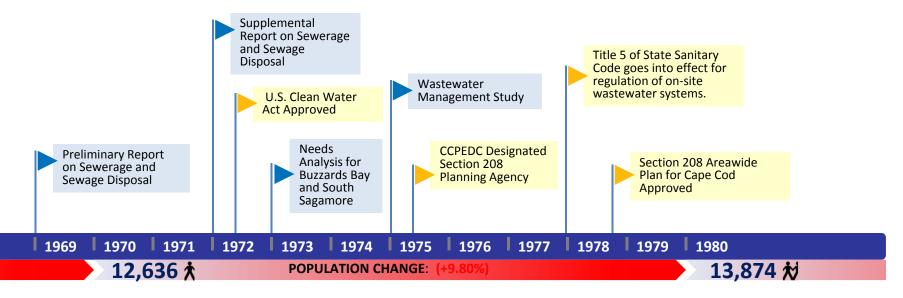
Local Progress to Date

Buttermilk Bay Phinney's Harbor Back River/Eel Pond Pocasset River Pocasset Harbor Megansett Harbor Fiddler Cove Rands Canal Wild Harbor Great Sippewisset Creek Little Sippewisset Marsh Falmouth Inner Harbor Quissett Harbor Oyster Pond Salt Pond

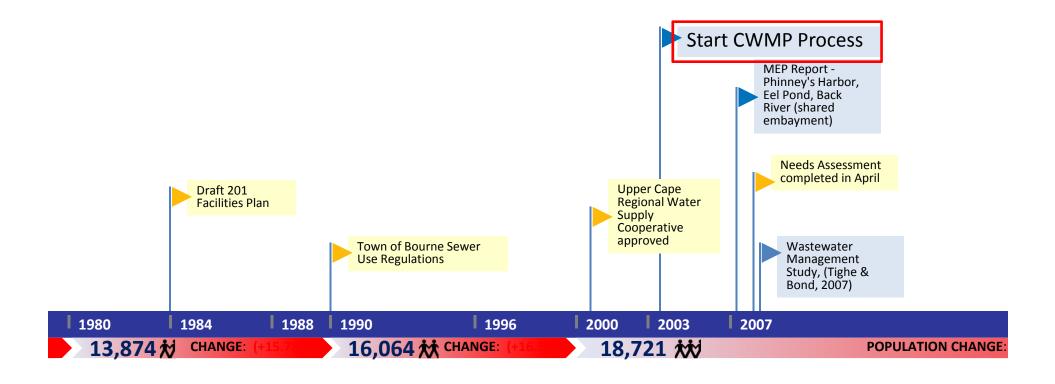
From 1978 Section 208 Plan

- The Town of Bourne presents unique geographic difficulties to be overcome in water quality management due to its physical division by the Cape Cod Canal.
- The Town of Bourne has a major Category 1 problem area in Buzzards Bay, a densely developed commercial area. On-site system failures in this area have been tied to documented groundwater degradation.
- The Wareham treatment plant is planned to serve the area adjacent to Buzzards Bay and has the capacity to accept sewage from Buzzards Bay.
- It is likely that watershed protection measures are as important in this area as wastewater management facilities.

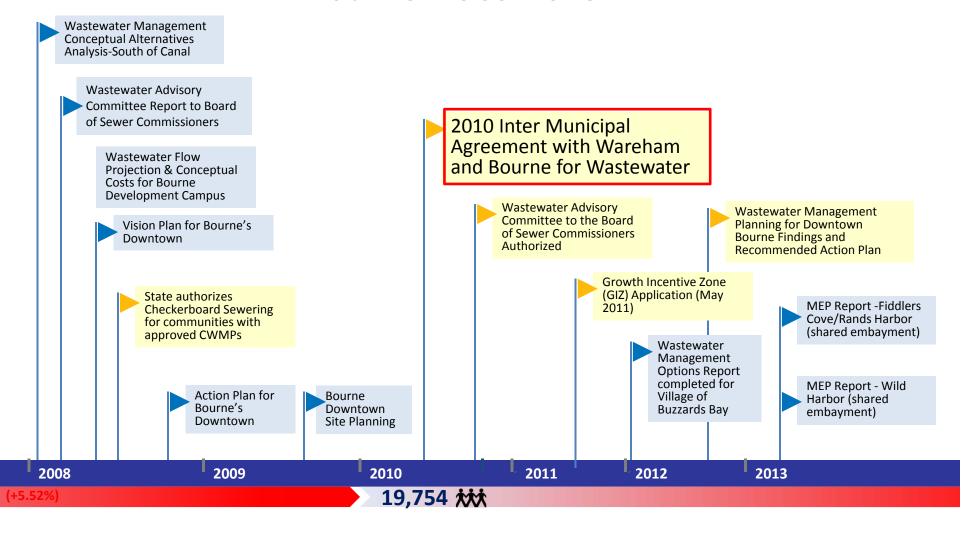
- It is the general recommendation of this plan that the town should apply for 201 facility planning funds to abate existing problems and construct a septage facility.
 - The town prefers the district approach and itself must then assume full responsibility for investigating and correcting problems in remaining problem areas.
- Should the town be unsuccessful in implementing this approach it should reconsider the possibility of conducting a 201 study.
- On-site system management should be implemented throughout the unsewered sections of Bourne, including a maintenance pumping program when adequate septage facilities are available.

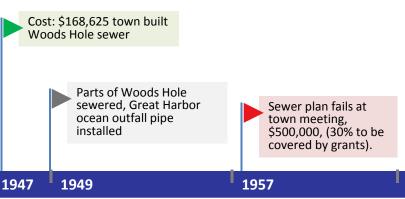


Bourne: 1969-2013



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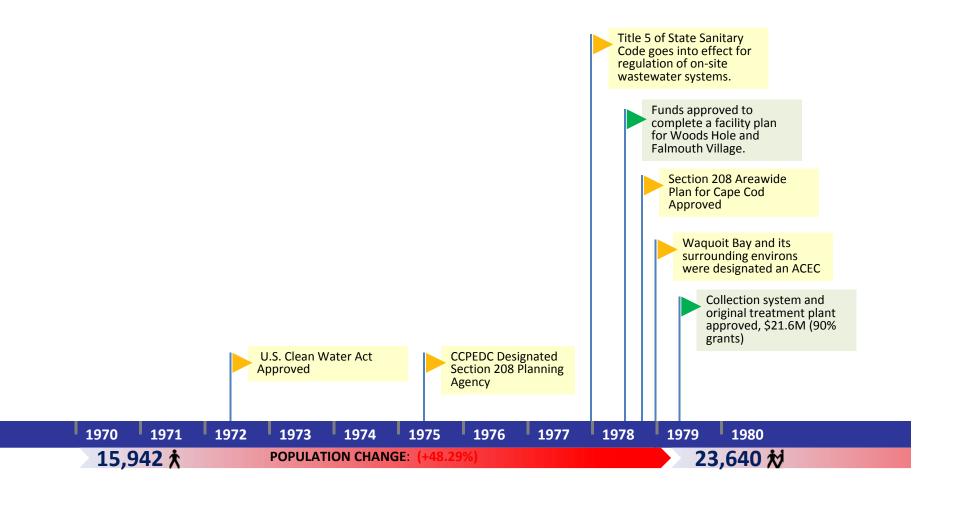


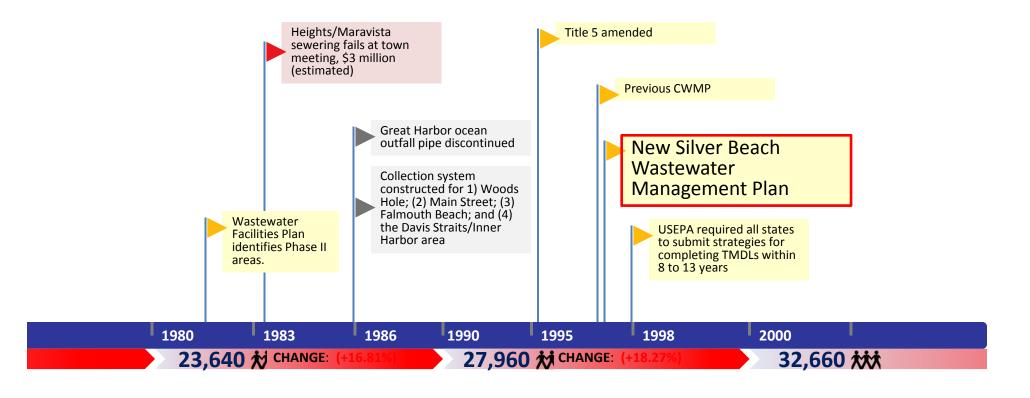


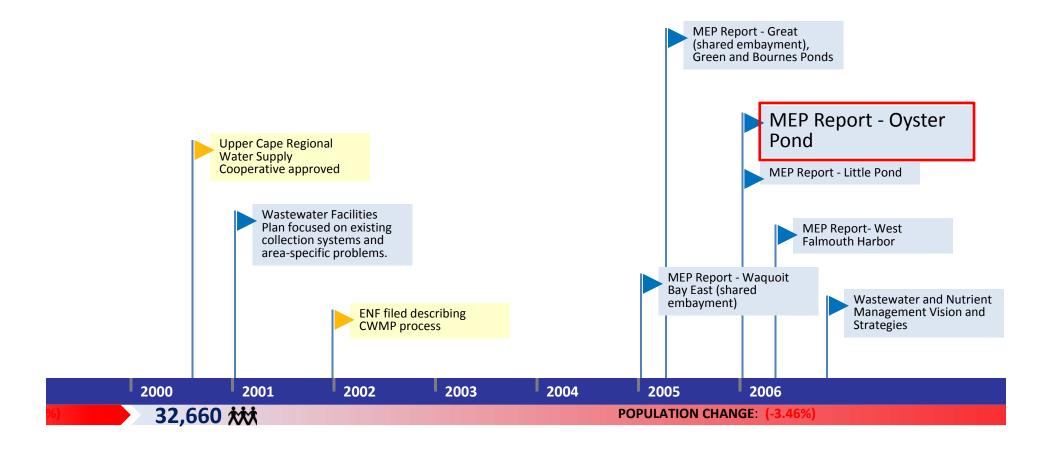
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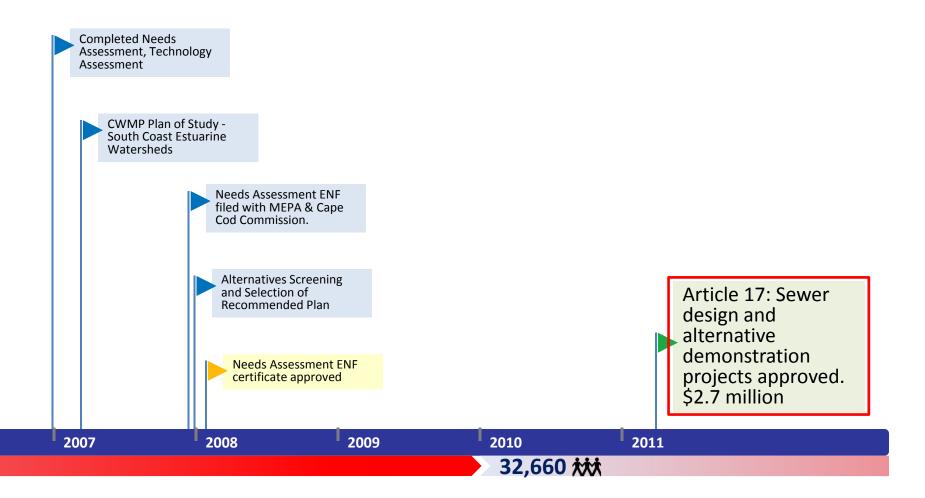
- Falmouth's difficulties with sewer system planning and construction have a 30 year history. It is strongly recommended that the town appoint a water quality advisory committee.
- A survey of residents and potential sewer users was conducted in the summer of 1978 to determine whether they would be willing to pay for sewers.
- The DWPC ordered the town to take immediate action to complete a facility plan for Woods Hole or to begin construction of sewers in downtown
 - Falmouth. Town meeting voted on September 27, 1978 to appropriate additional funds to complete a facility plan for both
- Woods Hole and Falmouth Village. The plan recommended that DWPC not prosecute the town as long as it is moving in a positive direction towards completion of a comprehensive plan.
- The plan also recommended that if town meeting action is not taken expeditiously on the final plan recommendations, the DWPC and DEQE should pursue regulatory actions.
- The health agent for the town has stated that there are critical problems with on- site system failures and Title 5 enforcement, both within and outside of, proposed sewer service areas.
- A maintenance pumping program should be implemented as part of the facility plan.
- The town of Falmouth adopted the first Watershed Protection District bylaw on Cape Cod.

