



Wellfleet Targeted Watershed Plan

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Title 5 Changes effective July 7, 2023 (tomorrow)

1. **any watershed** to an embayment or sub-embayment that on July 7, 2023 is the subject of a nitrogen Total Maximum Daily Load (**TMDL**) approved by the EPA and an Area Wide Water Quality Management Plan approved by the EPA for Cape Cod in 2015 pursuant to **Section 208** of the Federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et. Seq.* (“208 Plan”), addressing nitrogen pollution. For any such watershed that is subject to an approved nitrogen TMDL and an approved 208 Plan as of July 7, 2023, the effective date of designation is July 7, 2023. A Nitrogen Sensitive Area designation for watersheds subject to the 208 Plan that receive an EPA-approved TMDL after July 7, 2023 becomes effective on the date EPA approves the TMDL.

(a) Existing Systems. The owner of a system serving, or approved to serve, an existing facility as of the effective date of the Nitrogen Sensitive Area designation shall upgrade the system pursuant to 310 CMR 15.401 through 15.405 to incorporate the **Best Available Nitrogen Reducing Technology** within **five years** of the date on which the Notice of Intent and Application Period ends **unless**:

1. **Except** as otherwise provided in 310 CMR 15.215(2)(c)4. and 314 CMR 21.12(5), a Notice of Intent, a **Watershed Permit** application, or a De Minimis Nitrogen Load Exemption application is filed for the area during the Notice of Intent and Application Period pursuant to 310 CMR 15.215(2)(c), 314 CMR 21.03, or 314 CMR 21.12, respectively; or

Best Available Nitrogen Reducing Technology –

