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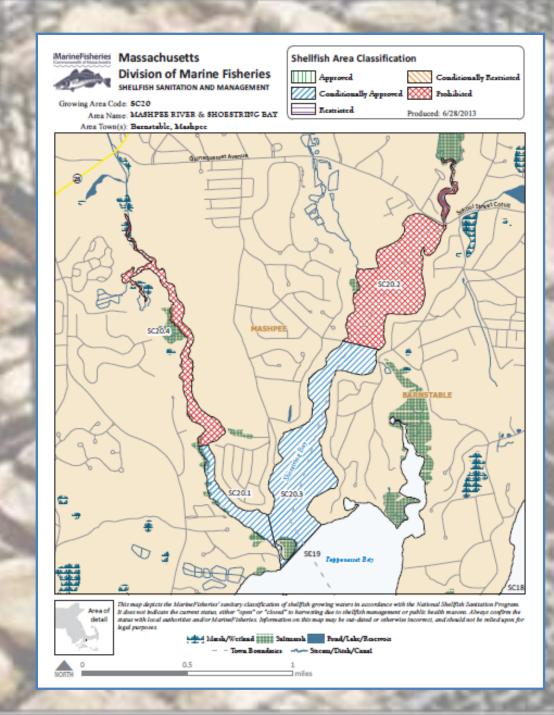
# Shoestring Bay Stormwater Remediation Project

Catherine Laurent Mashpee DPW Director  Coastal embayment shared by the Towns of Mashpee and Barnstable

- Productive shellfish habitat
   used by the Town's
   Shellfish Constable for oyster propagation
- Privately licensed shellfish aquaculture also located in the bay



 Permanent and seasonal shellfishing closures due to bacterial contamination (seasonal closure May 1 – October 1).





Mashpee Neck Road

 Stormwater runoff identified as one of the contamination sources

### The Cape Cod Water Resources Restoration Project

### **Current Situation**

Barnstable County, Massachusetts – Balso known as Cape Cod – is a constal area where ecosystems have been compromised by urban development.

Water quality is a major concern on Cape Cod, particularly as it affects the ground water aquifer, salt marshes, shellfish beds and herring nuns.



 Stormwater numoff is a significant source of pollutants. Shellfish beds are often closed for extensive periods during the year because of poor water quality.



Under-sized culverts are barriers to the tidal flow and migration of fish. When natural tidal flow is restricted, the salt marsh ecosystems became degraded.



Failing fish passages prevent fish from migrating past man-made barriers to their fresh water spawning sites.

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### Is there a plan to solve these problems?

Federal, state and local agencies have partnered to identify problems and formulate solutions. The costs and benefits of various alternatives have been evaluated and sportions' decisions are contained in a watersheet plan.

The plan identifies a total of 76 sites throughout Cape Cod for possible restoration, including:

- 26 storm water discharge sites
- 26 tidal-restricted salt marshes
- 24 fish passages

The watershed plan describes the work to be done, the responsibilities of each agency, financing amangements and maintenance provisions.