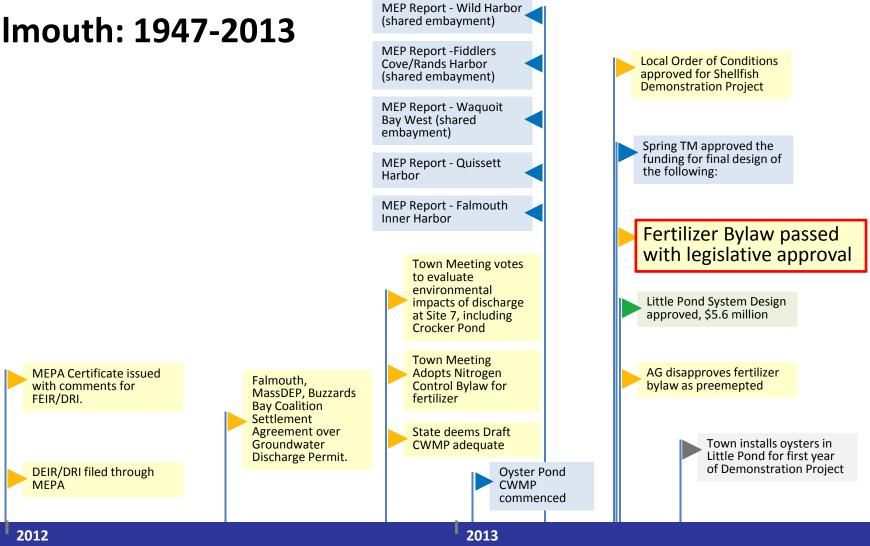
1970











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From 1978 Section 208 Plan

A sewer facilities plan was completed for Sandwich in 1978. The plan calls for a small outfall into the Cape Cod Canal, which now could only be allowed through a special act of the legislature.

Should the town fail to act by 1980, a DEQE investigation of Title 5 violations should be initiated.

A septage treatment facility would not provide a comprehensive solution and could not be considered to be consistent with the 208 plan. Funds should not be made available for the

enforce Title 5 and should seek
additional qualified personnel to
implement the 208 recommended on-

site systems management program.

The town health agent should strictly

The town has taken progressive steps to increase lot sizes to at least one acre in most areas of town. The town has indicated willingness to cooperate with the 208 staff in delineating watershed areas and in adopting Watershed Protection Districts.

The problem of the State Fish Hatchery discharging over half a million gallons of fresh water must be addressed by the

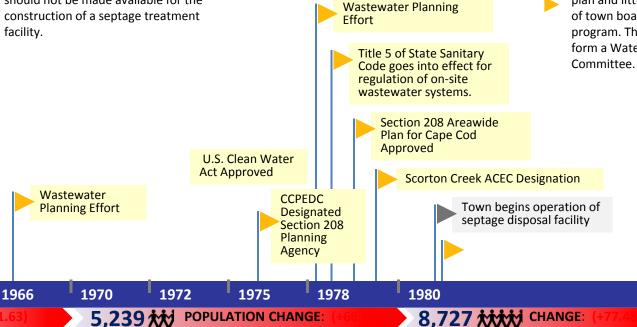
fresh water must be addressed by the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife as recommended in the "Water Conservation" section of the final plan.

The town should actively participate in regional solid waste planning to develop a long-range solution to its solid waste management problems.

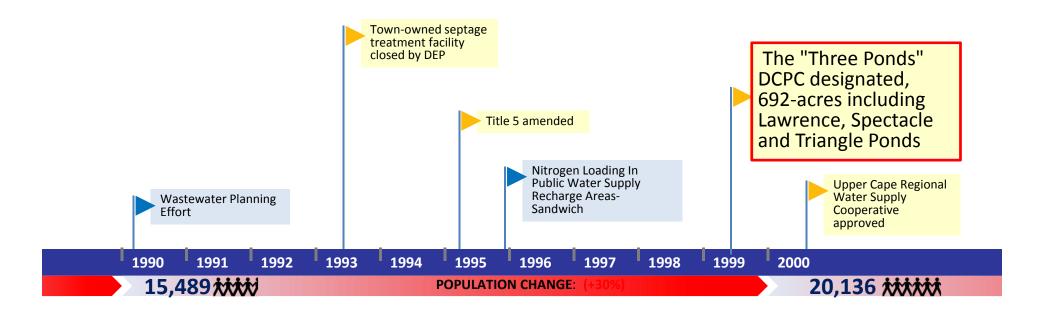
There has been a serious delay in action on the town's proposed sewer facility plan and little coordinated participation of town boards in the 208 planning program. The town should immediately form a Water Quality Advisory

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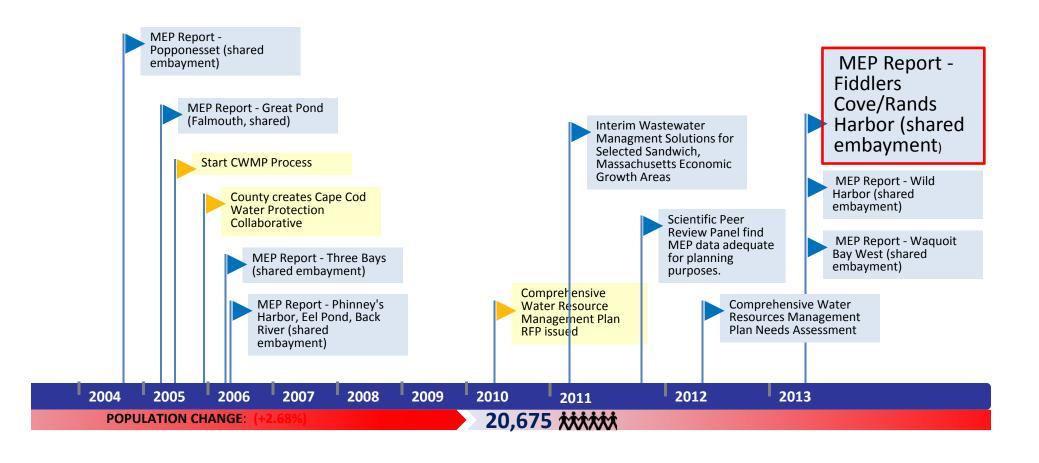
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Sandwich: 1970-2013



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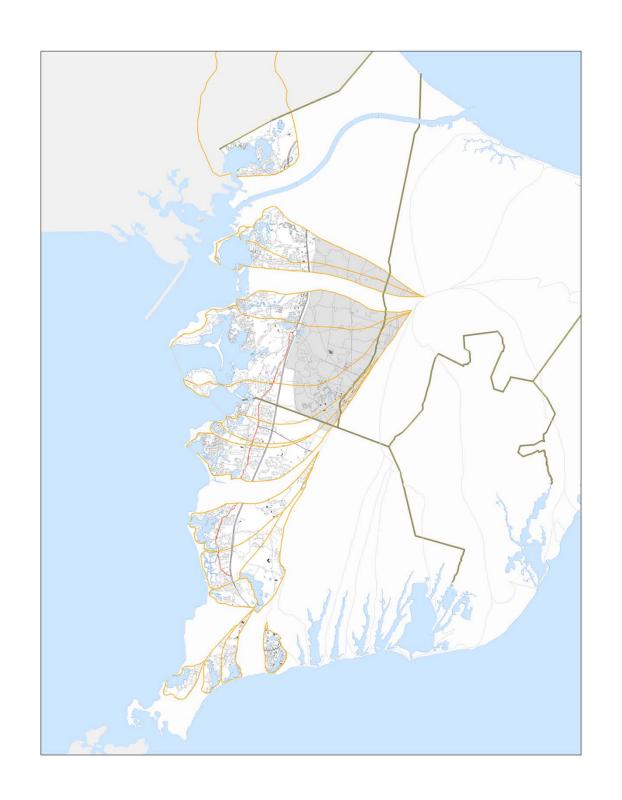


Did we miss anything?

Your Watersheds

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Natural Features

Base Map

Town Lines

Rivers

Embayment Boundary

→ On Land

On Sea

Major Roads

→ US Highway

State Highway

Roads

Structures

Ponds

Natural Areas

- Natural Heritage & Endangered Sprcies Program (NHESP) Certified Vernal Pools
- Water Table Contours
- Cranberry Bogs
- Wetlands
- Sea, Lake, & Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) Update 2013
- Preliminary FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Zones 2013

Sources: MassGIS, MassDOT, ICCOH, FEMA, CCC

Managed Surfaces

Base Map

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Managed Surfaces

Approximate Managed Ground Surfaces

Approximate Residential Managed Lawns

Approximate Managed Golf Courses

Approximate Municipal Managed Natural Surfaces

Sources: MassGIS, MassDOT, CCC

Regulatory

Base Map

- Town Lines
- Rivers

Embayment Boundary

- → On Land
- On Sea

Major Roads

- → US Highway
- Roads
- Structures
- Ponds

Regulatory

- Areas of Critical Environmental Concern
- DEP Approved Wellhead Protection Areas (Zone IIs)
- Growth Incentive Zone

OpenSpace: Level of Protection

- In Perpetuity
- Limited
- None

Landuse Vision Map

- Economic Center
- Industrial and Service Trade Area
- Village
- Resource Protection Area
- Other
- Undesignated

Sources: MassGIS, MassDOT, CCC

Land Use Change

Base Map

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LandUse Change

Residential

Commercial

Industrial

Wooded, Natural, or Wetlands

Open - Disturbed or Managed

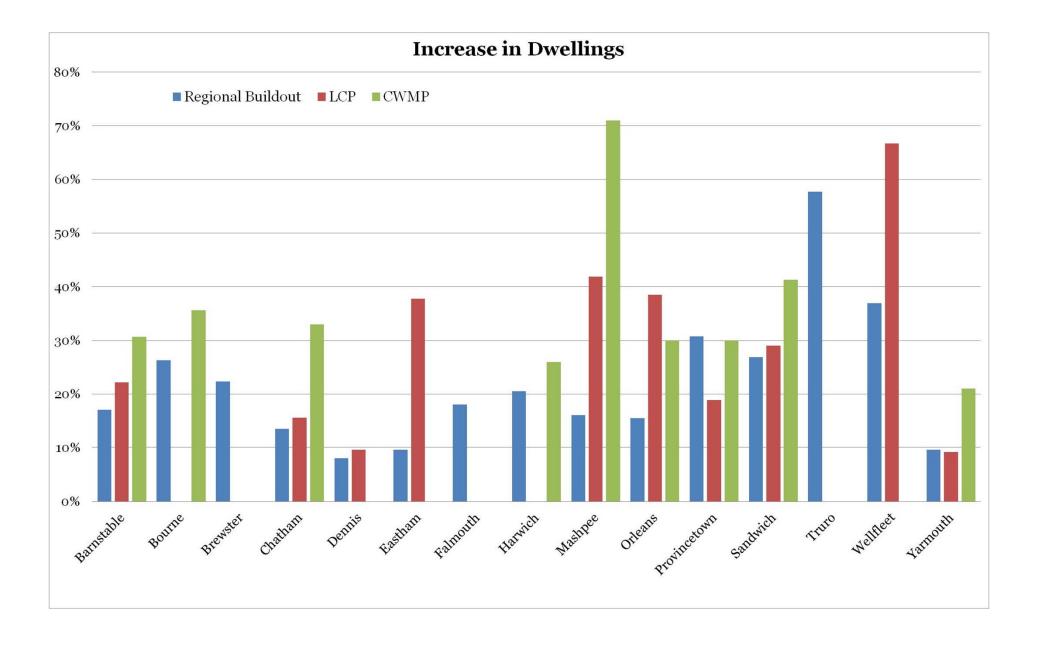
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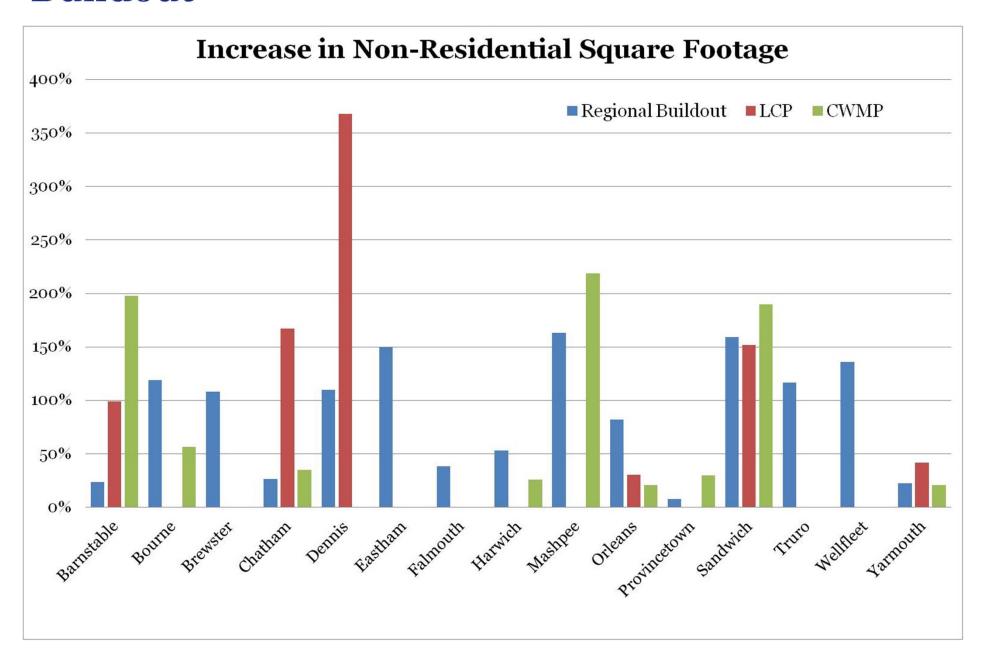
Density