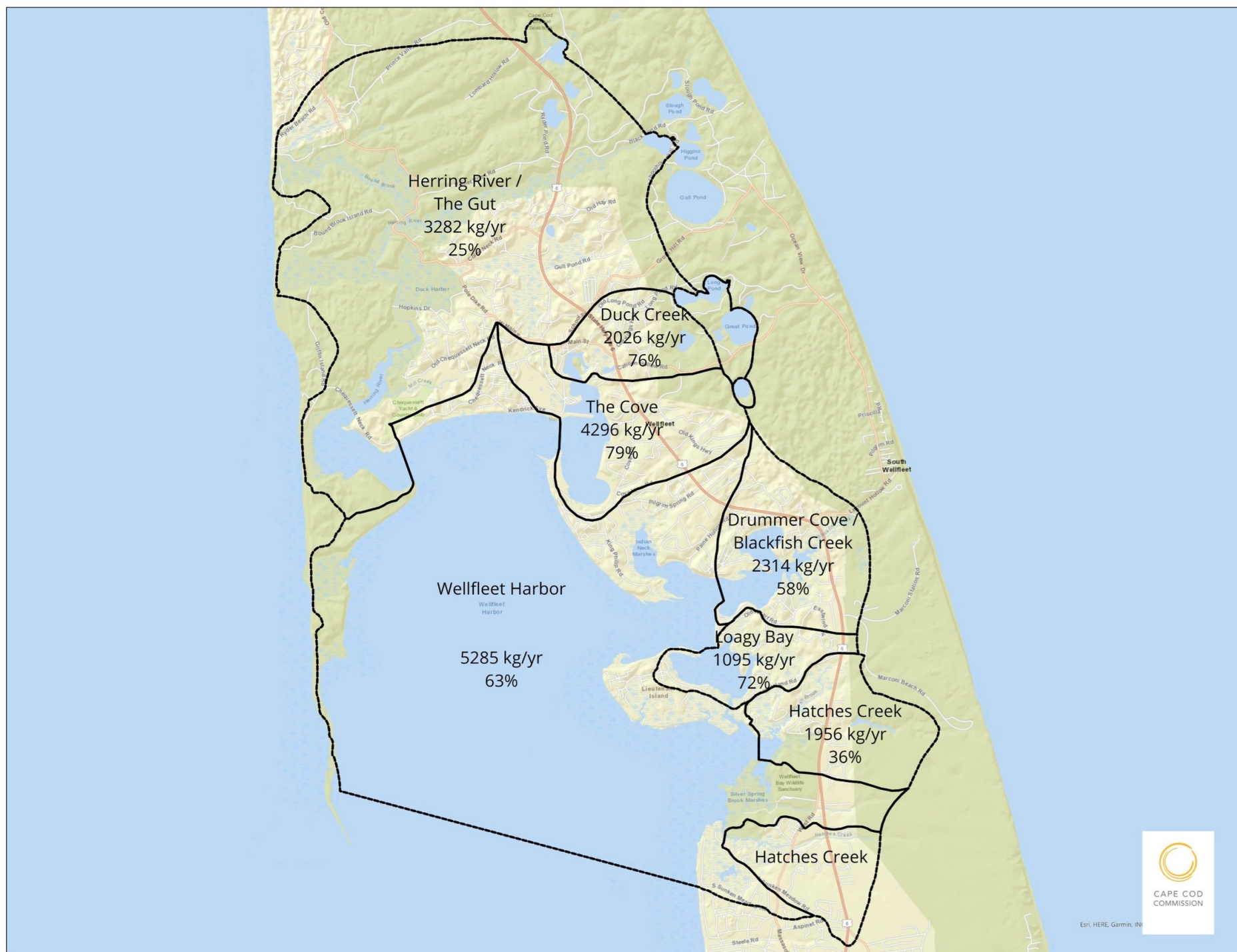
- (1) An alternative system(s) which has a Total Nitrogen effluent performance value of 10 mg/L or less and is certified by the Department for general use pursuant to 310 CMR 15.288 when the Disposal System Construction Permit application is filed and has been approved for the type and design flow of the facility where it is to be used; or
- (2) If no such alternative system(s) meeting 10 mg/L or less has received general use approval at the time the Disposal System Construction Permit application is filed, then an alternative system(s) with the lowest Total Nitrogen effluent performance value certified by the Department for general use when the Disposal System Construction Permit application is filed and has been approved for the type and design flow of the facility where it is to be used; or
- (3) An alternative system(s) granted provisional approval by the Department pursuant to 310 CMR 15.286 or an alternative system(s) approved by the Department for piloting pursuant to 310 CMR 15.285; provided that for an alternative system(s) granted provisional approval or an alternative system(s) approved for piloting such system(s) is approved for the type and design flow of the facility and has a Total Nitrogen performance value less than or equal to 10 mg/L; or, if no system(s) with a Total Nitrogen performance value less than or equal to 10 mg/L has received general use approval, then a system(s) with a Total Nitrogen effluent performance value less than or equal to the lowest alternative system(s) certified by the Department for general use pursuant to 310 CMR 15.288 when the Disposal System Construction Permit application is filed.



