

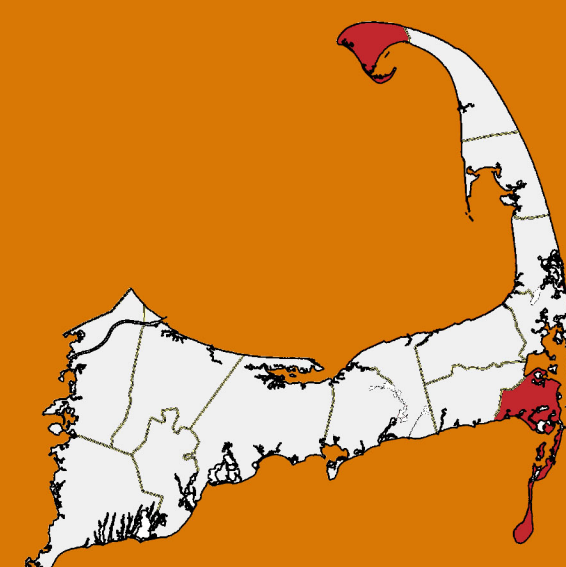
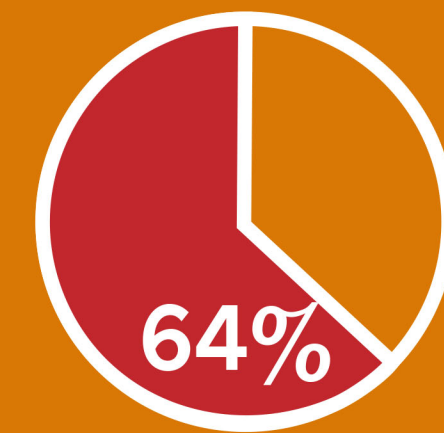
SHARED WATERSHEDS

Watershed boundaries are defined by groundwater flow and do not respect traditional municipal lines.

Shared watersheds provide an opportunity for shared solutions and potential cost savings between towns, but can also be more challenging as multiple towns are involved in the decision making for a single watershed.



Area of Cape Cod in a shared watershed



SHARED WATERSHED FACTS

32 of the Cape's 57 embayments are **shared** between 2 or more communities

Approximately **170,000 acres** of the Cape's land area is in a shared watershed

The **Clean Water Act** requires a limit for the amount of nutrients entering an impacted water body. These limits are called Total Maximum Daily Loads (**TMDL**)

Towns that contribute to an impacted waterbody must prepare a plan to meet these TMDL targets. These plans are called **Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plans**

2 towns on Cape Cod have **begun to implement** wastewater plans