Cape Wide Cost Estimate: 30% growth will increase capital costs by 40%

Buildout



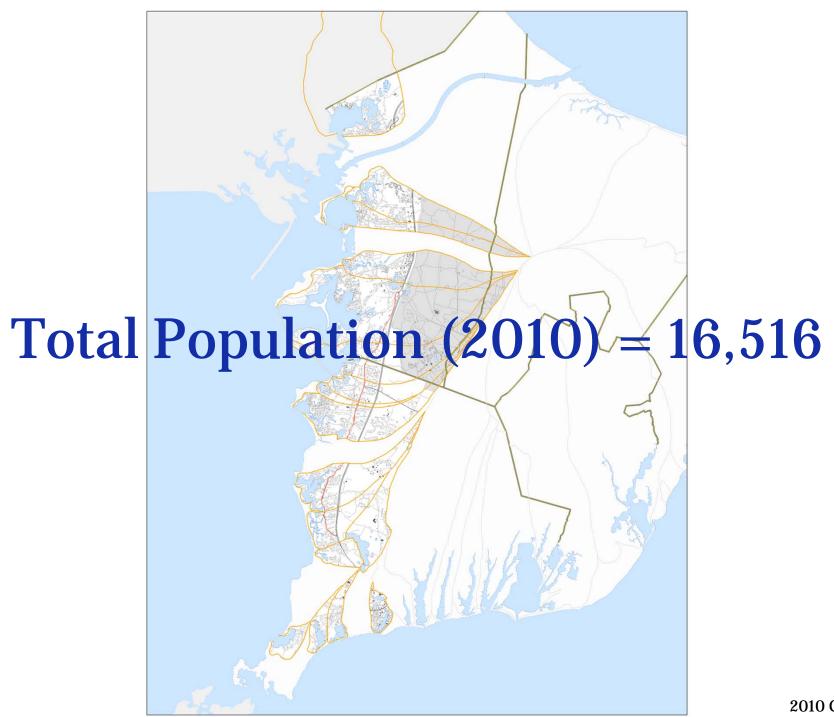
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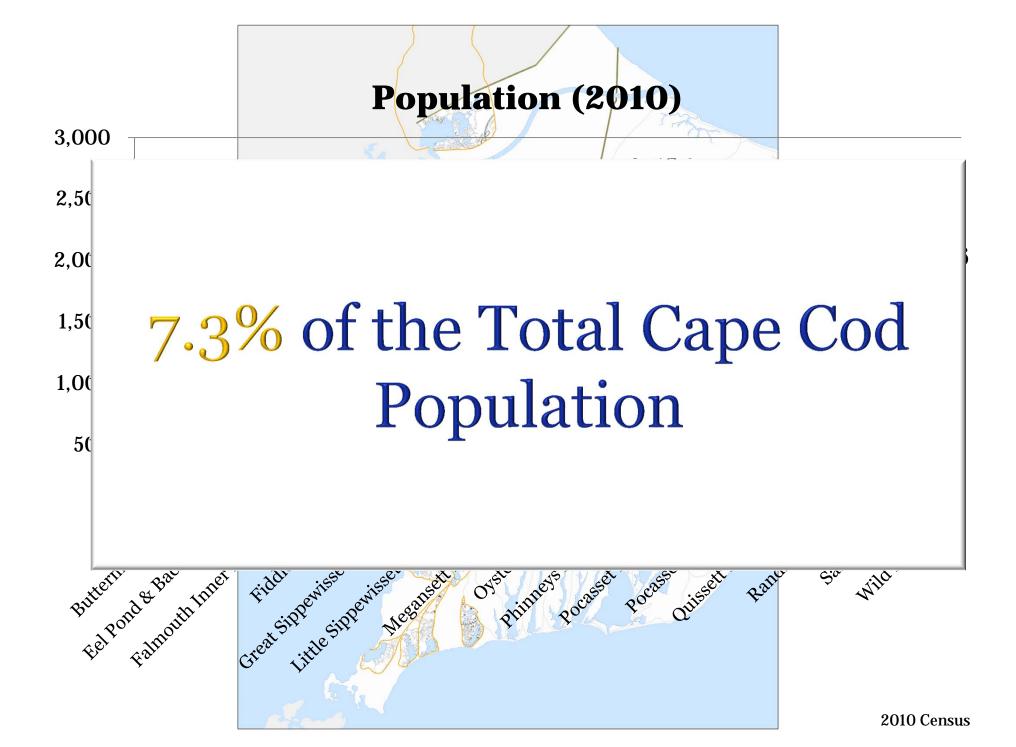


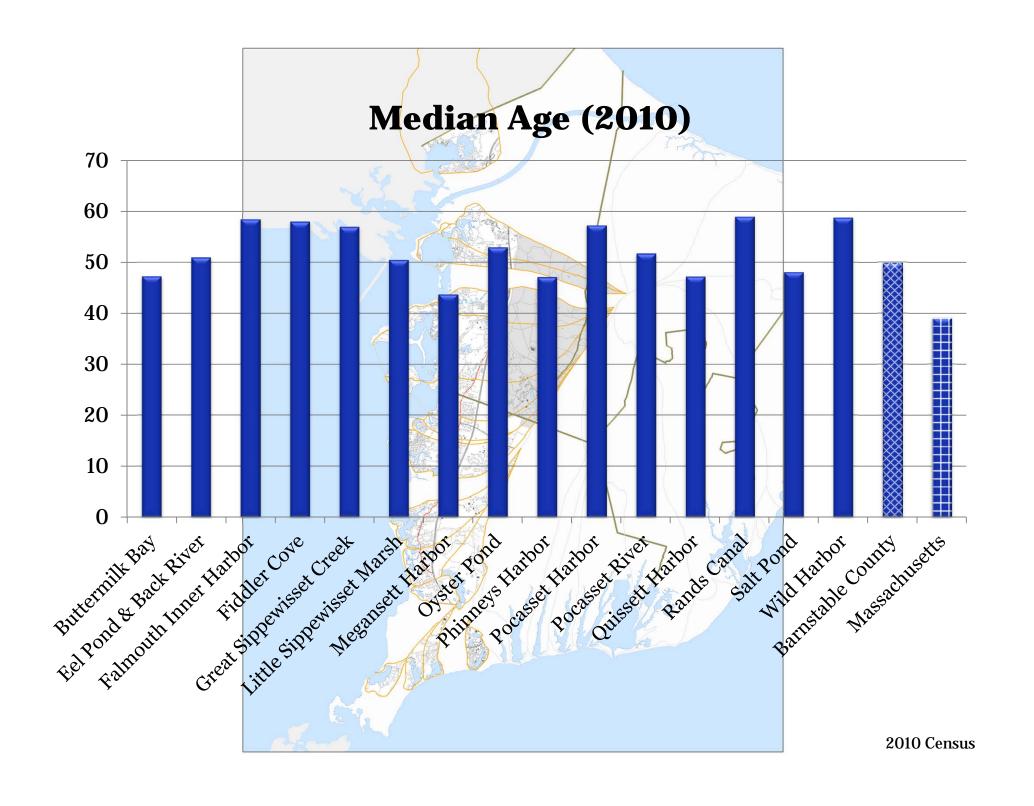
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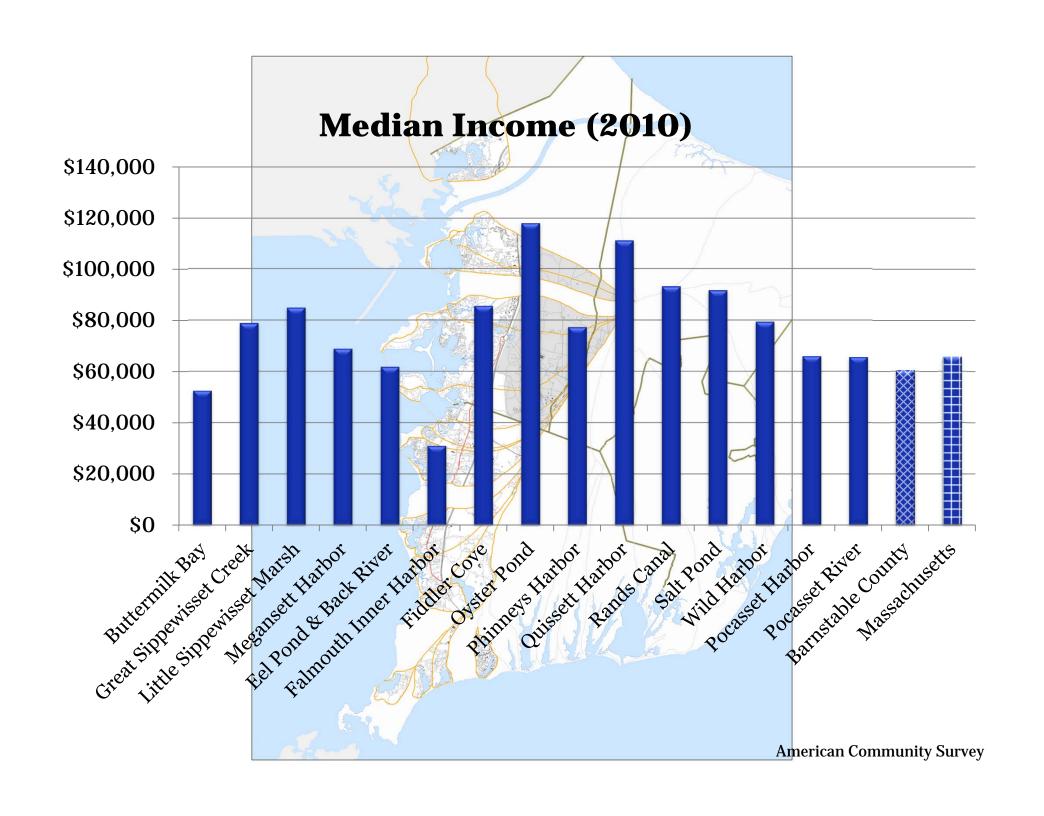
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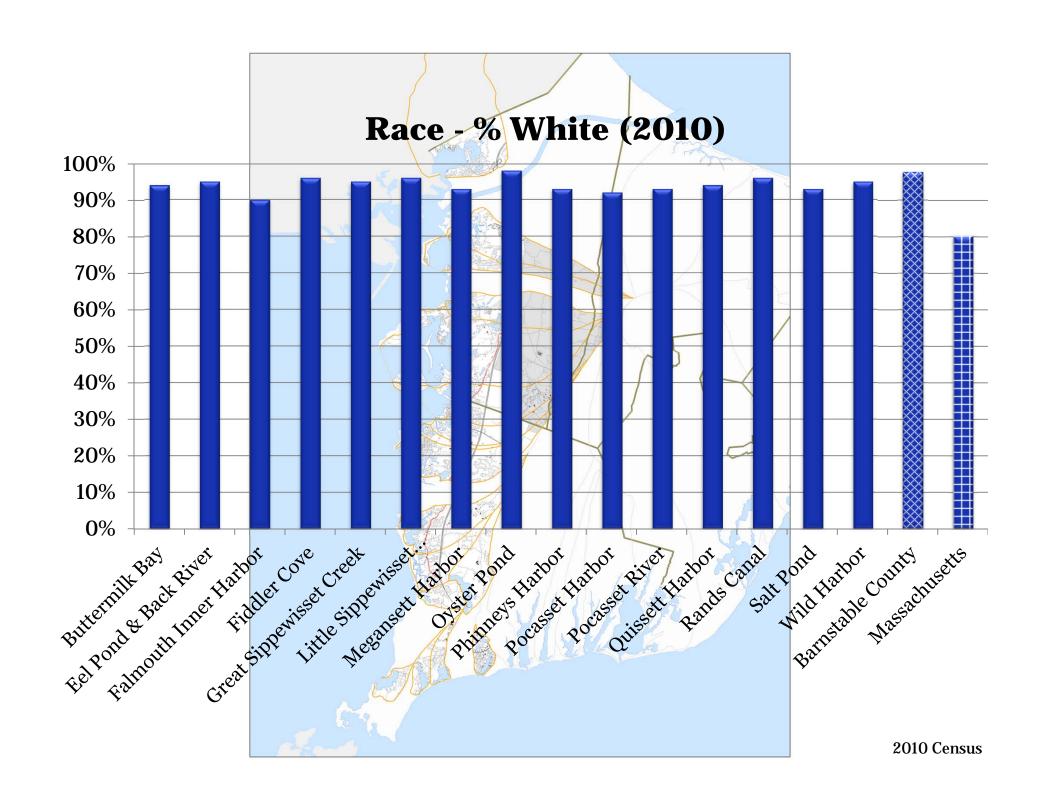
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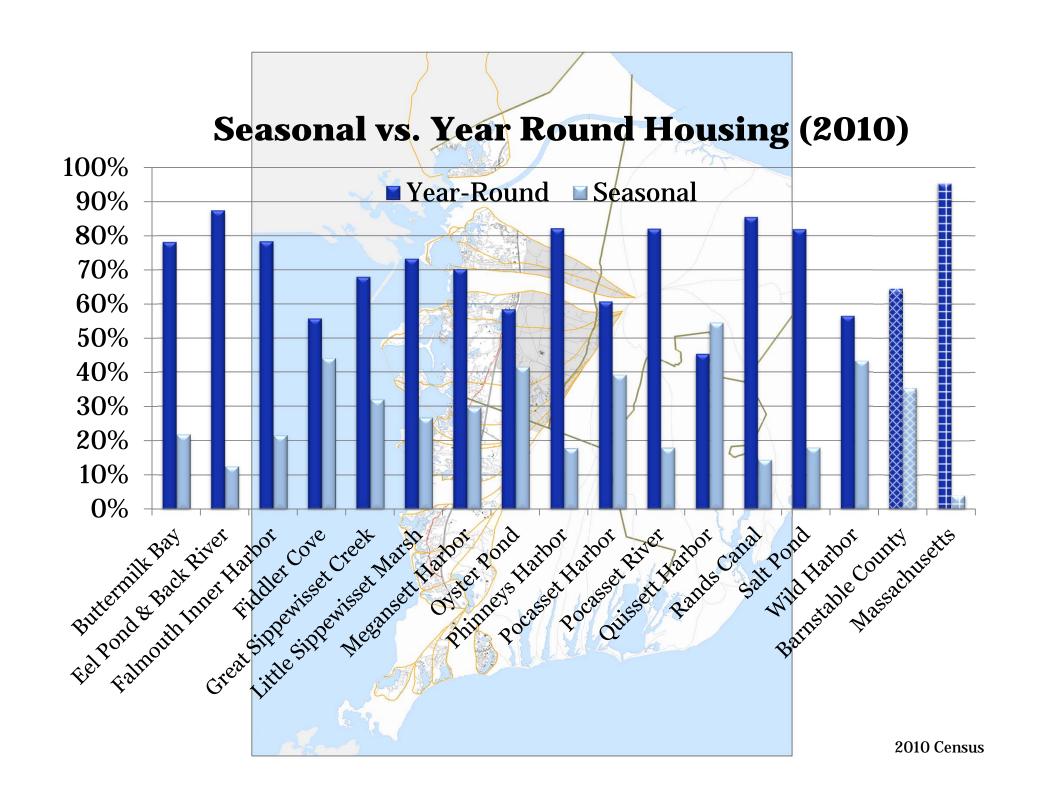