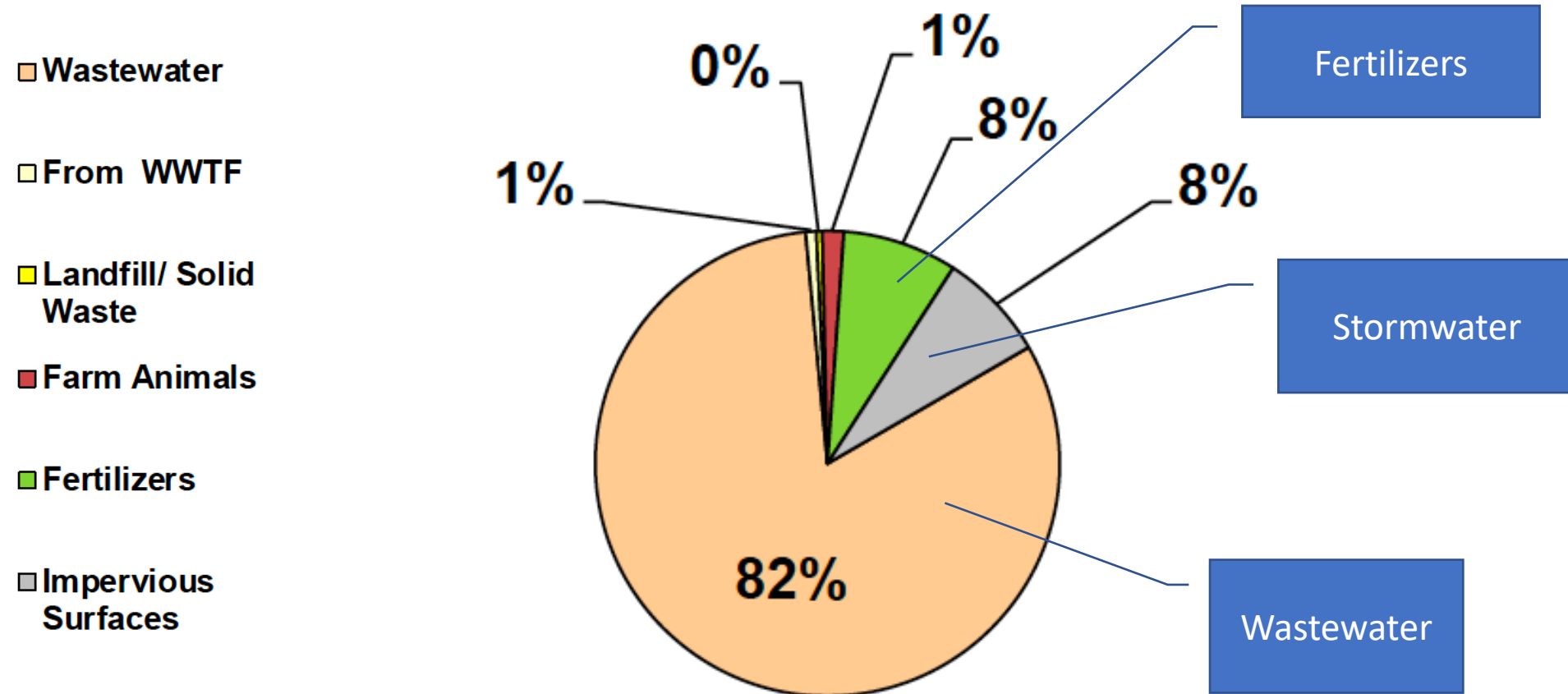
Goals of Targeted Watershed Plan

- Restoration of Ecosystems & Water Quality
- Compliance with Clean Water Act
- Quicker Results
- Reduced Costs
- Promote Affordable Housing
- Maximize Local Co-Benefits (including jobs)
- Minimize Climate Impacts

Nitrogen Reduction Requirements



“Controllable” Sources of Nitrogen to Wellfleet Harbor Embayments (MEP, 2017)



