From Cape Cod’s 1978 Section 208 Plan

The 1978 Section 208 Plan was drafted by the Cape Cod Planning and Economic Development Council. These are some of the key recommendations as published in 1978:

- The towns imagine that the Category 2 problems areas on the north side of town need special attention.
- It is also suggested that the towns consider establishing “Seasonal Residential Districts” to allow for the construction of seasonal dwellings to permit year round occupancy.
- The 208 plan does not indicate a sewer need in Harwich.
- This means that the town will receive eligible for a major central collection system for twenty years.
- New wastewater management proposals created by the towns’ failure to take recommendations from the 1978 Section 208 Plan will need to be reconsidered if not eligible for future 208 construction funds.

While Harwich generally does not have a state approved sanitary sewer, the town should not view this system as a long-term solution to its septic treatment problems.

There has been considerable concern raised over the possible development of a large subdivision and golf course adjacent to the town’s wetlands.

The town should also consider purchasing additional areas to protect the town wells.

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