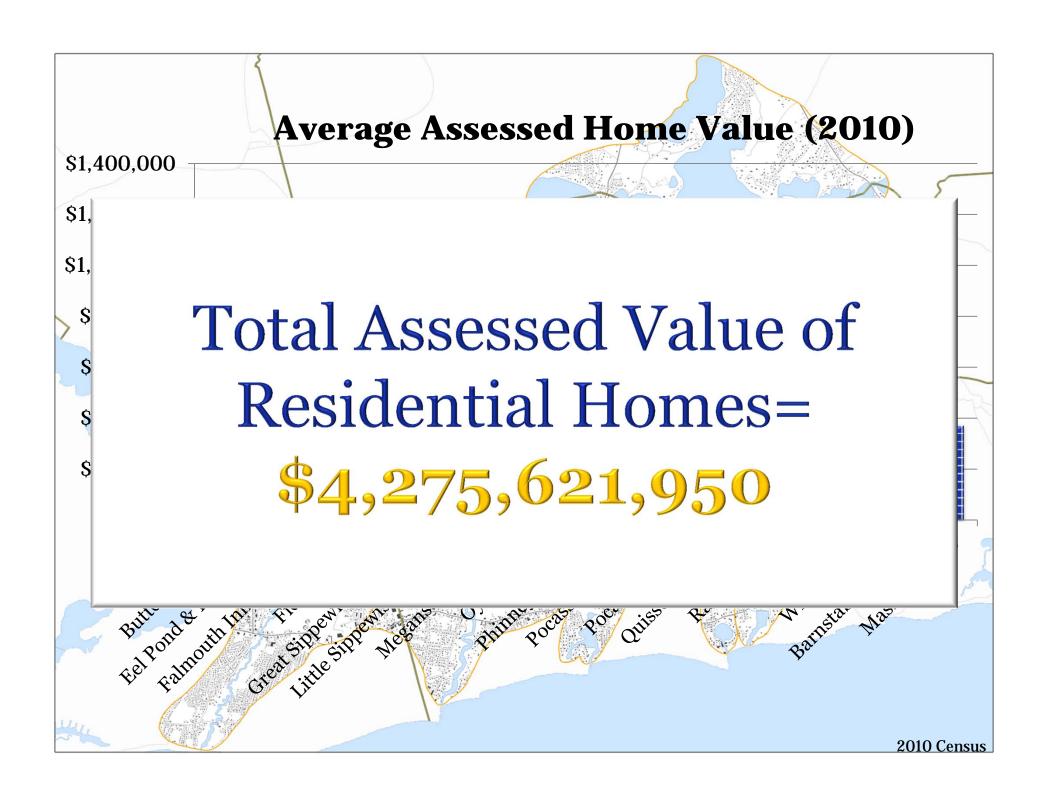










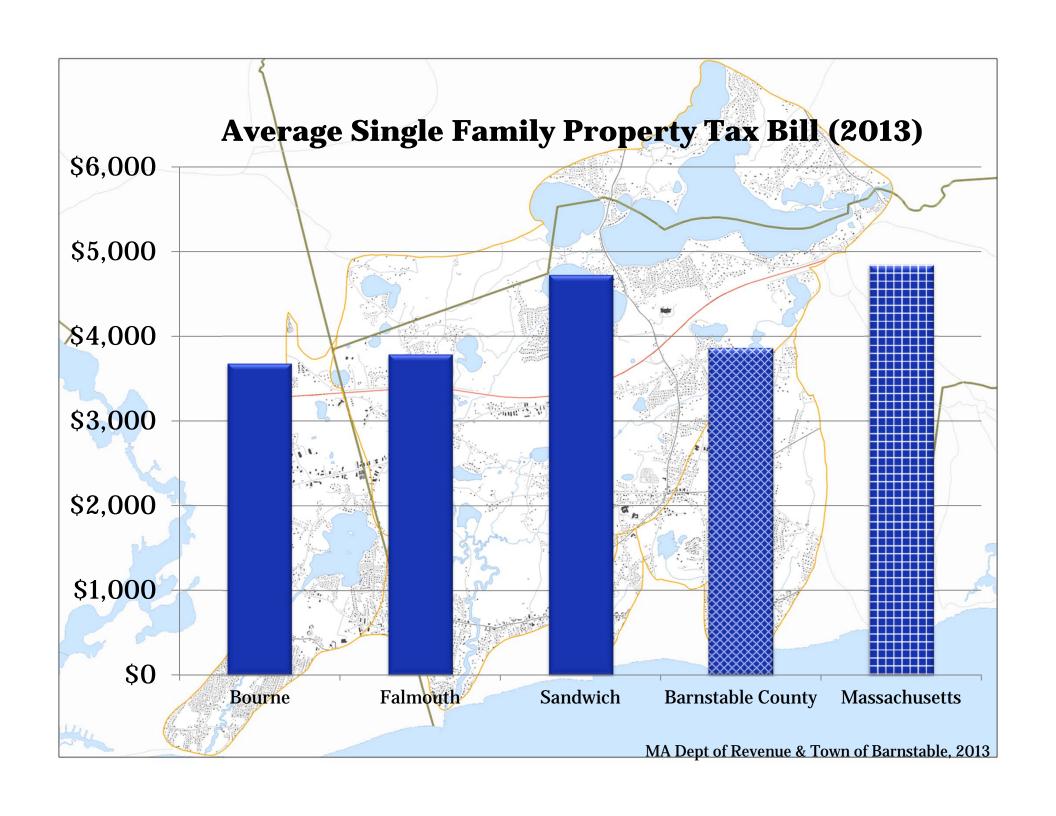


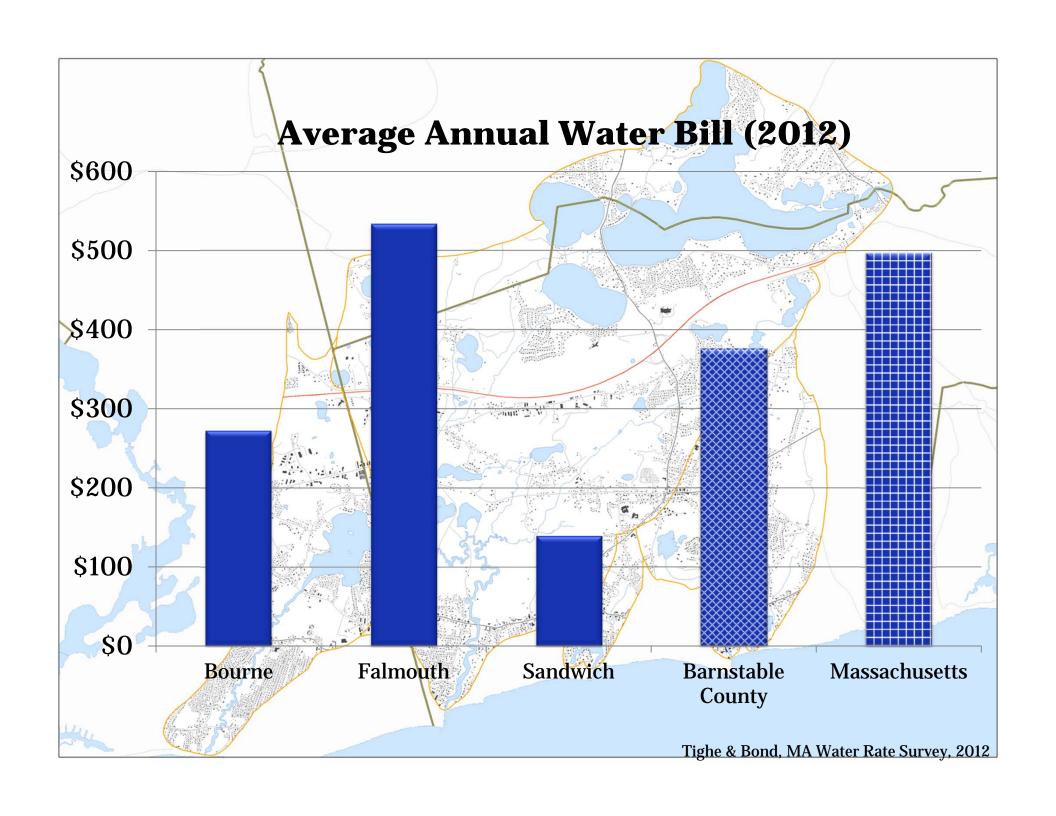
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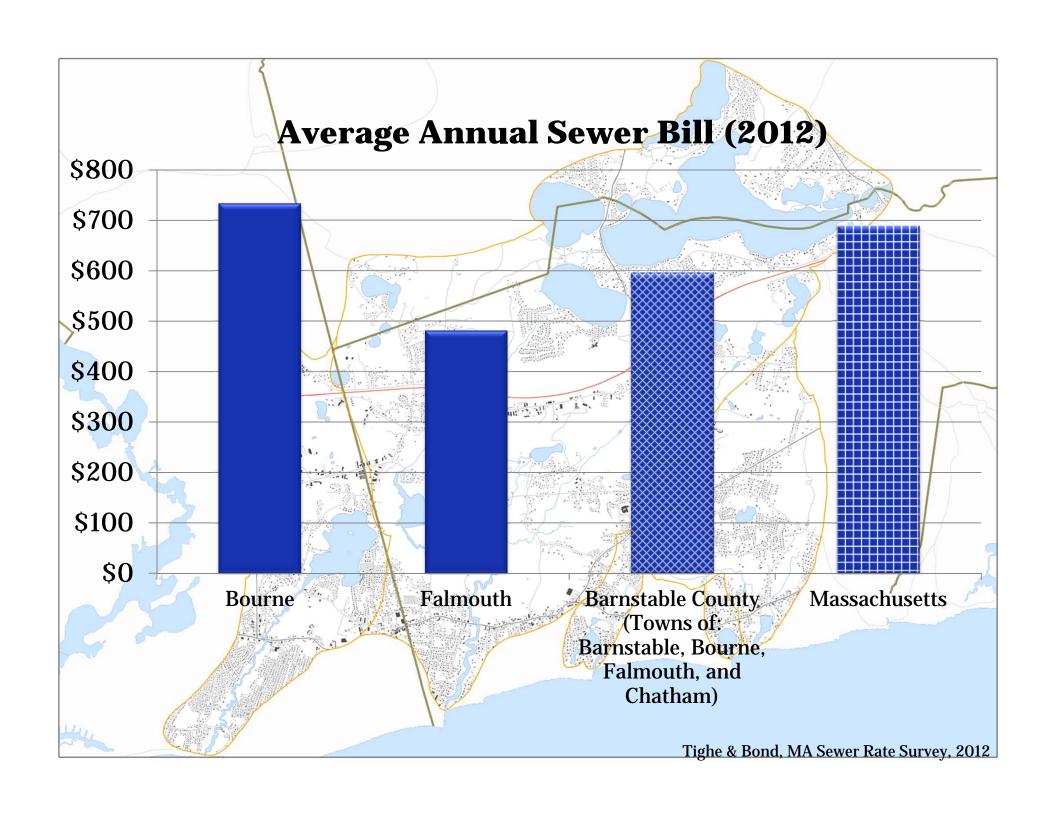
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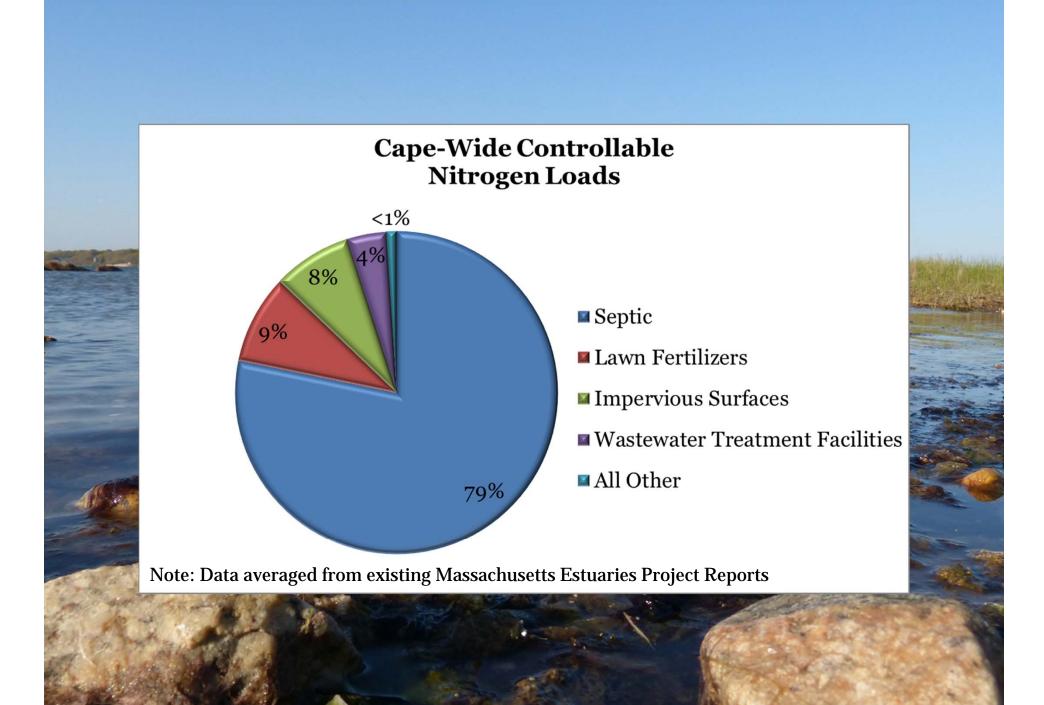