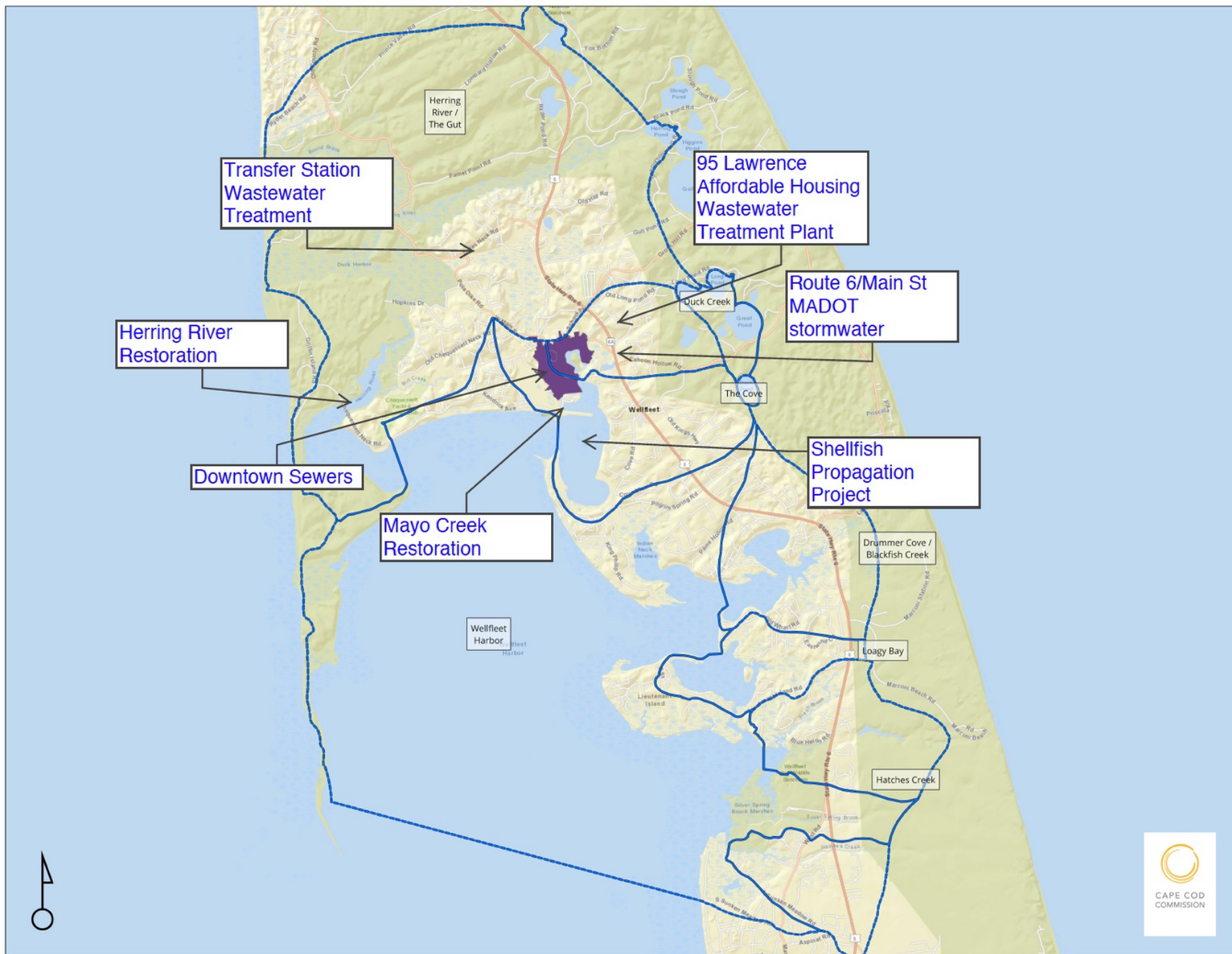
208 PLAN

Cape Cod Area Wide Water Quality Management Plan Update