#### Estimated cost & contributions

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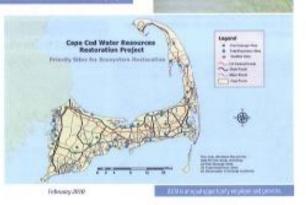
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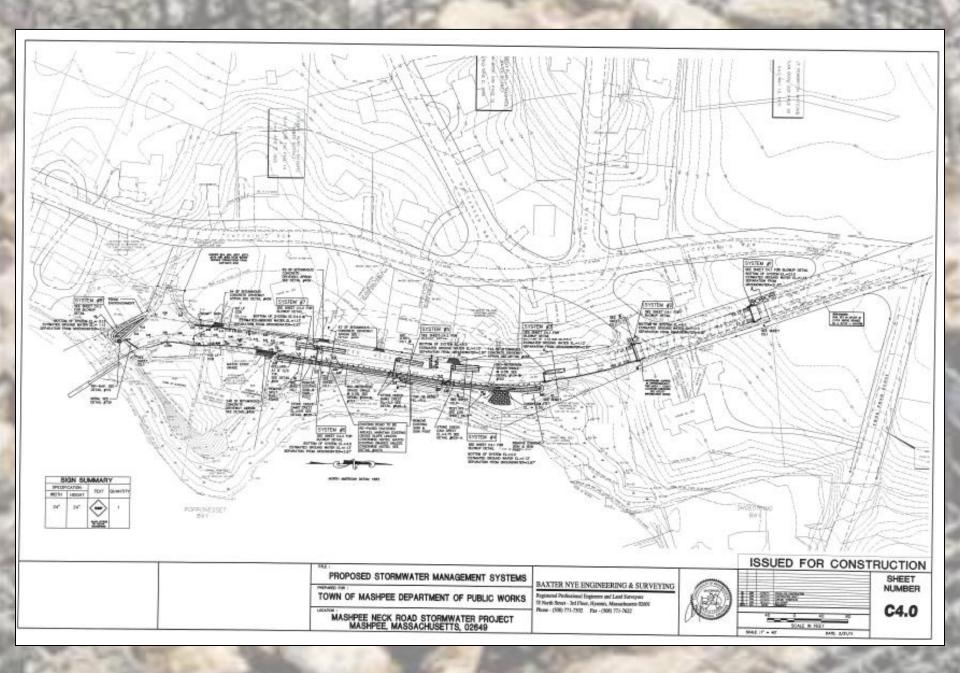


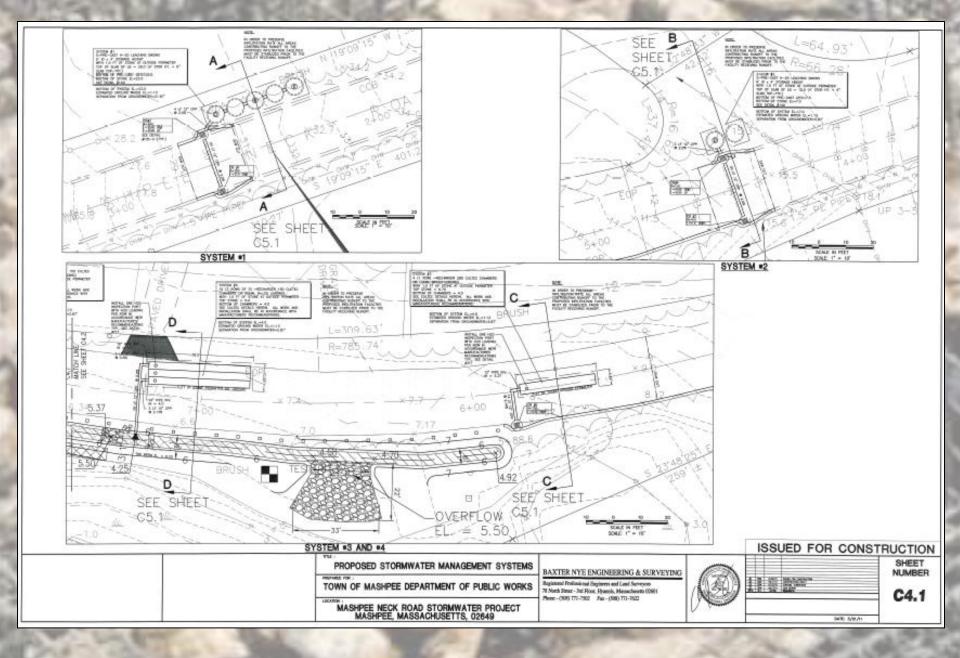
## Congress authorized funding for the Cape Cod Water Resources Restoration Project on Dec. 19, 2009