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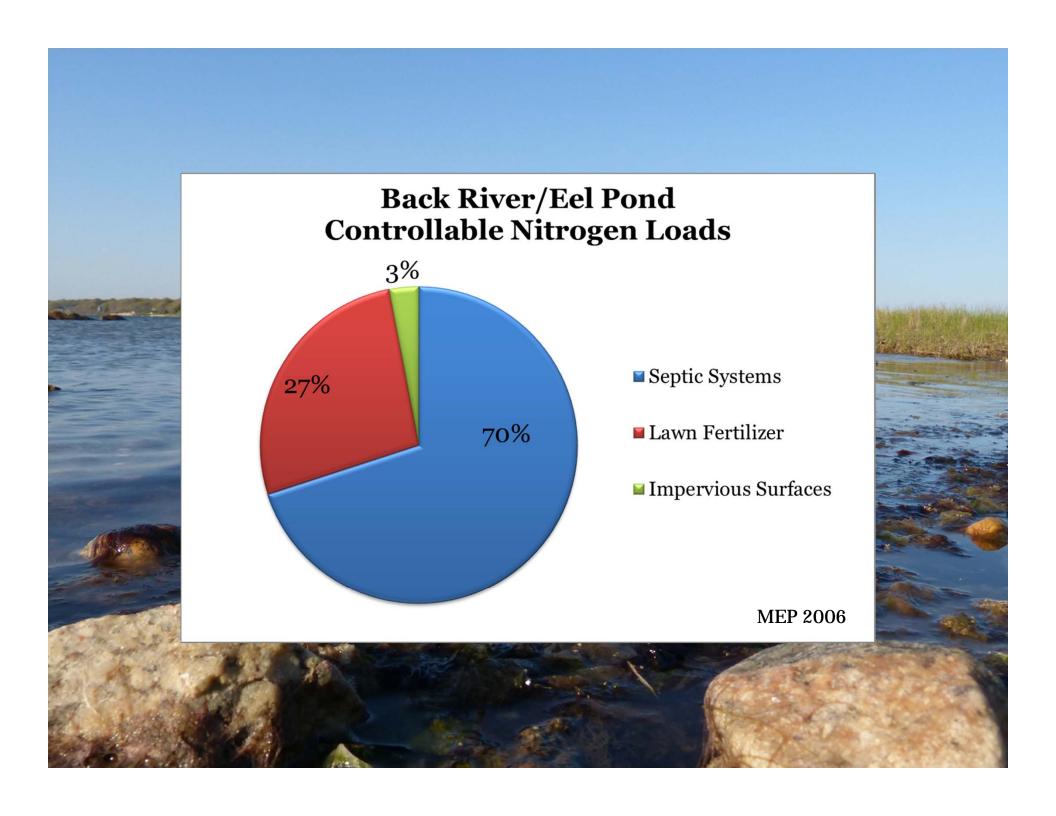
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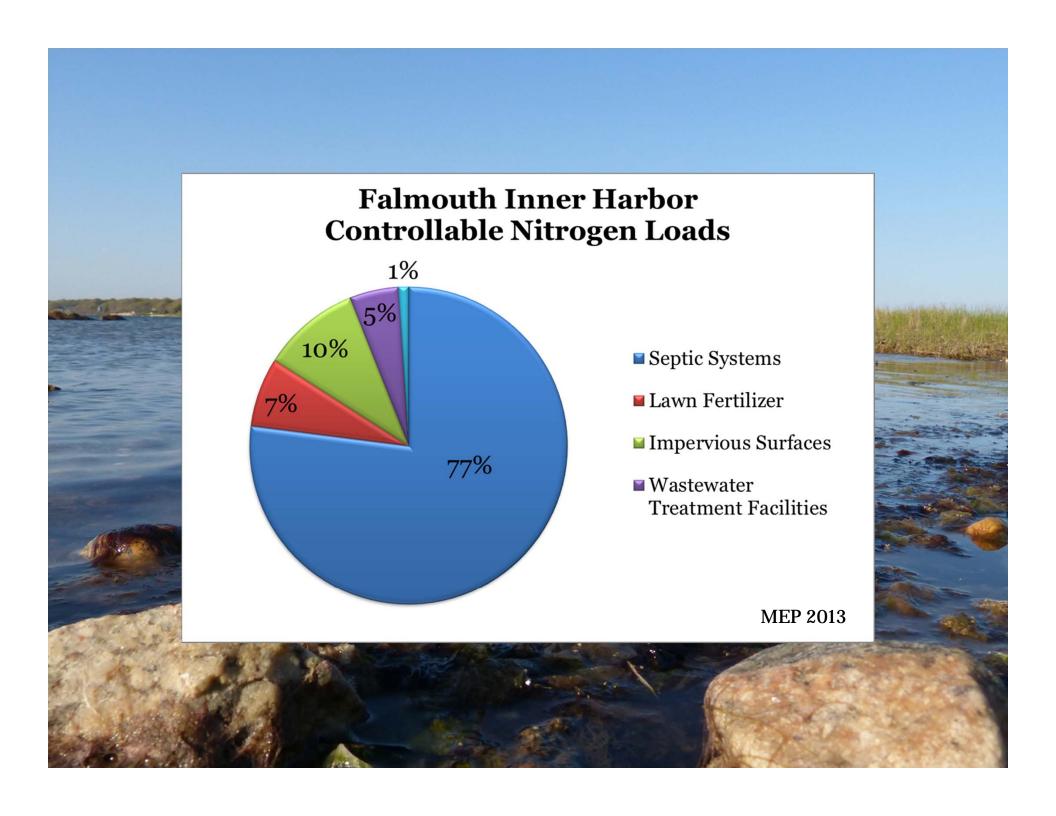
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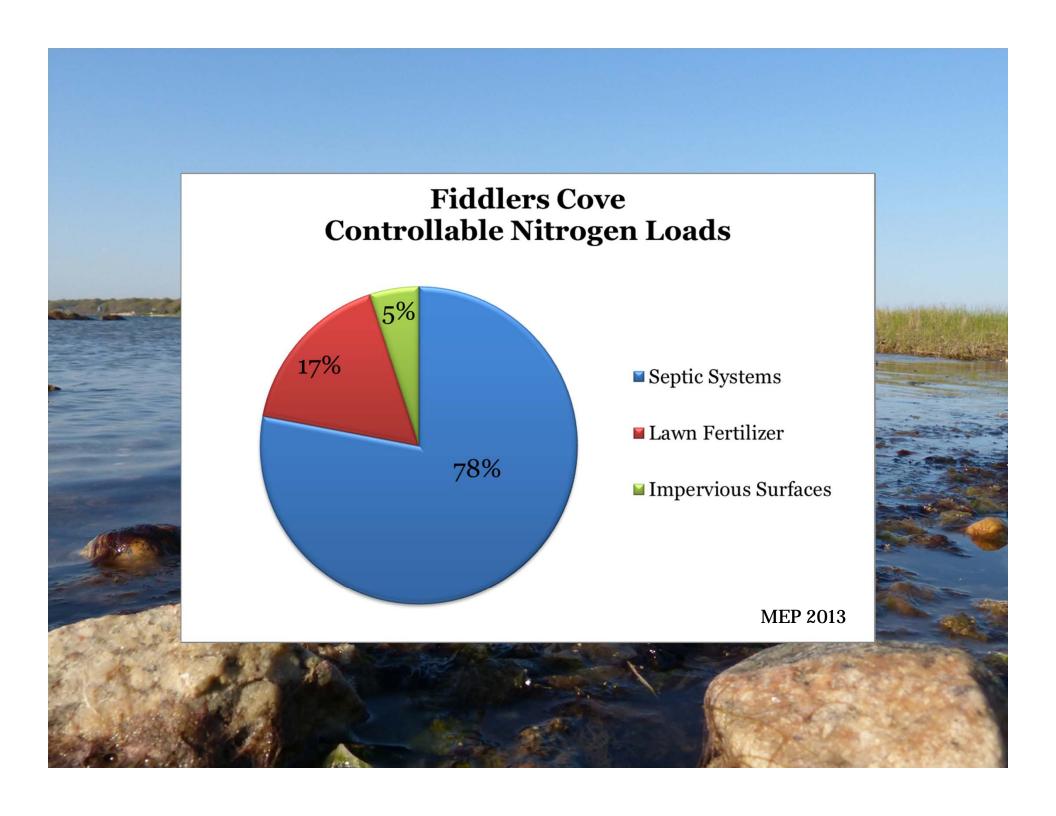