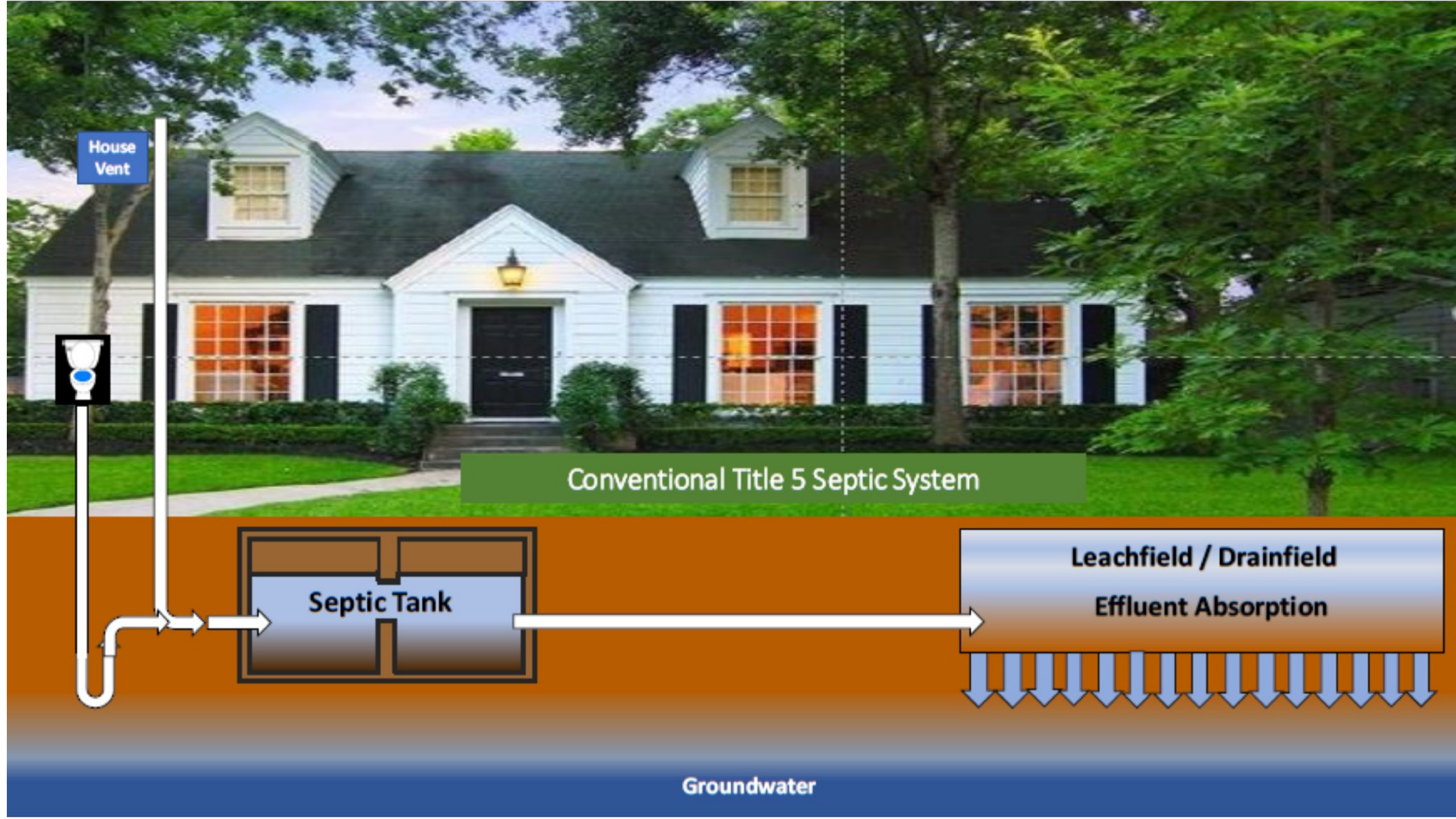


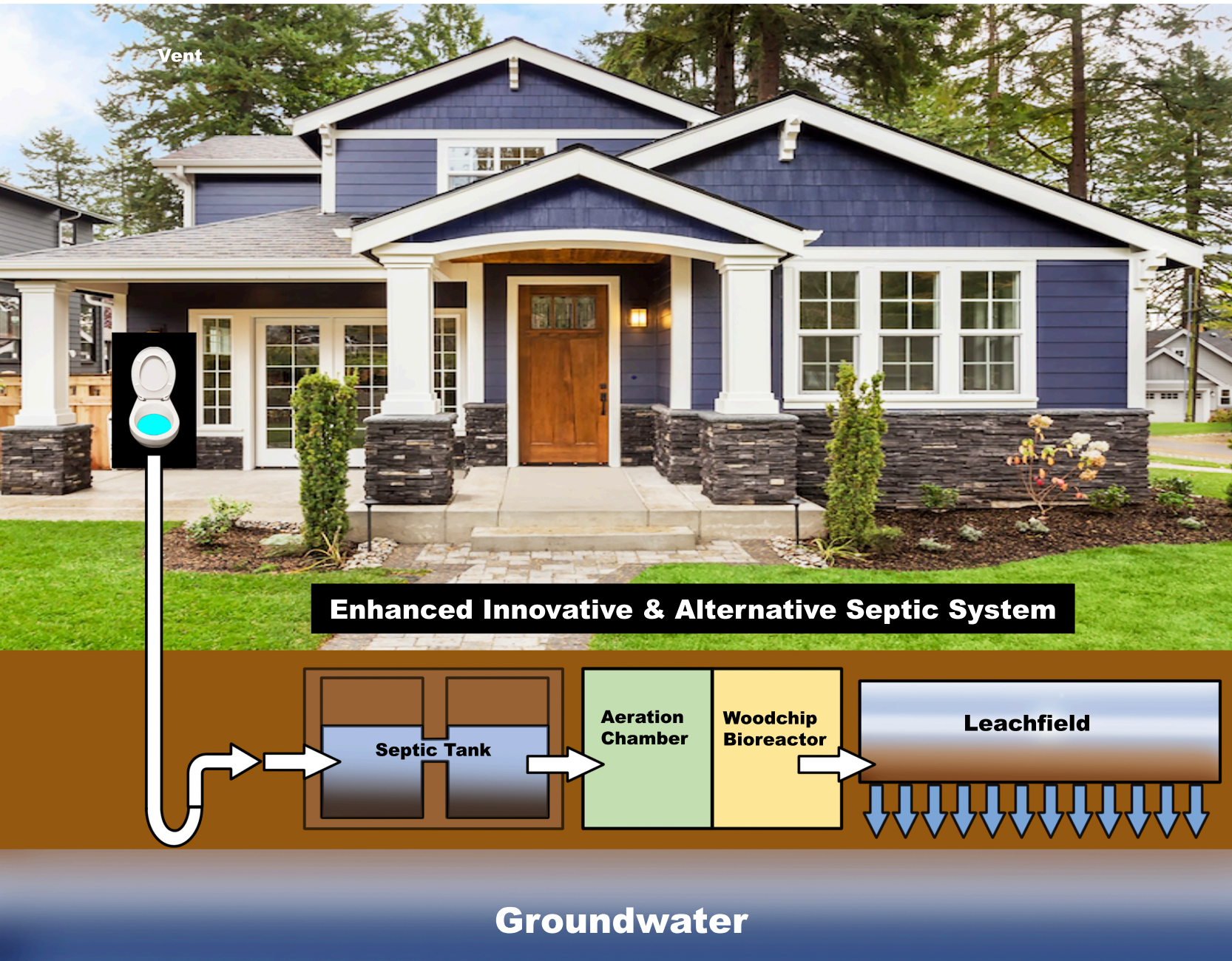


- Wastewater
- Existing Water Bodies
