DOING NOTHING

Wastewater management is one of the most significant regional concerns affecting Cape Cod. Excessive amounts of nitrogen are being carried by groundwater into our coastal waters, and are ruining the ecology of our coastal areas, threatening the region’s beauty, health, and prosperity.

Many solutions to this problem are possible, but **no single solution will work**. Recently, voters have rejected several wastewater projects because they are too **expensive** and would raise local taxes too much.

**The most expensive thing we can do is to do nothing.** The cost of the solution will only get higher if we don’t act. What would our future look like if we followed this path?

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CAPE COD FUTURE WITH NO ACTION

- Increasing amounts of algae in our water bodies
- Decreasing water quality
- Environmental degradation continues
- Decreasing attractiveness to visitors
- Economy impacted, decreasing tourism, reduced fisheries.
- Fewer jobs
- Declining property values
- Smell from decaying algae
- Loss of fish
- Loss of eelgrass
- Loss of shellfish