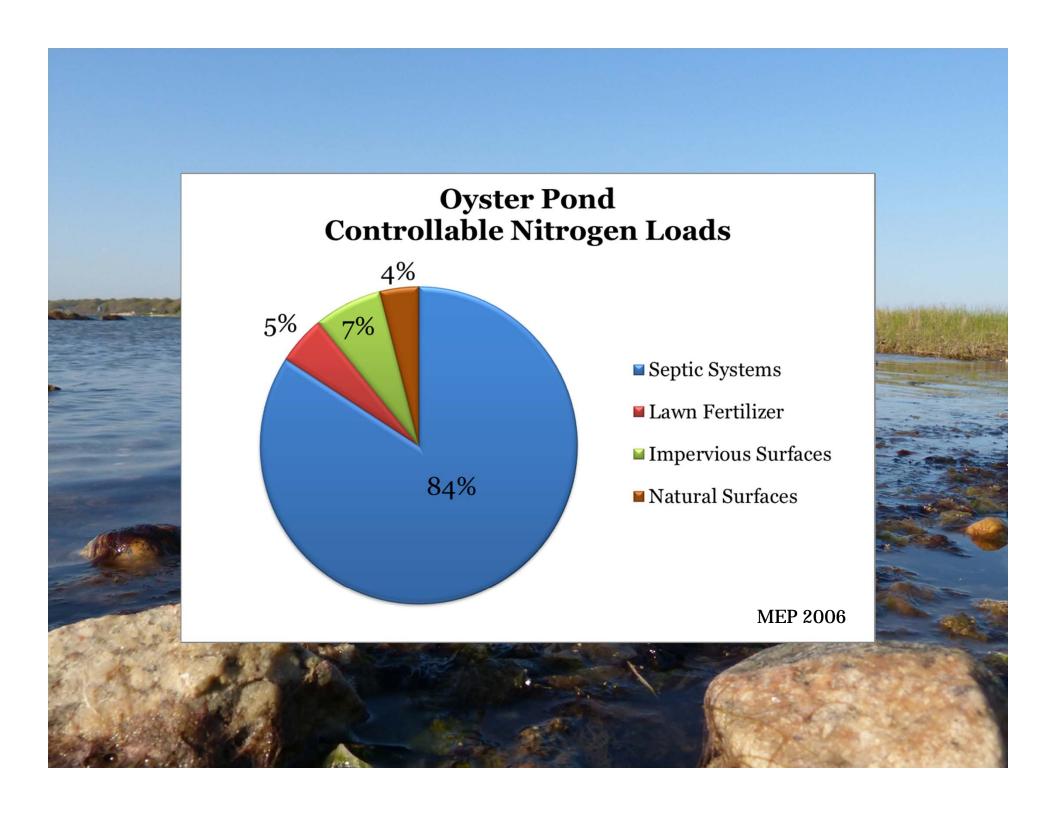


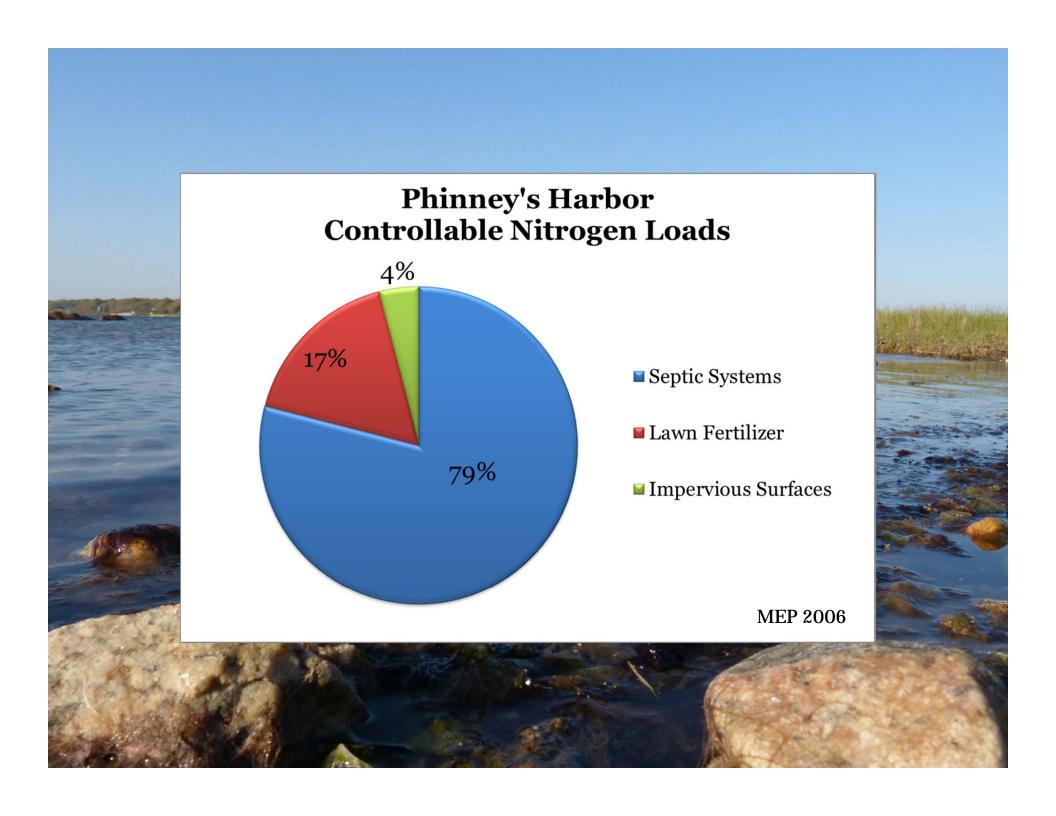


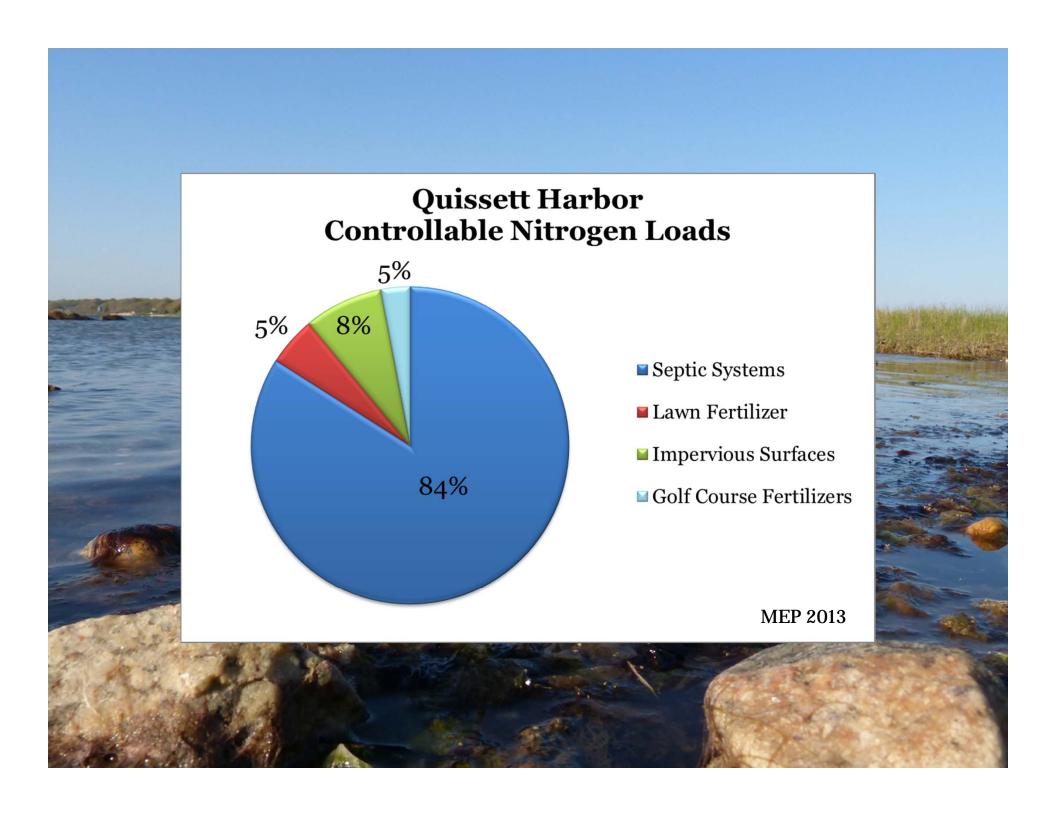


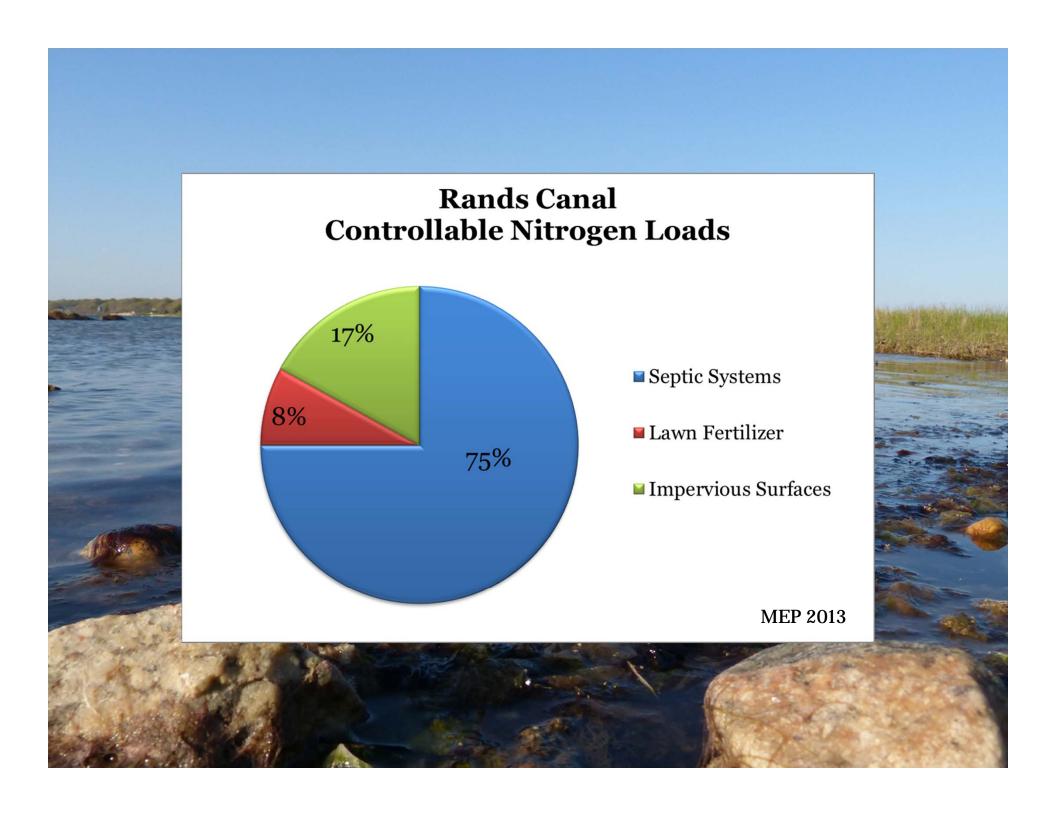


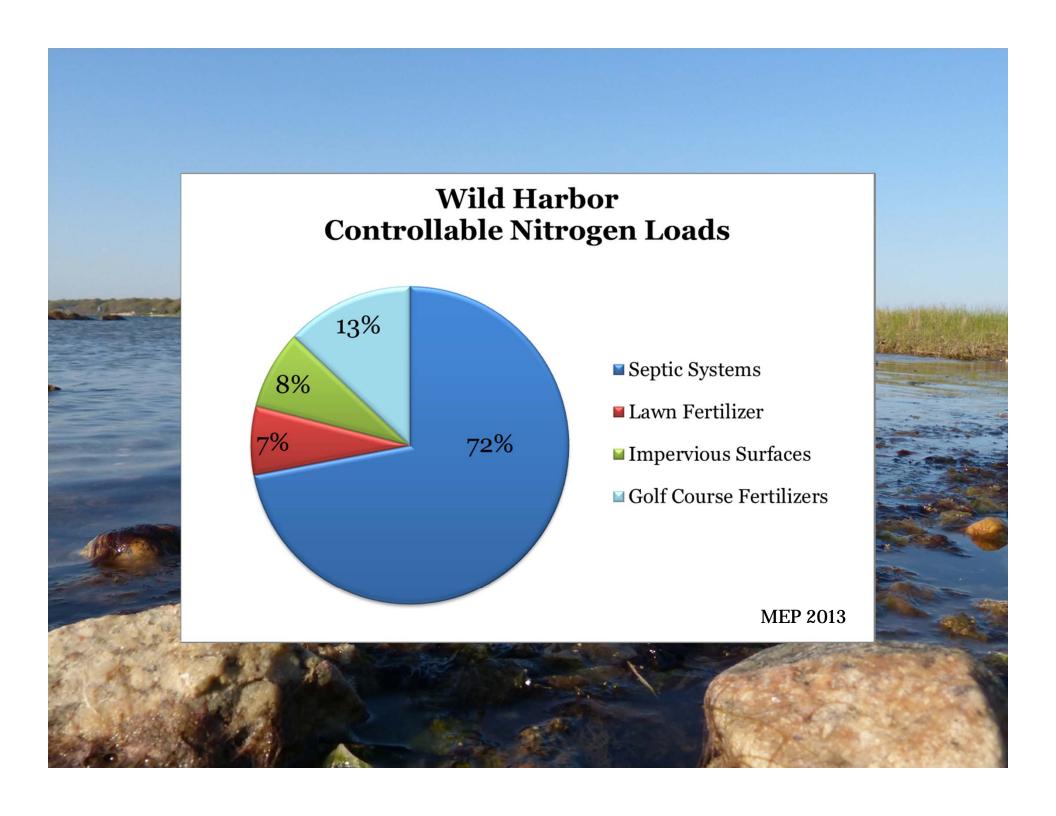












Nitrogen Problem

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Water Quality Stations

Healthy

Healthy/Moderately Impacted

Healthy/Significantly Impacted

Moderately Impacted

Significantly Impacted

Significantly Impacted/Significantly Degraded Subwatersheds with Removal Target

Significantly Degraded

Yearly Nitrate Concentration Averages

• 0 - 0.5 mg/l in Public Water Supply Wells

• 0.5 - 1 mg/l

1 - 2.5 mg/l

• 2.5 - 5 mg/l

Embayments with Removal Target

Total NLoad Percent Removal

0 %

1 - 52 %

53 - 72 %

87 - 100 %

Total NLoad Percent Removal

0.1 % - 9%

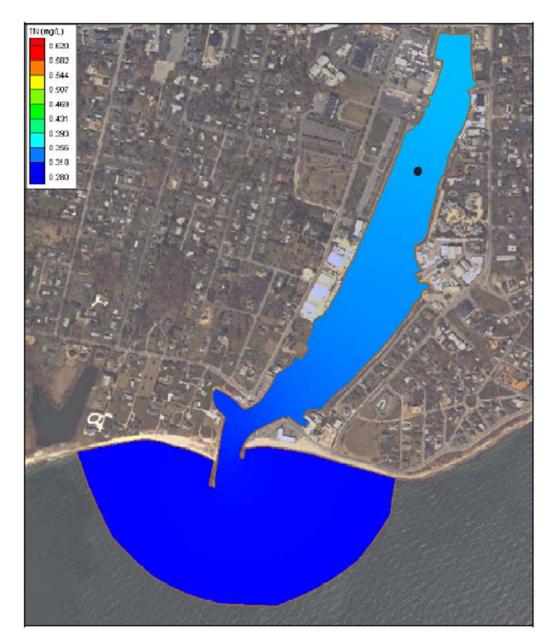
9.1 % - 38 %

38.1 % - 62 %

62.1 % - 86 %

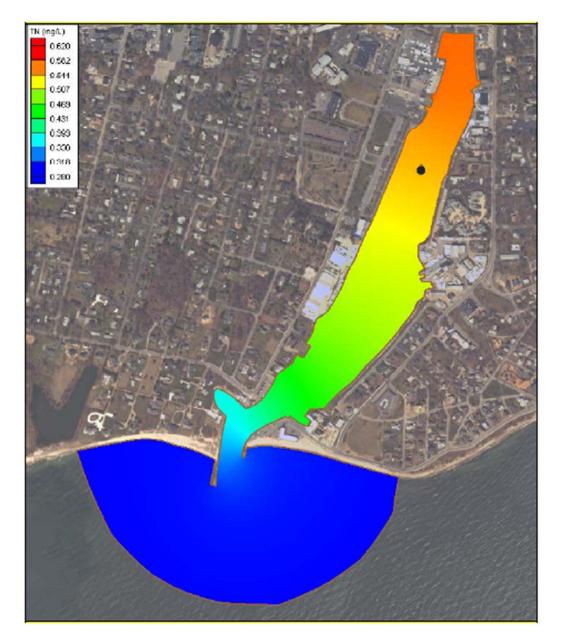
86.1 % - 100%

Sources: MassGIS, MEP, CCC



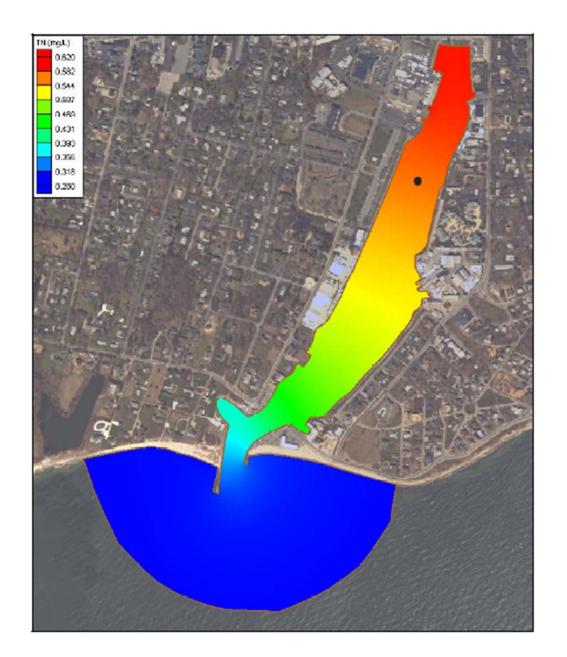
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Pre-Colonial Conditions: Falmouth Inner Harbor



