208 PLAN

The current planning effort gets its name from Section 208 of the Federal Clean Water Act which calls for the preparation of a plan for the region to address pollution flowing from septic systems into Cape bays and ponds.

In 1978, a Section 208 Water Quality Management Plan for Cape Cod waters was created. In 2013, the State directed the Cape Cod Commission to update this 208 Plan.

CAPE COD 208 PLAN UPDATE

208 Plan Update will be substantially more detailed and specific than the 1978 plan

Planning level document, not intended to be equivalent in detail to comprehensive wastewater management plans prepared by many Cape communities

Solutions to water quality problems considered will be watershed based

A range of solutions will be required to optimize plans for each watershed, likely a “mosaic” of technologies and management solutions

Incorporates local planning and maximizes infrastructure that already exists

Prioritization of most severely impaired waters and easiest and most affordable solutions to implement