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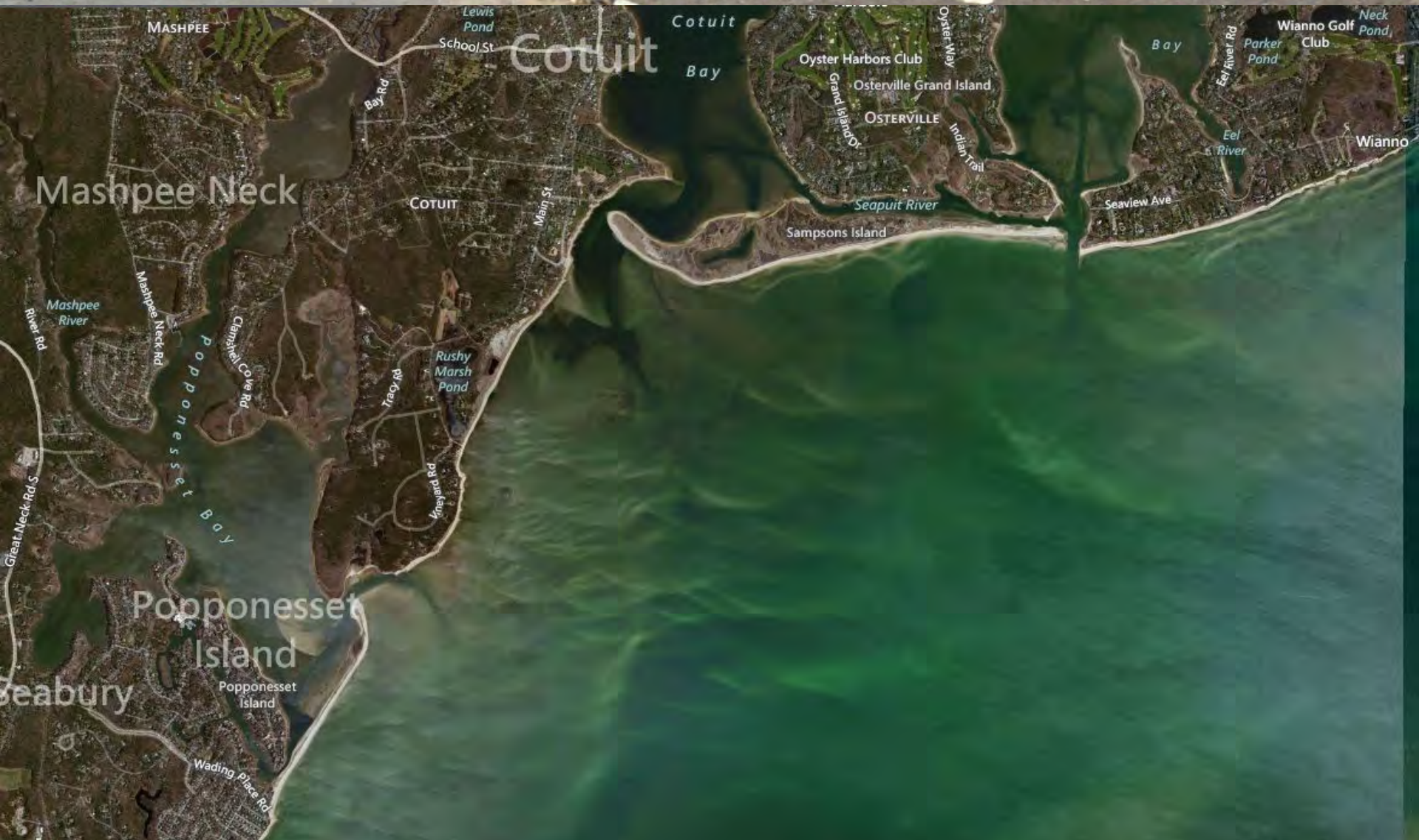
Dead Neck & Sampson's Island Backpassing and Nourishment

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Where is Dead Neck and Sampson's Island?



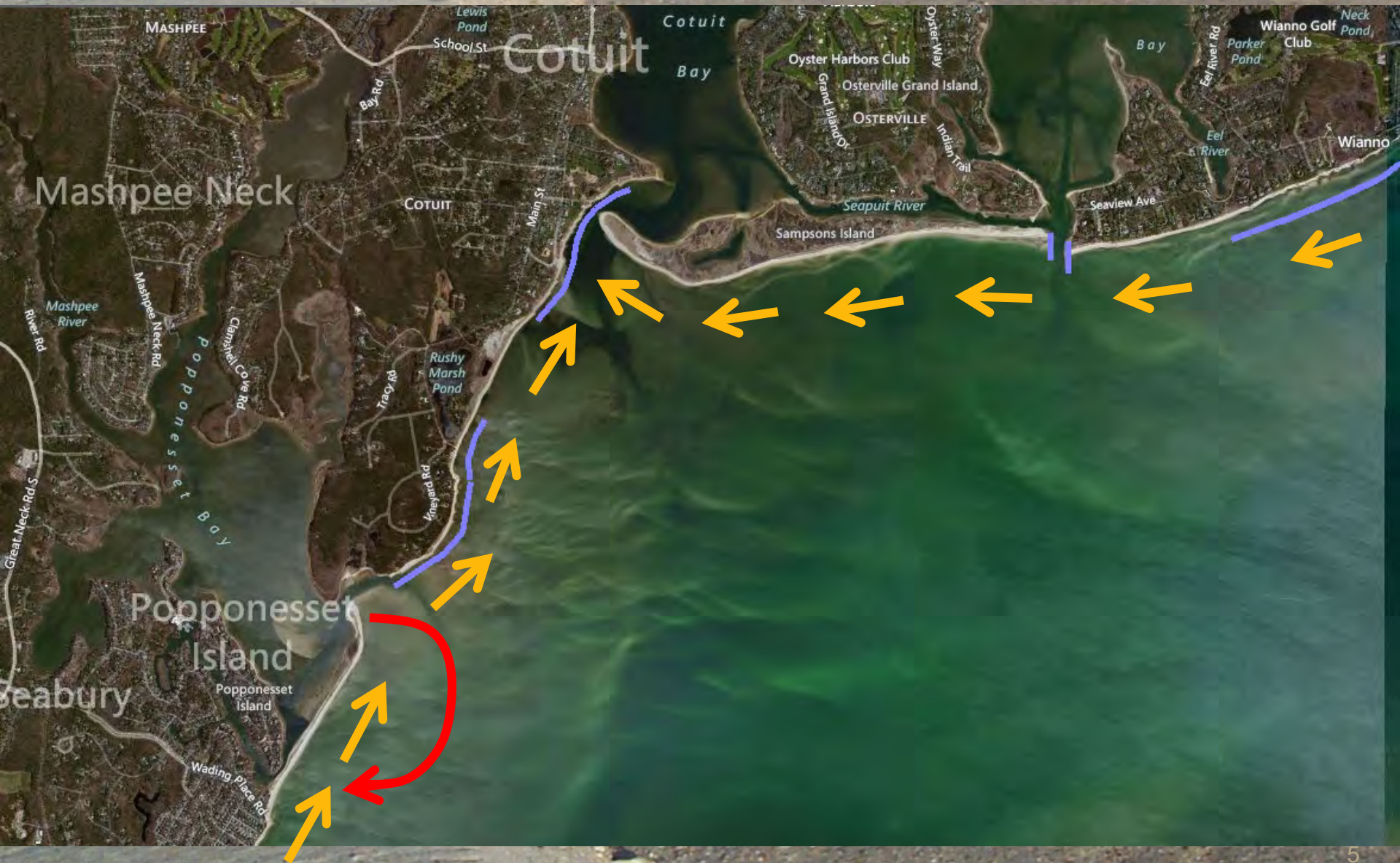
Three Bays - 1897



Historical Shoreline Change (1938-2001)