- Stormwater
- Regulatory



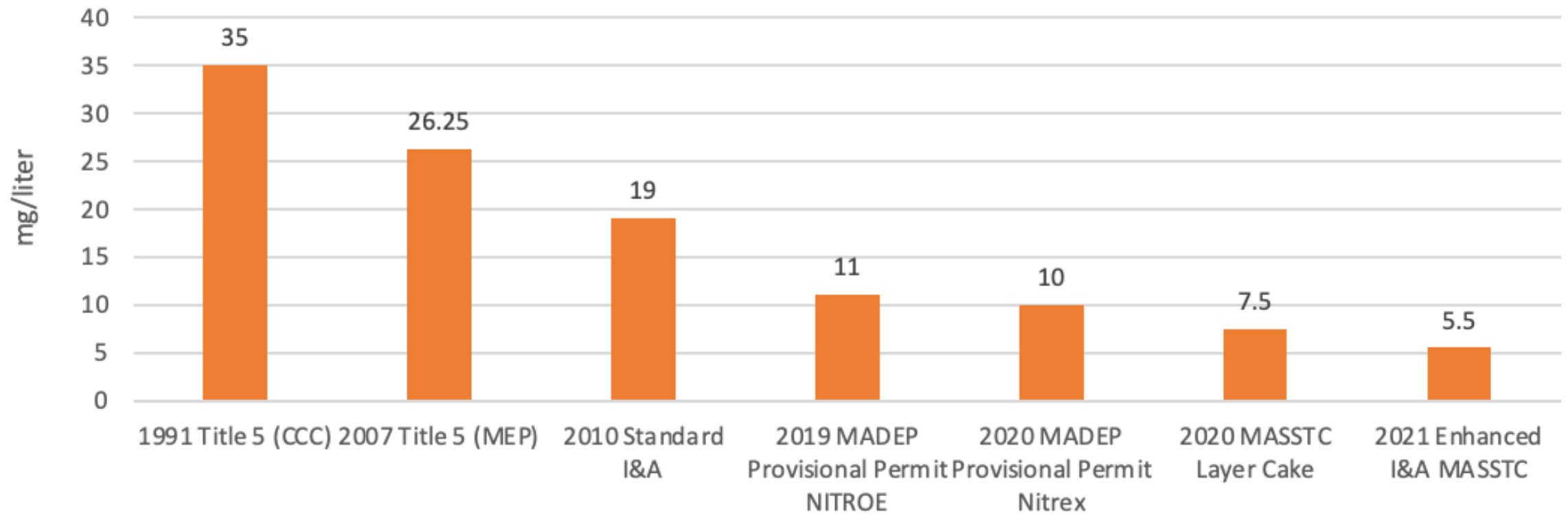






Enhanced Innovative and Alternative (I&A) Septic Systems

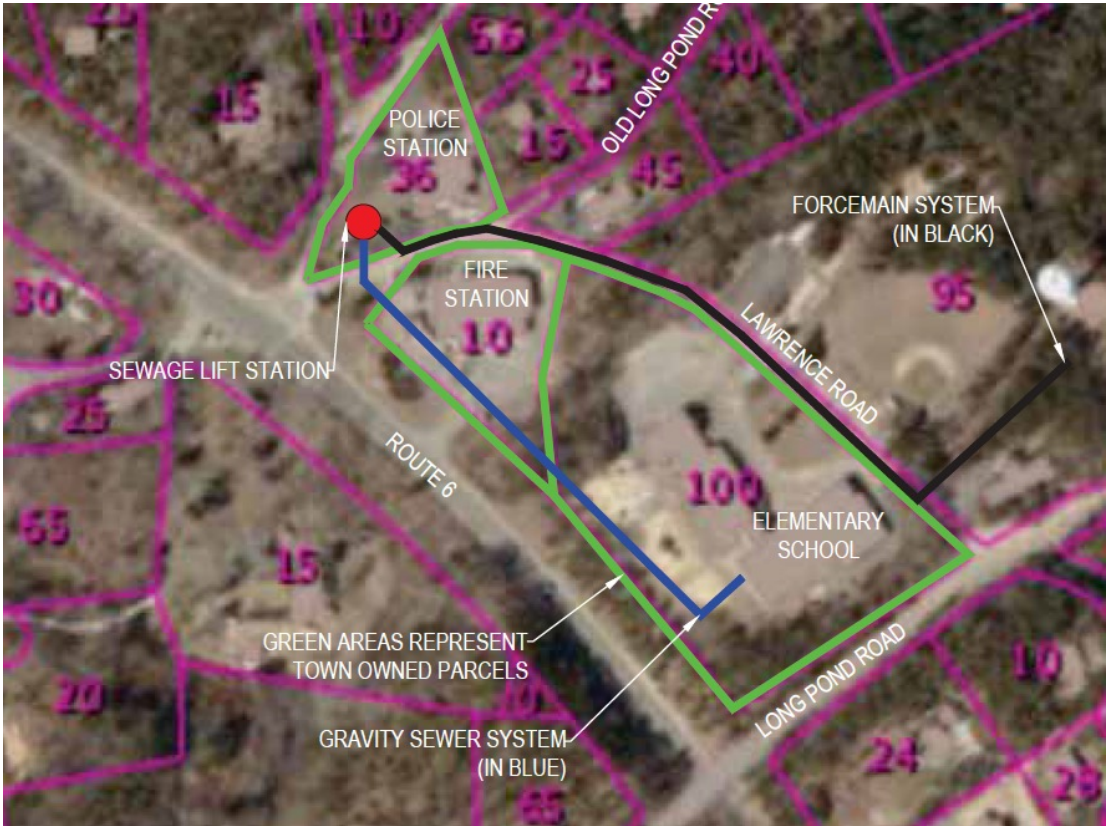
On-Site Septic System Performance Progress