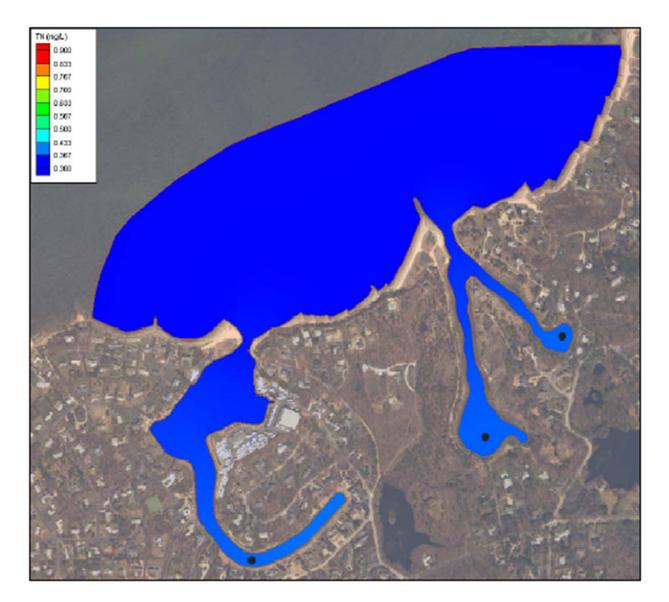
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Present Conditions: Falmouth Inner Harbor



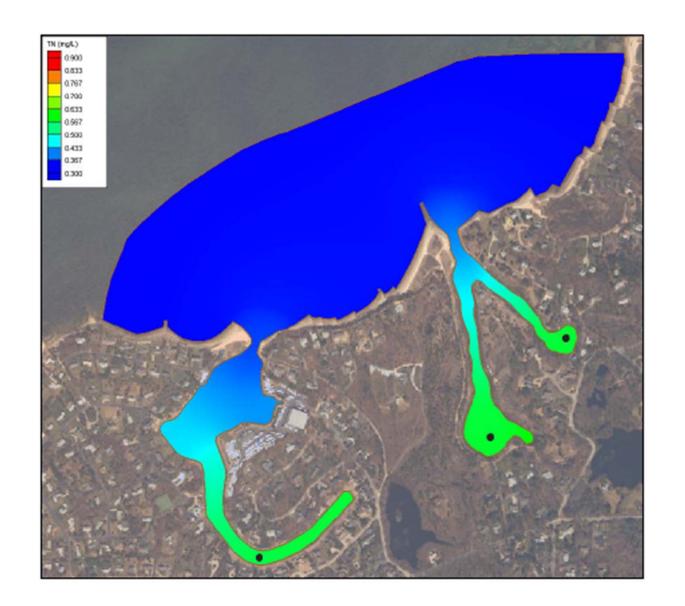
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Buildout Conditions: Falmouth Inner Harbor



Contour plots of modeled total nitrogen concentrations (mg/L) in Fiddlers Cove and Rands Harbor estuary systems, for no anthropogenic loading conditions, and bathymetry. The approximate location of the sentinel threshold stations for Fiddlers Cove and Rands Harbor estuary systems are shown by the black symbols.

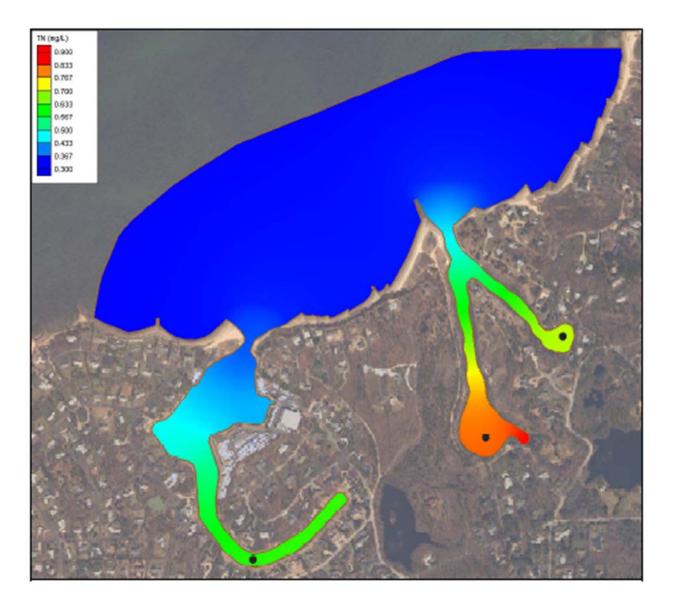
Pre-Colonial Conditions: Fiddler Cove and Rands Harbor



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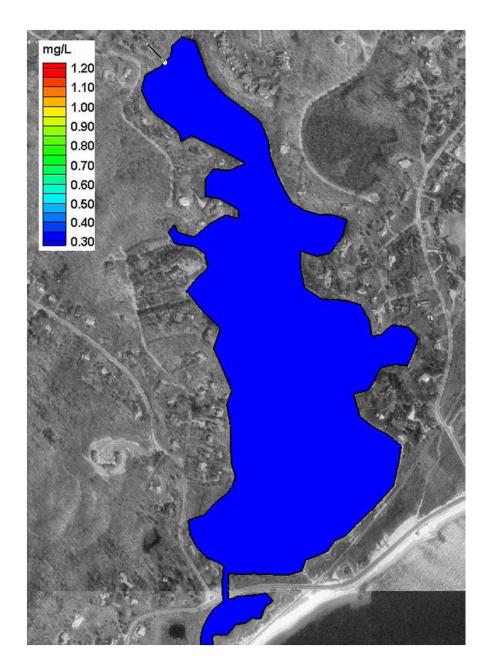
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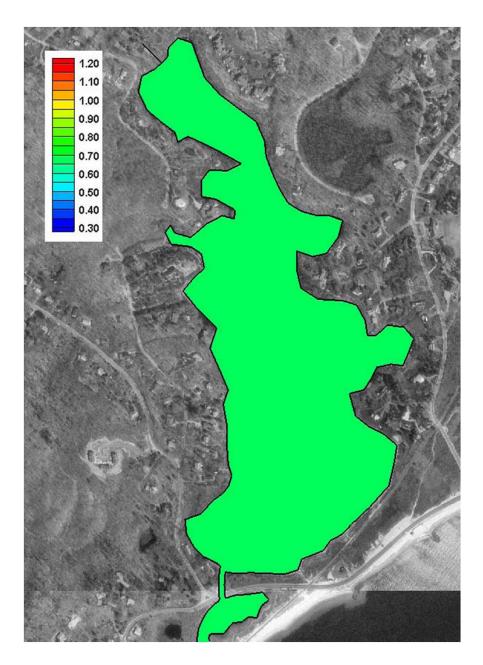
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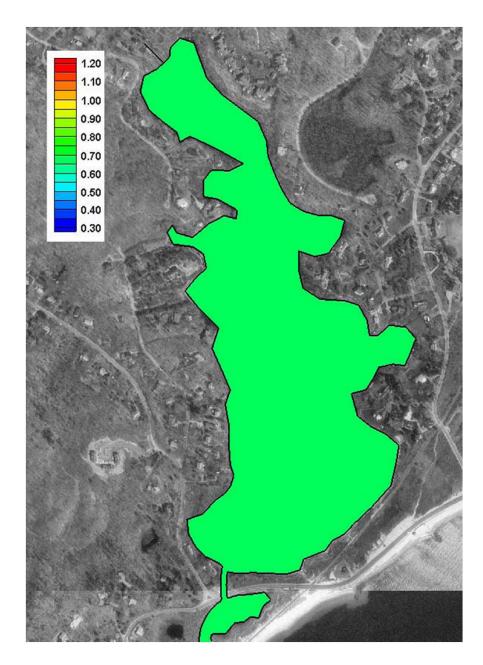
Contour plot of **modeled total nitrogen concentrations (mg/L)** in Oyster Pond, for no anthropogenic loading conditions.

Pre-Colonial Conditions: Oyster Pond



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Present Conditions: Oyster Pond



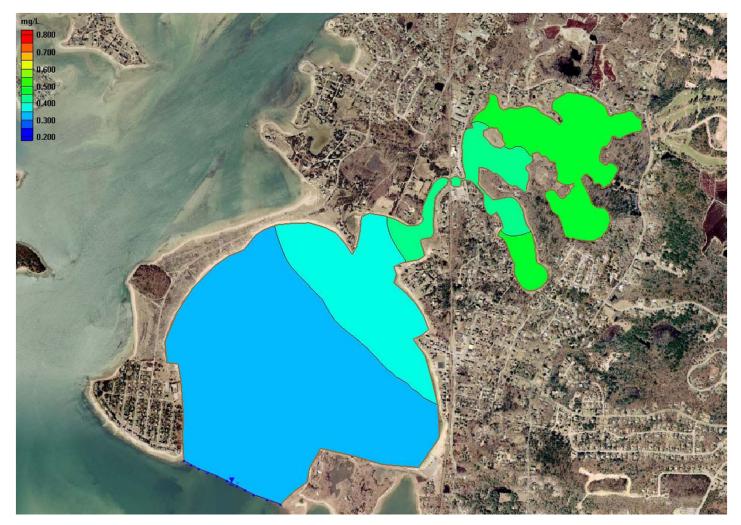
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Build-out Conditions: Oyster Pond



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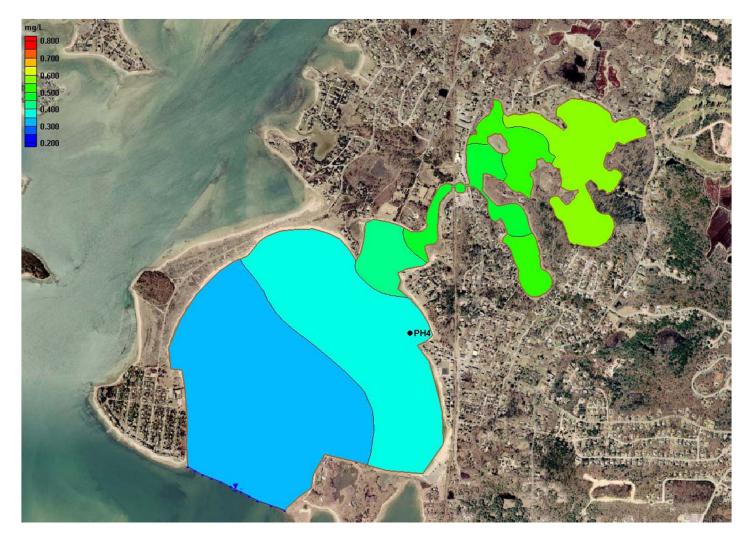
Pre-Colonial Conditions: Phinney's Harbor, Back River & Eel Pond



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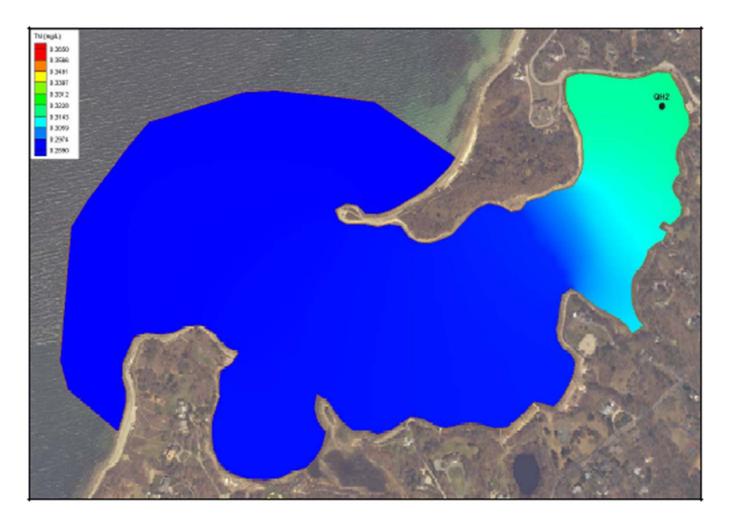
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Present Conditions: Phinney's Harbor, Back River & Eel Pond



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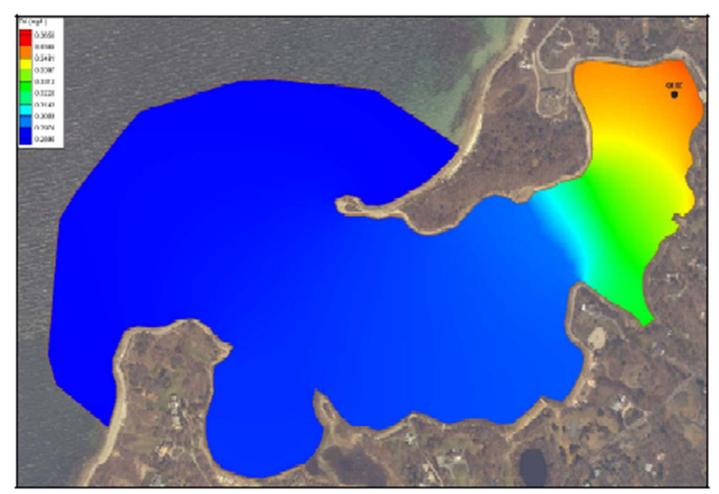
Build-out Conditions: Phinney's Harbor, Back River & Eel Pond



Contour plots of modeled total nitrogen concentrations (mg/L) in Quissett Harbor System, for no anthropogenic loading conditions and bathymetry. The approximate location the sentinel threshold station for Quissett Harbor System (QH2) is shown.