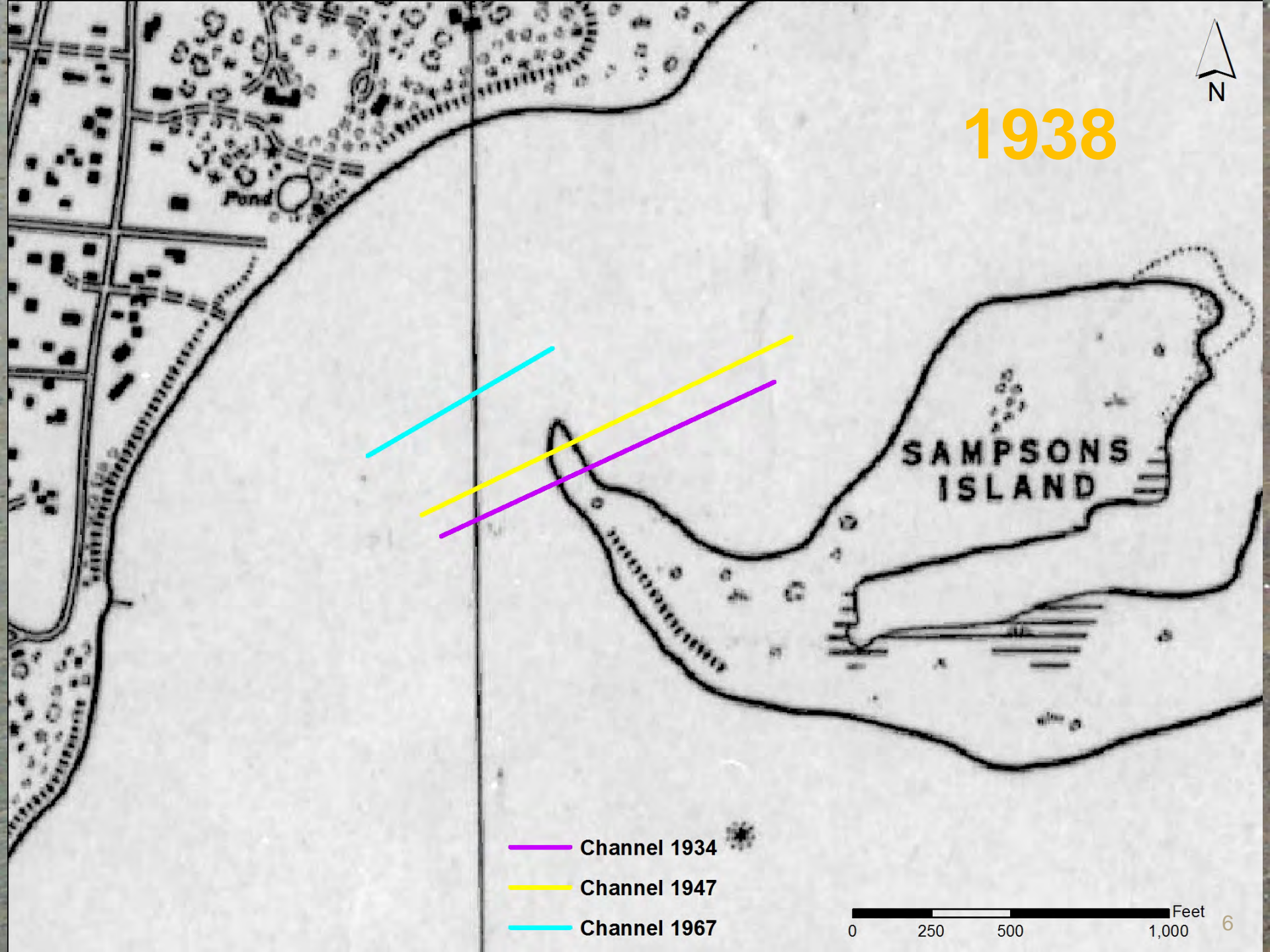


Regional Littoral Transport





1938

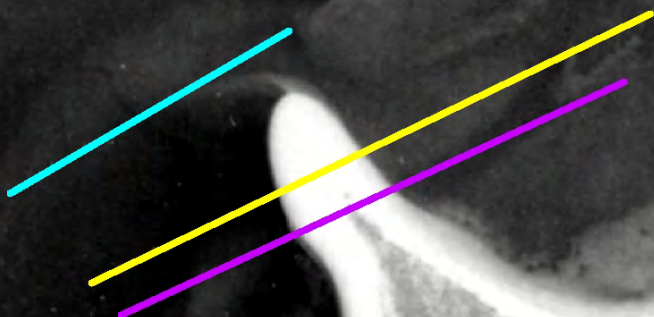


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- Channel 1967

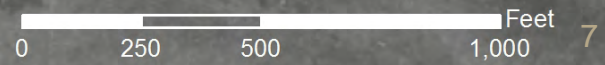
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1952

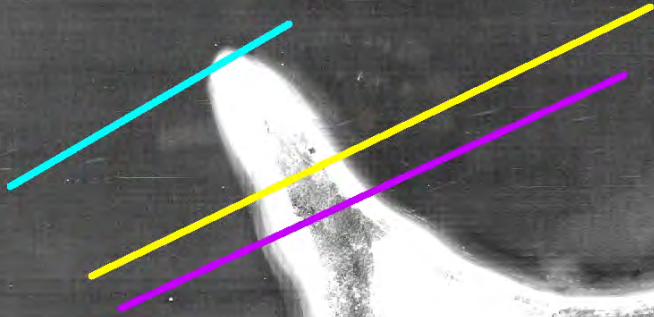


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1968



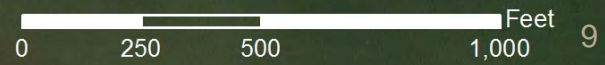
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2011

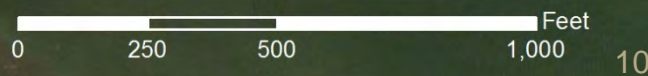
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Shorelines

- July 1938
- May 1968
- May 1989
- Sept 2011



230,000 Cubic Yard Nourishment (1999-2000)



1999

Shoreline Surveys (Since 2002)