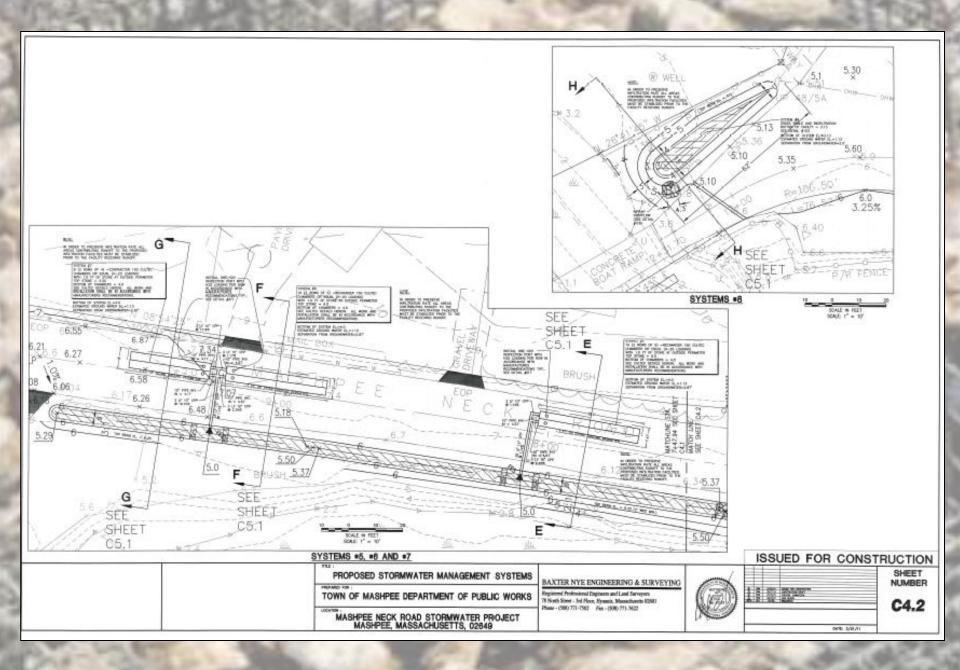
 Restoration of shellfish habitat one of the eligible uses for the funds

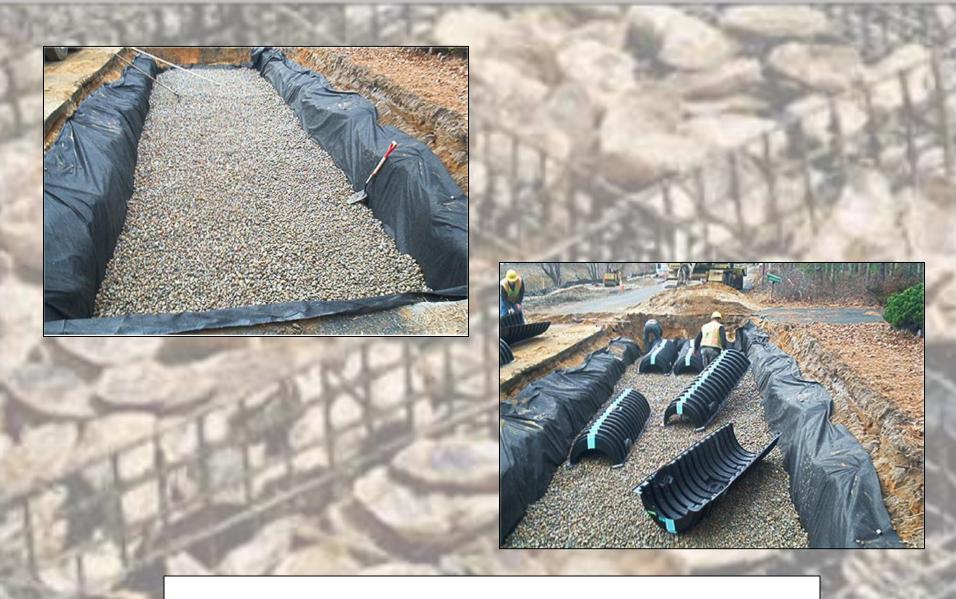


- Cape Cod Conservation District approved Mashpee's application for funding
- Grant was administered through USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Grant funded 100% of the design and administrative costs and 75% of the construction costs; Town responsible for the remaining 25% of the construction costs









Drainage System #4 – Cultec Chambers



Drainage System #7 – Cultec Chambers



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• Final project cost approximately \$228,000

Town's share approx. \$49,000; used Chapter
90 funds

 DMF data shows reduction of 35% in fecal coliform pre/post project

 DMF now testing year round – with continued encouraging results, may be able to reopen area