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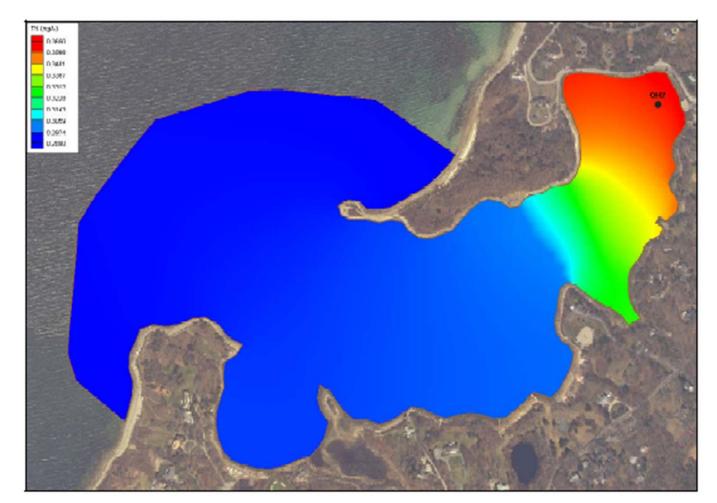
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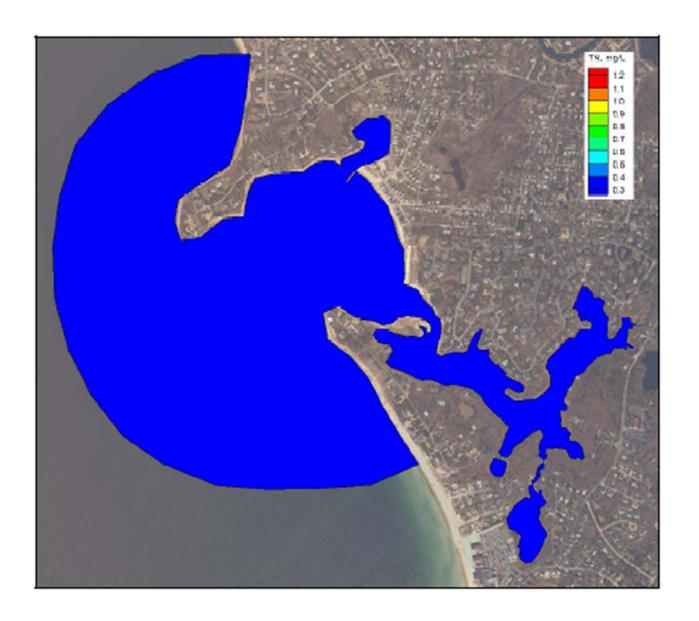
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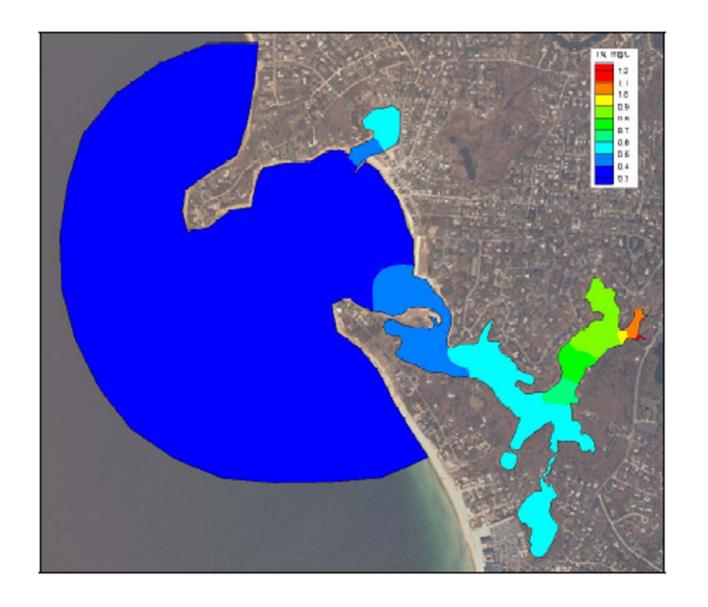
Build-out Conditions: Quissett Harbor



Contour plot of **modeled total nitrogen concentrations (mg/L)** in Wild Harbor,
for no anthropogenic
loading conditions.

(Source: MEP 2013)

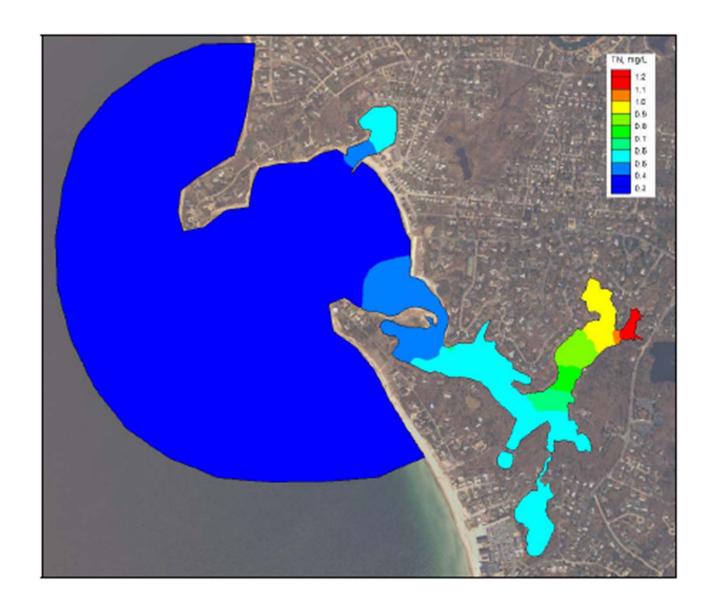
Pre-Colonial Conditions: Wild Harbor



Contour plot of average total nitrogen concentrations from results of the present conditions loading scenario, for the Wild Harbor System.

(Source: MEP 2013)

Present Conditions: Wild Harbor



Contour plot of **modeled total nitrogen concentrations**(**mg/L**) for results of the projected buildout loading scenario, for the Wild Harbor System.

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Present Conditions: Wild Harbor

Nitrogen Problem

Base Map

Town Lines

Rivers

Embayment Boundary

→ On Land

On Sea

Major Roads

→ US Highway

Roads

Structures

Ponds

Nitrogen

Water Quality Stations

Healthy

Healthy/Moderately Impacted

Healthy/Significantly Impacted

Moderately Impacted

Significantly Impacted

Significantly Impacted/Significantly Degraded Subwatersheds with Removal Target

Significantly Degraded

Yearly Nitrate Concentration Averages

• 0 - 0.5 mg/l in Public Water Supply Wells

• 0.5 - 1 mg/l

1 - 2.5 mg/l

• 2.5 - 5 mg/l

Embayments with Removal Target

Total NLoad Percent Removal

0 %

1 - 52 %

53 - 72 %

87 - 100 %

Total NLoad Percent Removal

0.1 % - 9%

9.1 % - 38 %

38.1 % - 62 %

62.1 % - 86 %

86.1 % - 100%

Sources: MassGIS, MEP, CCC

Eelgrass Extent

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Eelgrass Extent

Sources: MassGIS

Phosphorus Problem

Base Map

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State Highway

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Ponds

Phosphorus

Priority Ponds

Trophic Status

Eutrophic Most Impacted

Mesotrophic

Oligotrophic Least Impacted

Not Interpreted

Sources: MassGIS, MassDOT, CCC

Title 5 Compliance Issues

Base Map

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Existing Conditions

- Approx. Locations of Loans Issued for Title 5 Repair
- Potential Title 5 Compliance Issues
- Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Groundwater Discharge Points
- Sewered Parcels

Sources: MassGIS, MassDOT, MassDEP, Barnstable County Community Septic Loan Program, CCC

Existing & Proposed Solutions

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Existing Infrastructure

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Enhanced Attenuation Sites

Pipe

Stormwater

Public Supply Wells

- Public Water Supply Well
- Small Volume Wells, Non-Transient
- Proposed Public Water Supply Well
- Surface Water Supply
- Small Volume Wells, Transient

Sources: MassGIS, MassDOT, MassDEP, Barnstable County Community Septic Loan Program, CCC

Proposed Infrastructure

Base Map



Rivers

Embayment Boundary

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On Sea

Major Roads

→ US Highway

Roads

Structures

Ponds

Proposed Conditions

Natural Attenuation Sites

Bridge

Culvert

Inlet

Pipe

Sewer Alternatives

Stormwater

CWMP Sewershed Phasing

No Date Set

Phase Date

2001 - 2010

2011 - 2020

2021 - 2030

2031 - 2040

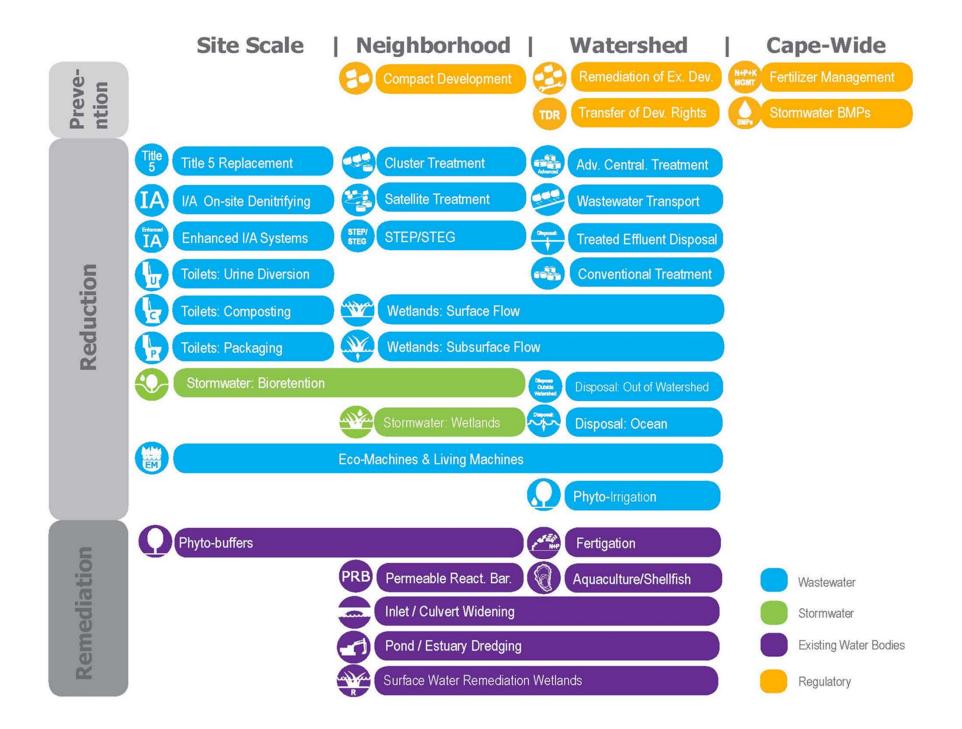
2041 - 2050

Sources: MassGIS, MassDOT, CCC

Framework for Addressing Solutions Moving Forward

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Regulatory

Targets/ Goals

Present Load:

X kg/day



Target: Y kg/day



Reduction Required:

N kg/day

Composite Target Areas

- A. High Nitrogen Reduction Areas
- B. Pond Recharge Areas

C. Title 5 Problem Areas

Low Barrier to Implementation

- A. Fertilizer Management
- **B.** Stormwater Mitigation





Watershed/Embayment Options

A. Permeable Reactive Barriers

B. Inlet/Culvert Openings

- C. Constructed Wetlands
- D. Dredging









Alternative On-Site Options

- A. Eco-toilets (UD & Compost)
- B. I/A Technologies

- C. Enhanced I/A Technologies
- D. Shared Systems







Priority Collection/High-Density Areas

- A. Greater Than 1 Dwelling Unit/acre **B. Village Centers**
- C. Economic Centers
- D. Growth Incentive Zones















All materials and resources for the Herring River Group will be available on the Cape Cod Commission website:

http://watersheds.capecodcommission.org/index.php/watersheds/upper-cape/upper-cape-west-south

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