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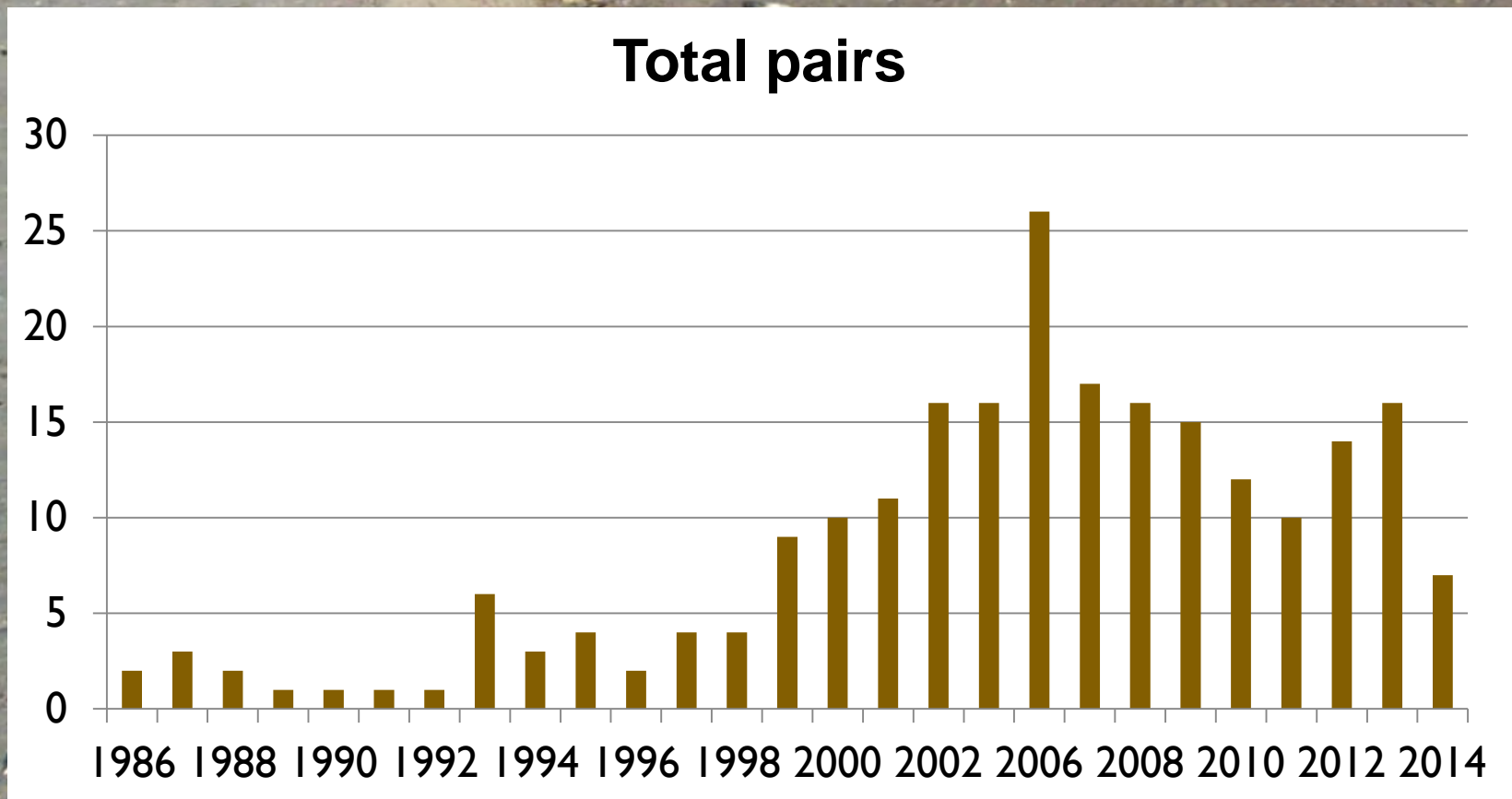
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Piping Plover Abundance

