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 <u>current</u> nitrogen must be removed <u>AND</u> <u>all of the nitrogen</u> 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.

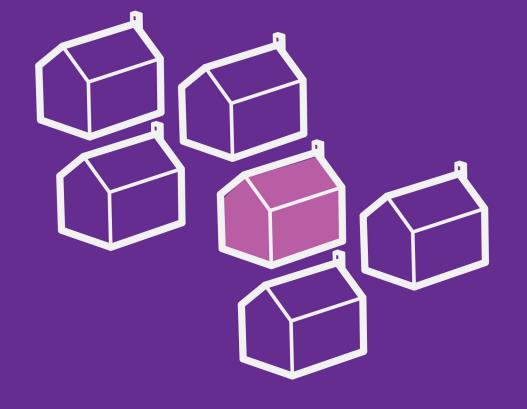
GROWTH FACTS

Percent of future nitrogen to be removed



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