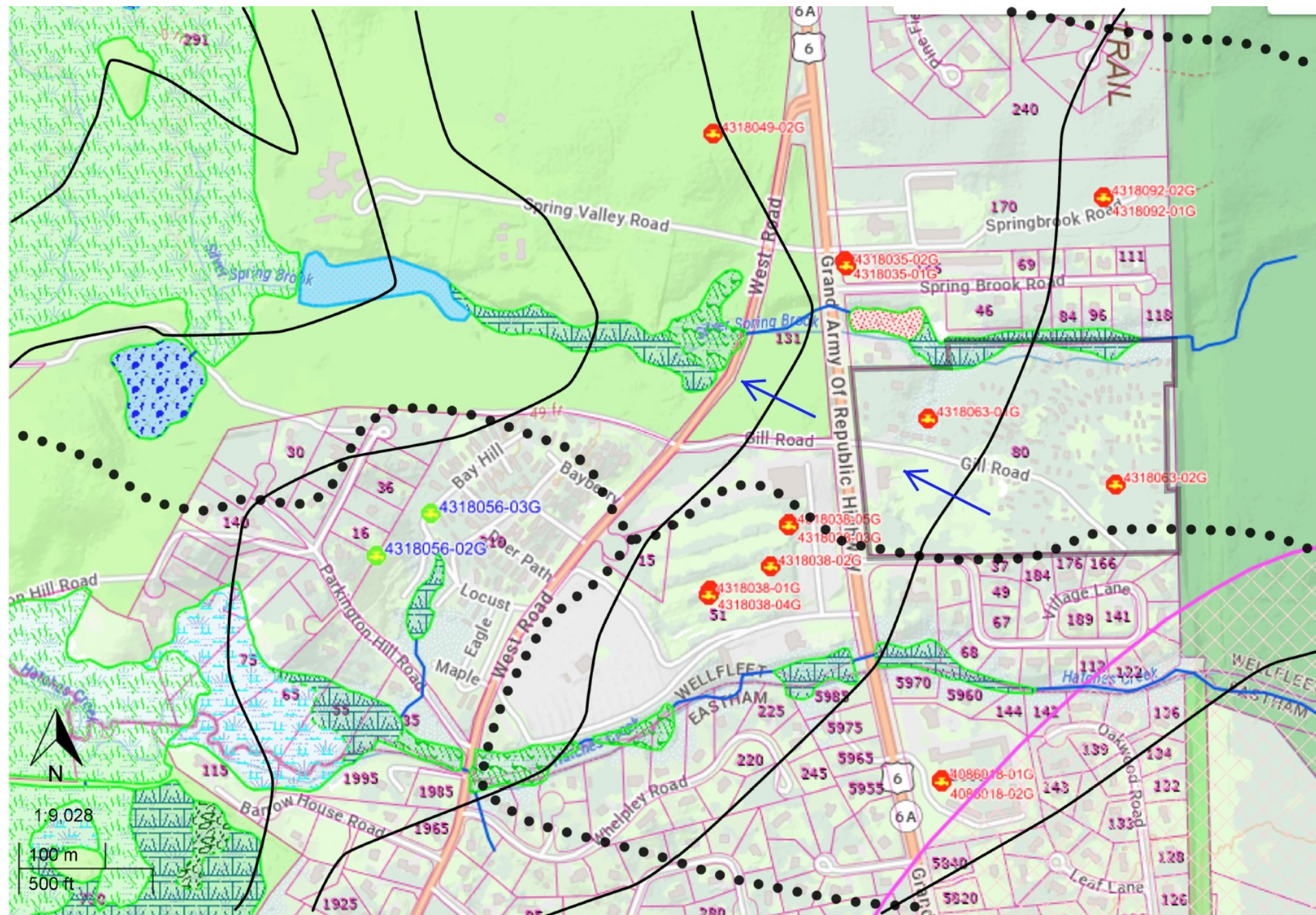
95 Lawrence Road Affordable Housing Project



Option A – Neighborhood System



Option B – Municipal Buildings





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Executive Summary

The goal of this plan is to mitigate water quality impairments, restore marine habitats, and to bring the coastal waters associated with Wellfleet Harbor into compliance with the Clean Water Act. The plan is the product of over ten years of planning and engineering studies and integrates the approaches developed by the Cape Cod 208 Water Quality Plan Update. It is based upon a hybrid approach that integrates both traditional and non-traditional technologies to reduce excessive nitrogen loads. The plan prioritizes those technologies that have lower costs, quicker results, provide local co-benefits (including jobs), and minimize climate impacts. It includes an adaptive management plan that provides for a full evaluation of emerging nature-based technologies backed up with conventional wastewater treatment systems.

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

Comparative Costs of Wastewater Solutions

		Capital Cost	Kg Reduction	\$/kg
Title 5 standard system @ 26.25 mg/liter		\$ 25,000	0	
Enhanced I&A septic @ 8 mg/liter		\$ 35,000	3.29	\$ 533
Cluster System @ 5 mg/liter		\$ 4,700,000	442 - 617	\$ 381 - 531
Downtown Sewer @ 5 mg/liter		\$ 109,800	3.83	\$ 1,435

Estimated Costs (\$ M)

	Scenario A Hybrid	Scenario B Traditional
Collection System	\$9.4	\$80.4
Wastewater Treatment	\$10.9	\$32.7
Sewer Laterals	\$3.2	\$27.5
Design	\$2.0	\$11.3
Construction Services	\$5.0	\$30.7
Total Municipal Centralized Infrastructure	\$30.5	\$182.6
Collection System	\$0.8	\$0.8
Wastewater Treatment	\$0.9	\$0.9
Leaching System	\$0.2	\$0.2
Design & Contingencies	\$0.6	\$0.6
Total 95 Lawrence Capital Costs	\$2.5	\$2.5
I&A Septics	\$63.0	\$44.9
Design	\$10.6	\$7.5
Total I&A Septics ★	\$73.6	\$52.4
TOTAL COSTS (millions)	\$106.6	\$237.5