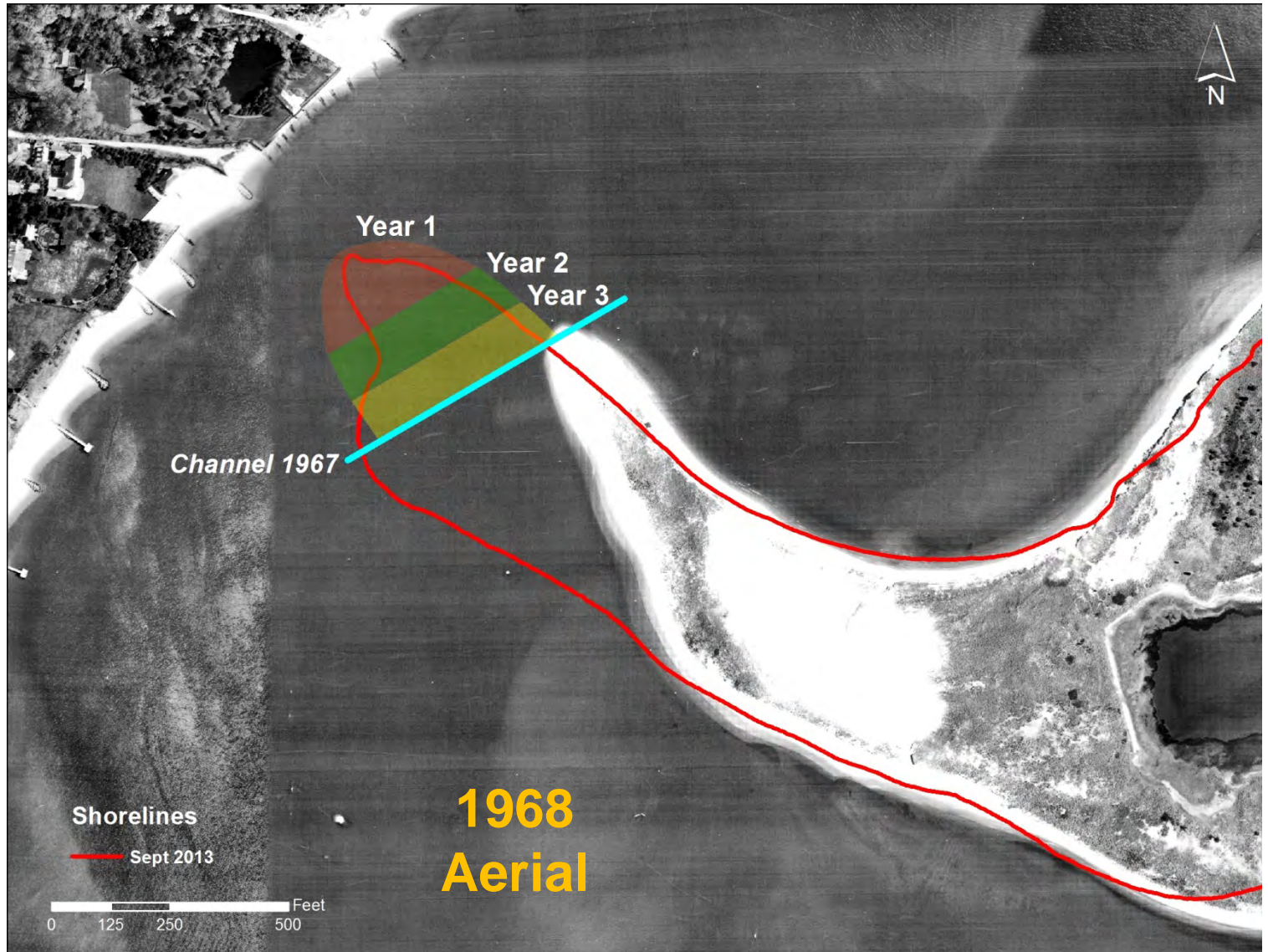
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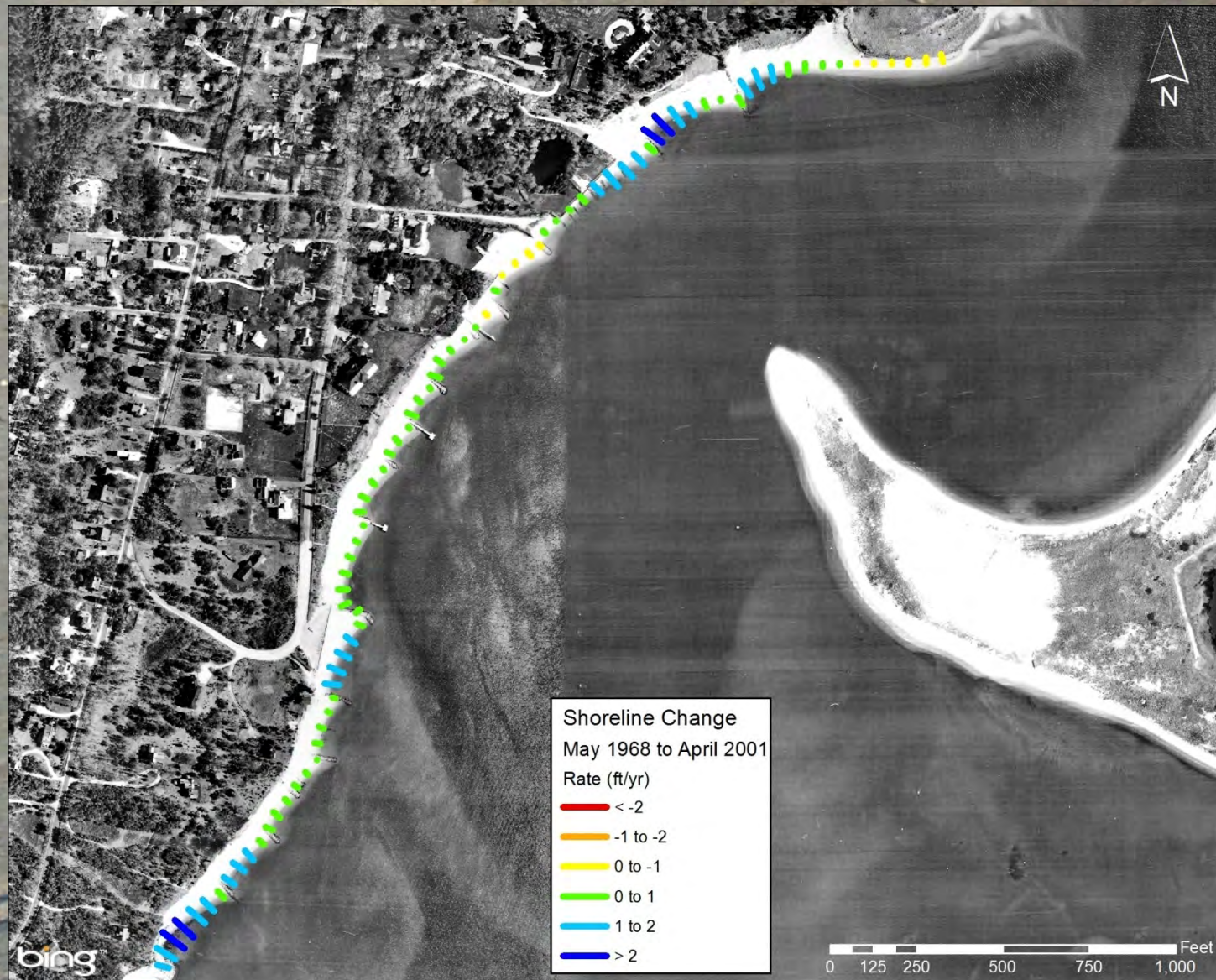
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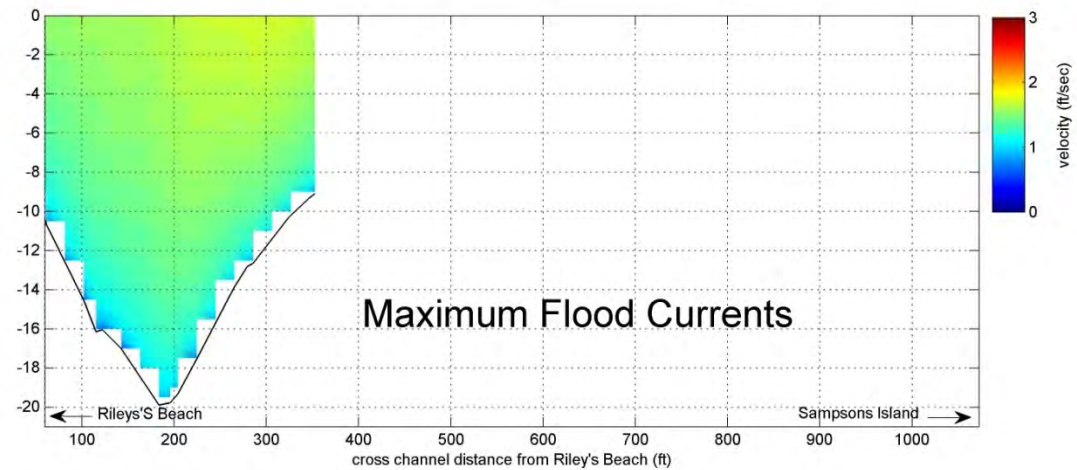
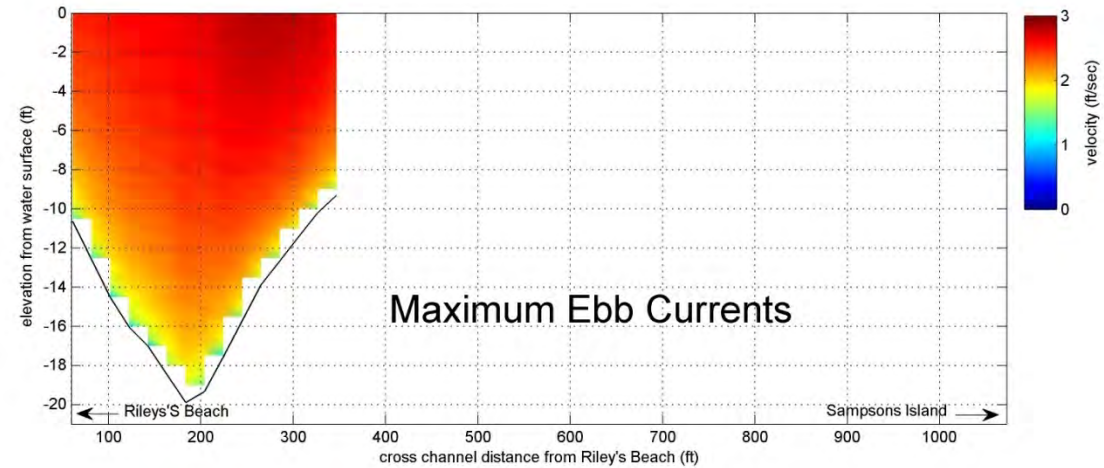
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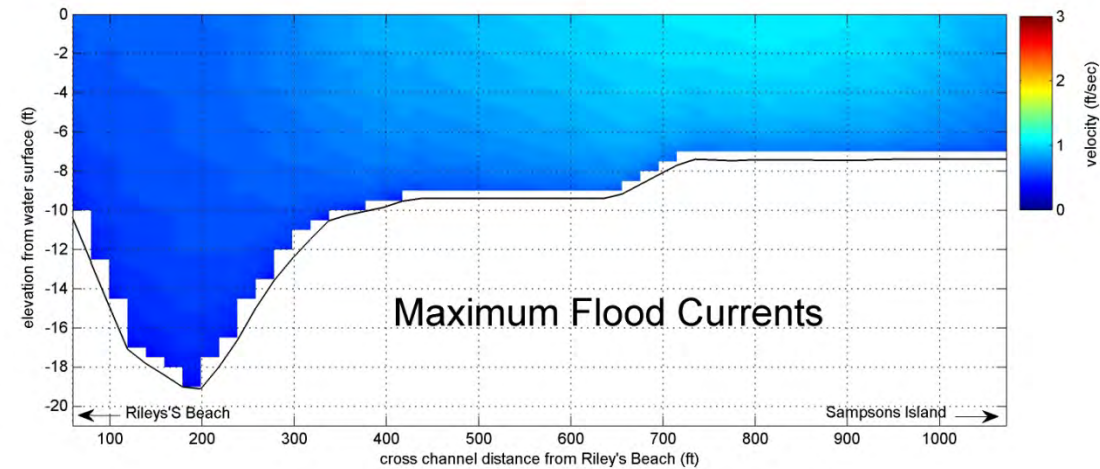
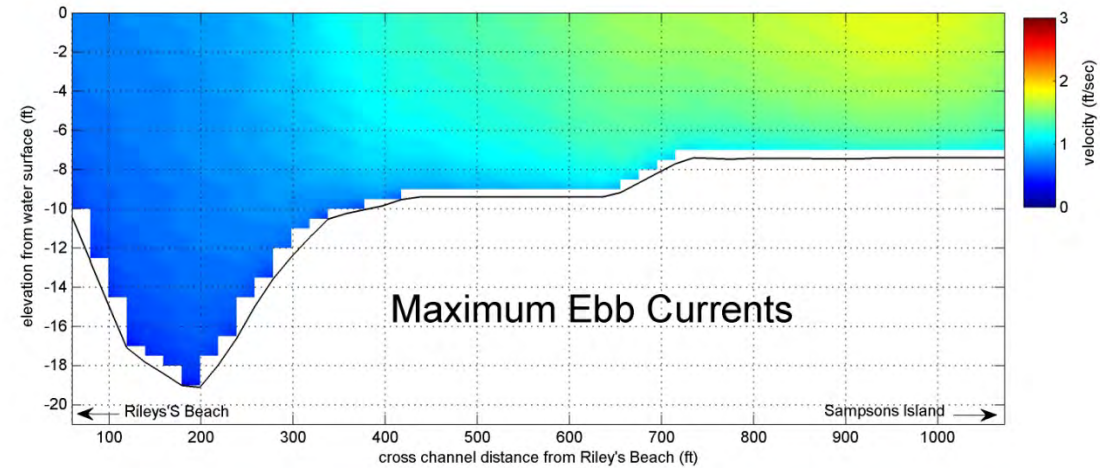
Historical Shoreline Change (2001-2011)

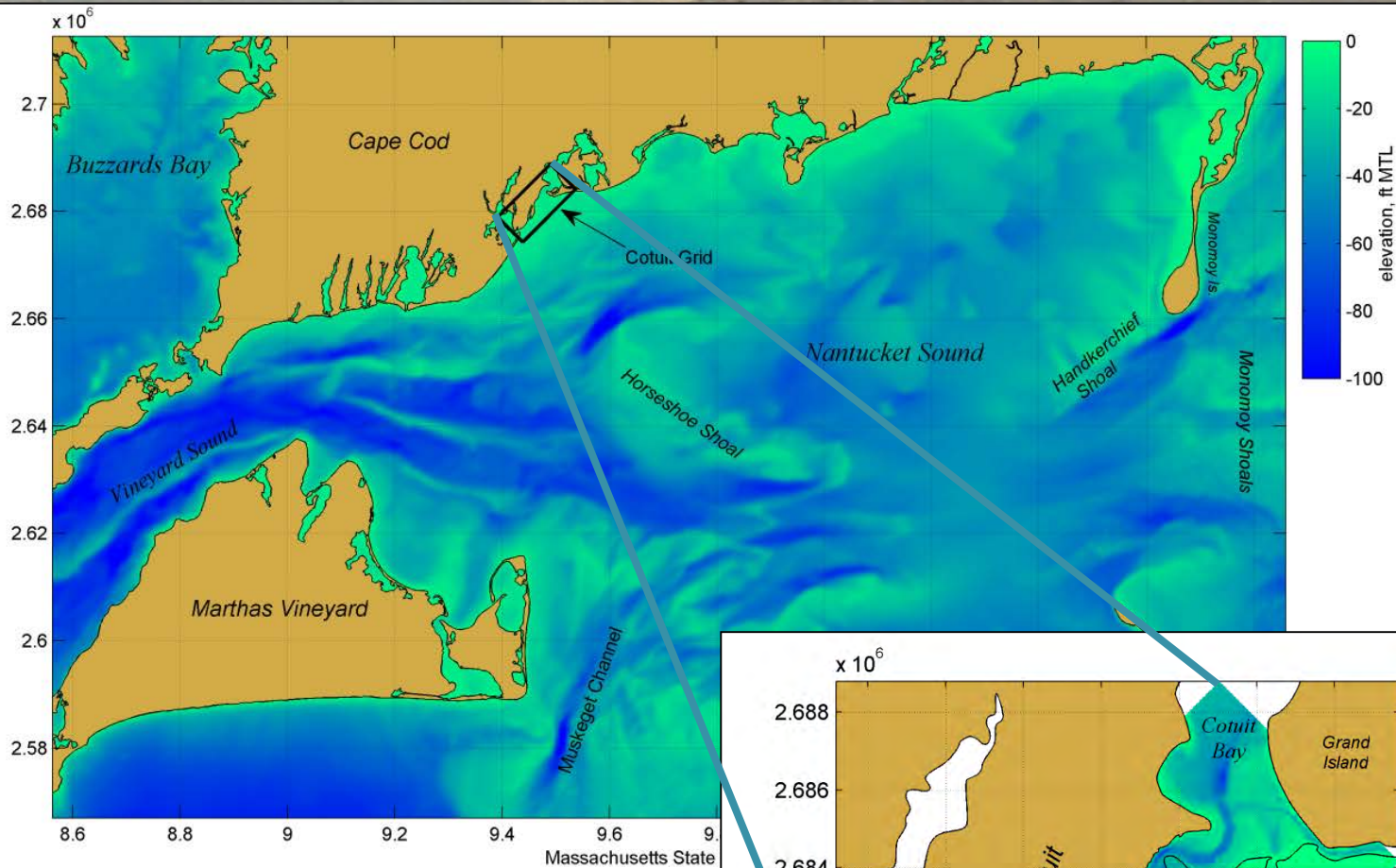


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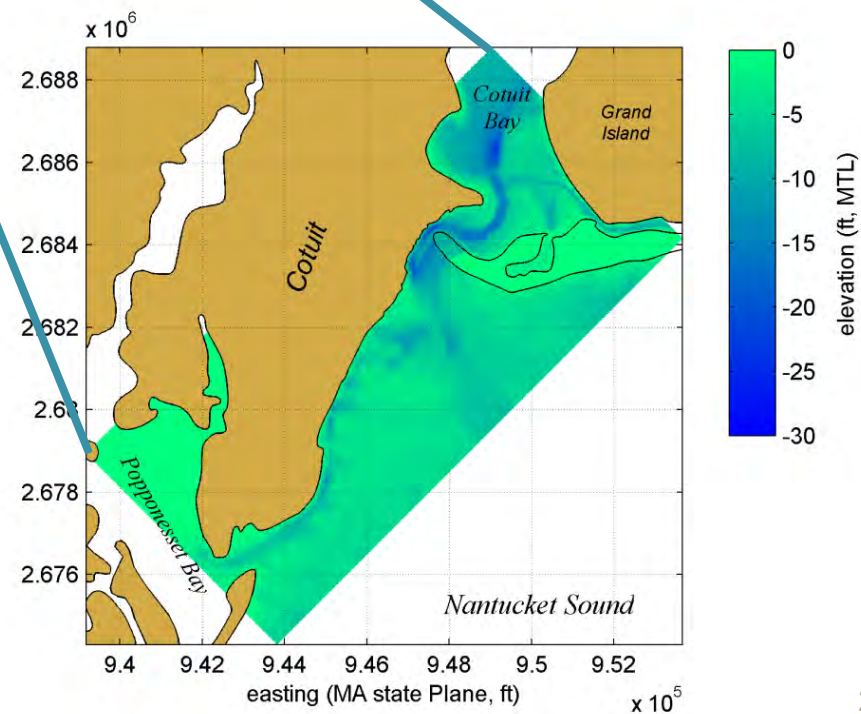
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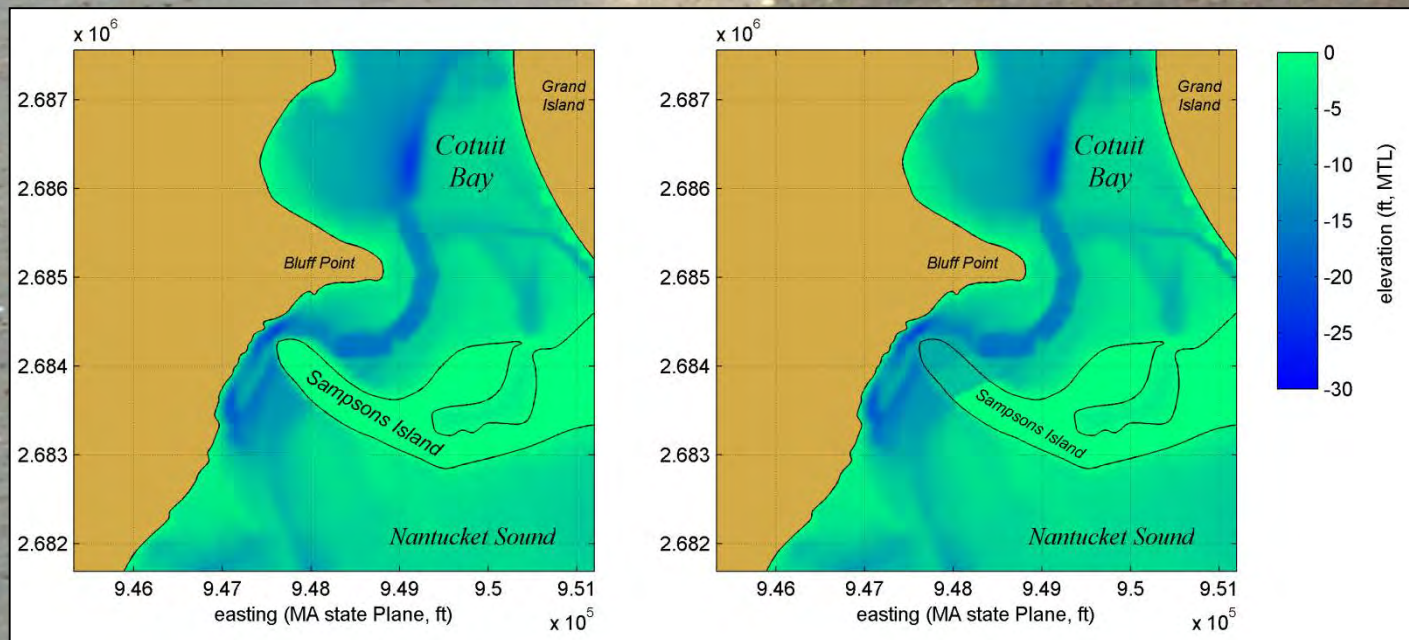
Wave Modeling Grids

Coarse
Fine



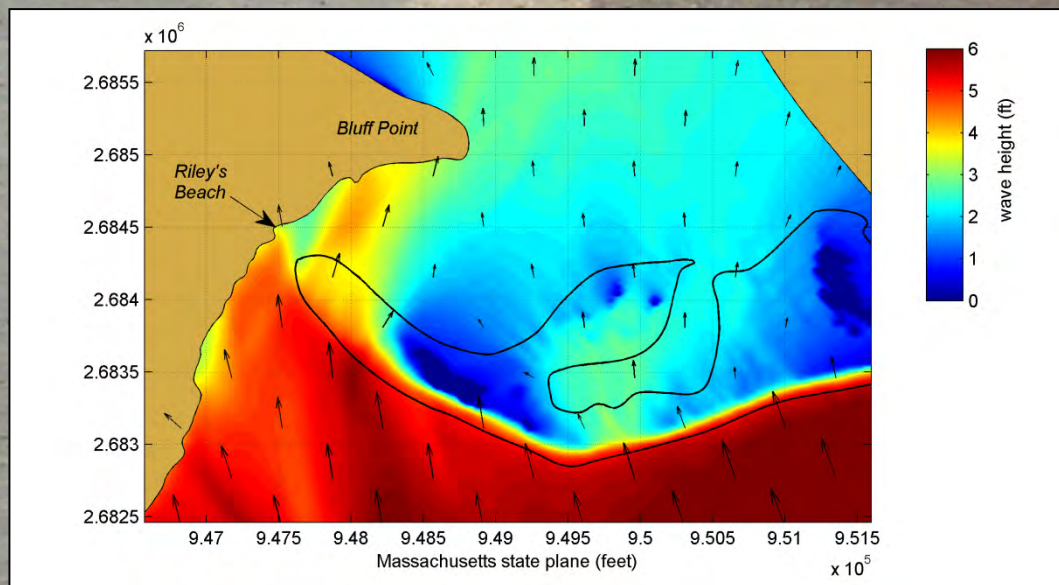
Existing and 800-ft Spit Removal

Modeled 25, 50, and 100-year Storm Events

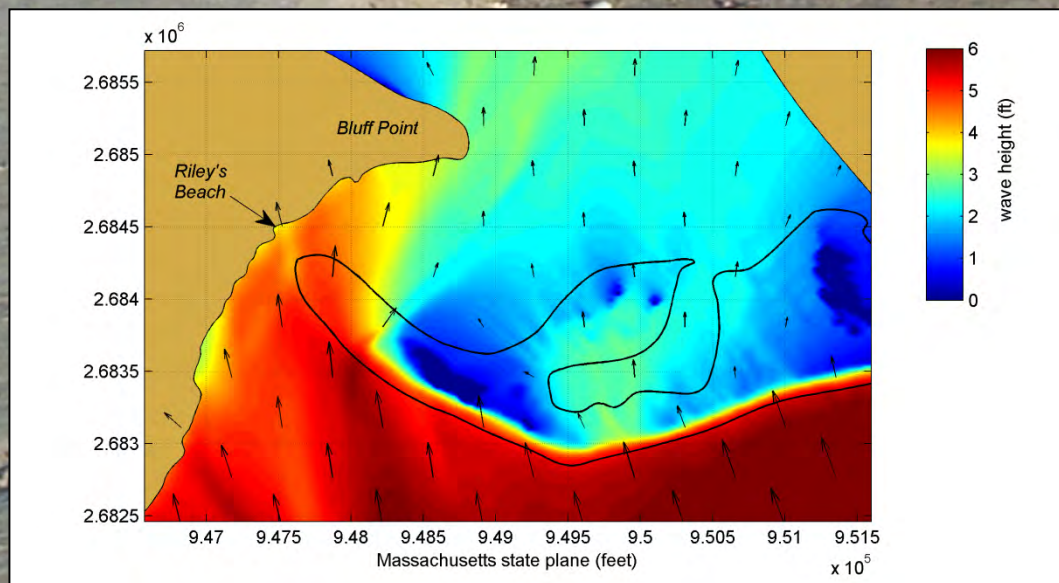


Fine Grid Model (10 m Cells)

100-year Storm from South



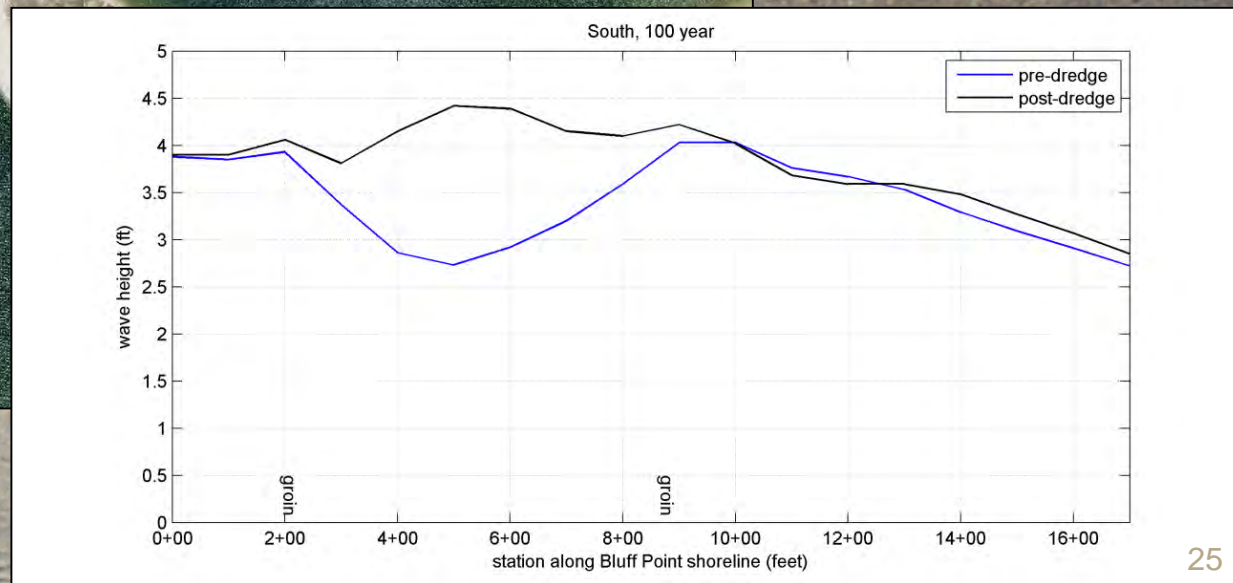
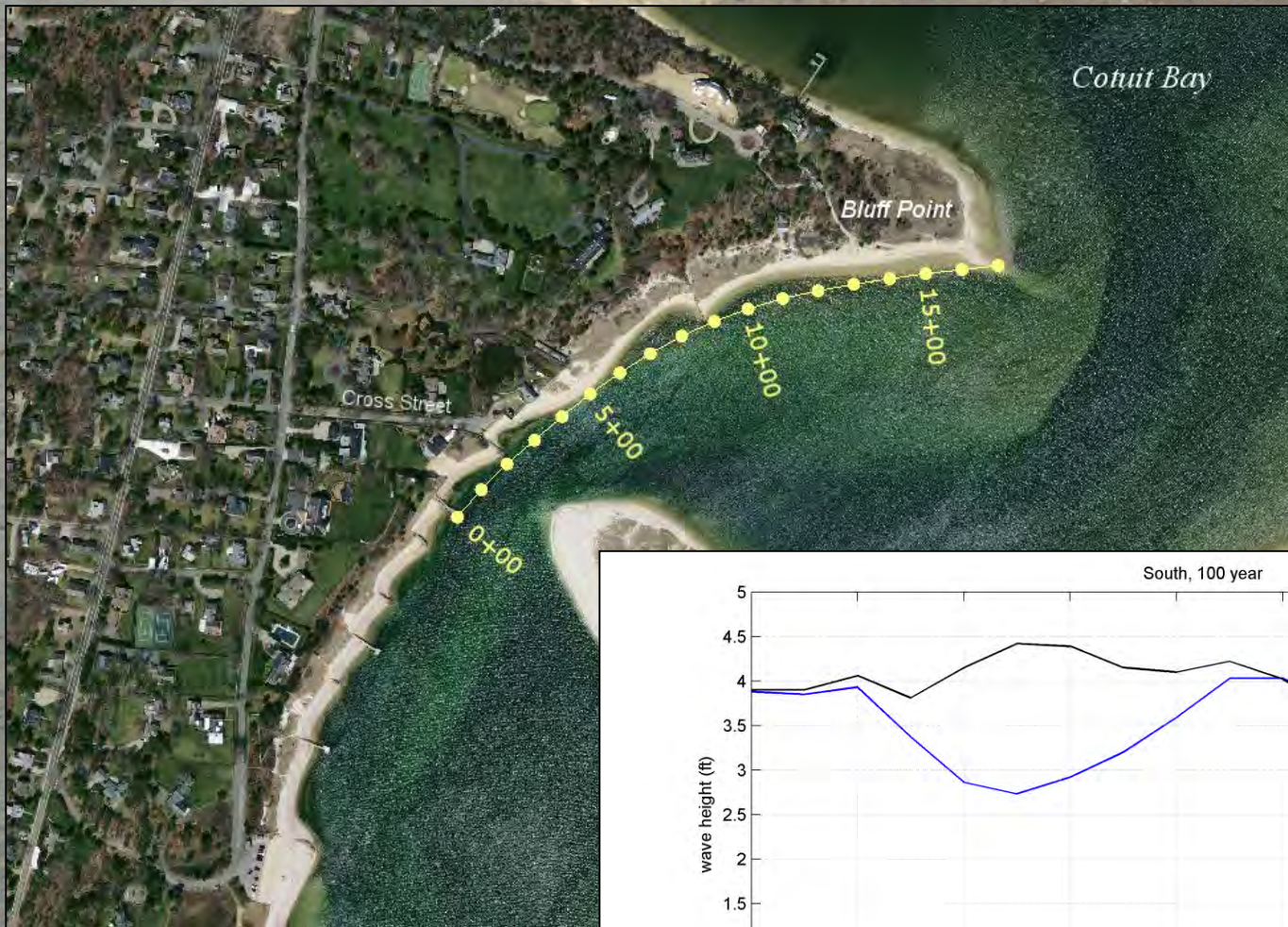
Existing Conditions



800-ft Spit Removal

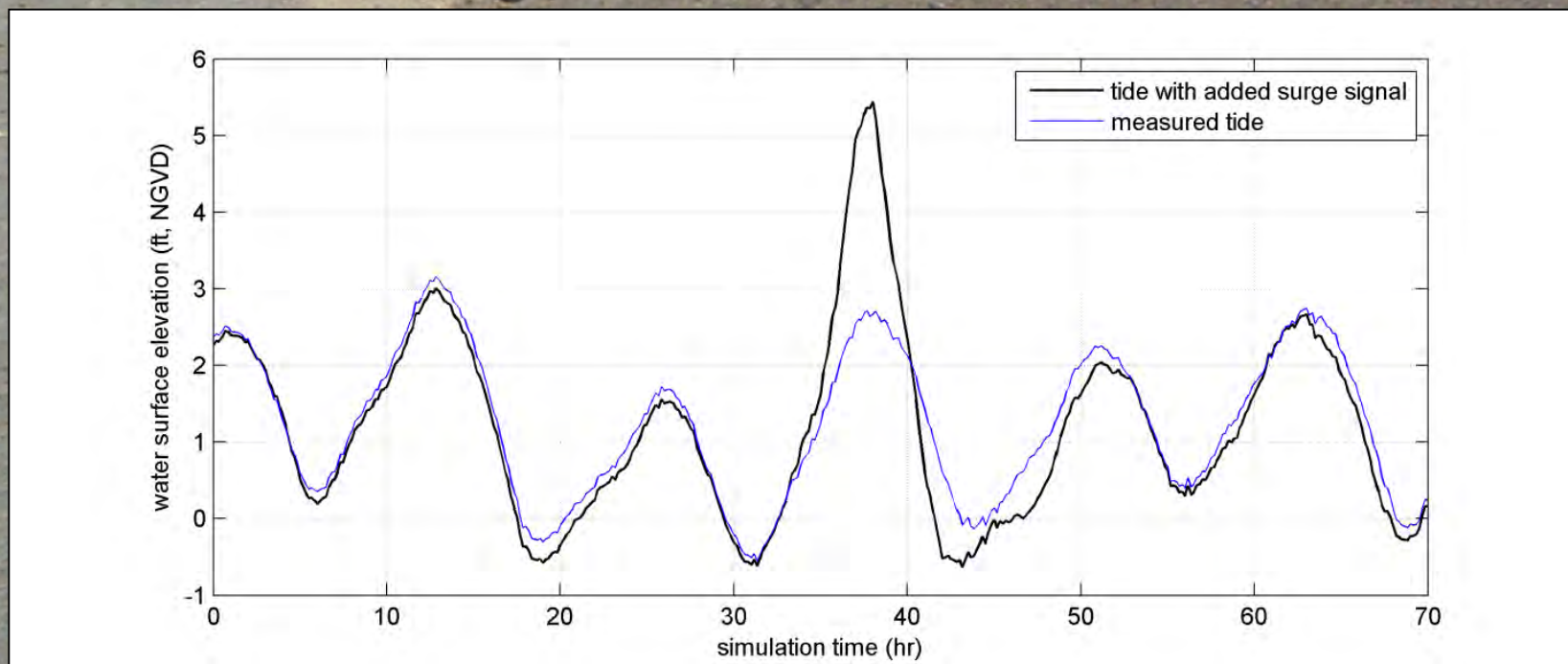
Wave Height Difference

100-year Storm from South



Storm Surge - Hydrodynamic Analysis

10-year Storm Surge – Similar to Hurricane Bob



Low Elevation of the Spit

Hurricane Irene 2011 ~ 4 Year Return Period Water Level



Hydrodynamic Analysis – Existing Conditions

10-year Storm Surge – Similar to Hurricane Bob

Green > 2ft/sec and Red > 3 ft/sec



**Existing Conditions
Flood Tide**



**800-ft Spit Removal
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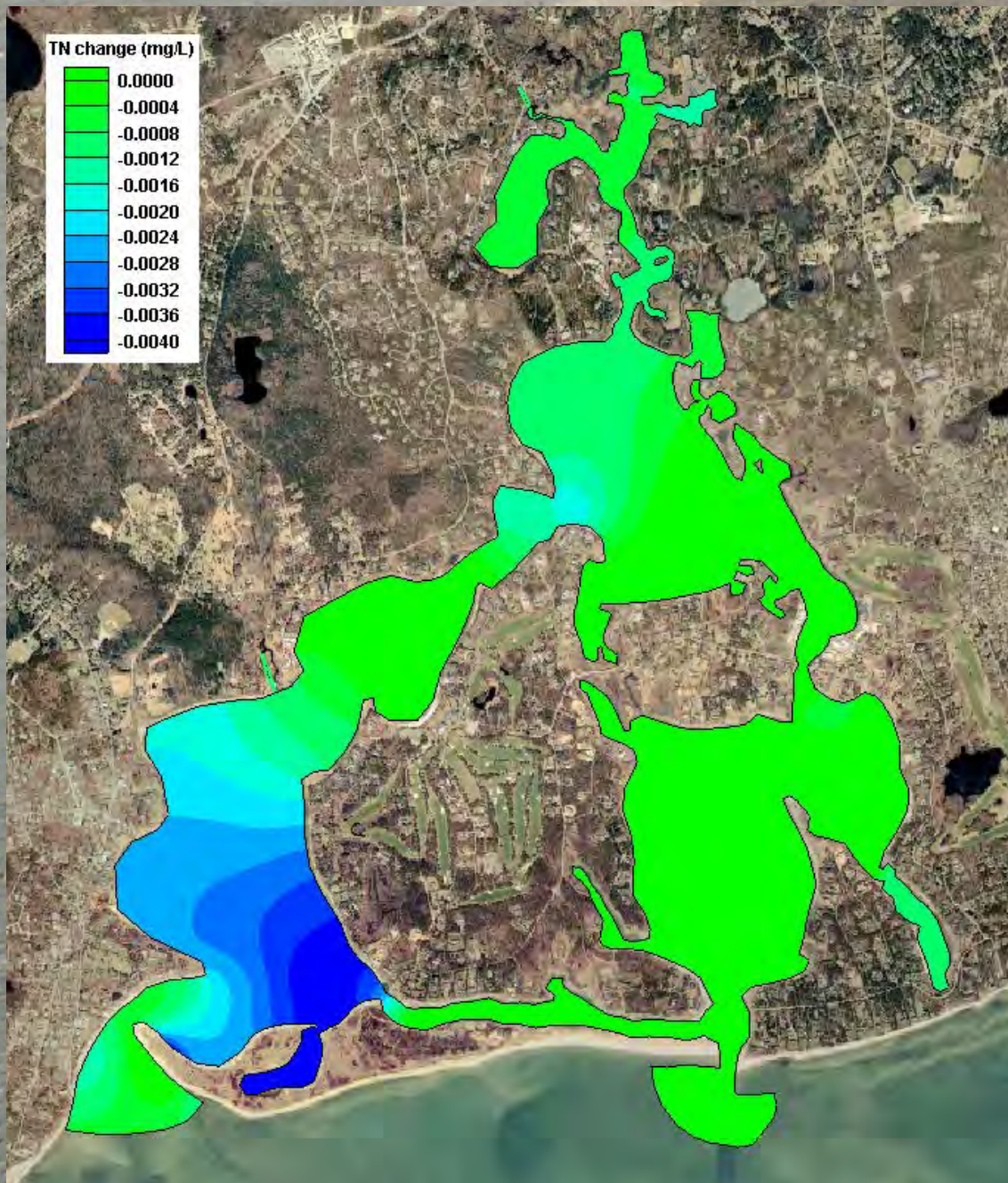
Effects of the 100-Year Event 1944 Hurricane



FALL IN COTUIT. This photograph, taken before the 1944 hurricane, shows a tranquil scene of the town dock, Congressman Charles L. Gifford's district office (with the three windows), the Whites' beach cottage, and the Crawfords' summer house. (Courtesy of the Cotuit Library.)



AFTER THE 1944 HURRICANE. This photograph shows the same area after 100-mile-per-hour winds tore across Cotuit. All that remains of the congressman's office is the chimney. The beach cottages are washed into heaps of debris, topped with beached boats such as *Spindrift*. German prisoners of war came from Camp Edwards to clear trees from the blocked roads. (Courtesy of the Cotuit Library.)



Effects of the Proposed Year 1 and 2 Project on Water Quality

***Maximum
Improvement
Lowering TN
Levels by ~8% in
Lower Cotuit Bay***



Challenges + Lessons Learned

- ***“Large-Scale” Nourishment Not Common in MA***
- ***“Mitigating for Mitigation”***
- ***Backpassing as Part of Inlet Sediment Management also Not Common in MA***

Questions

