

#### Town of Bourne Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan

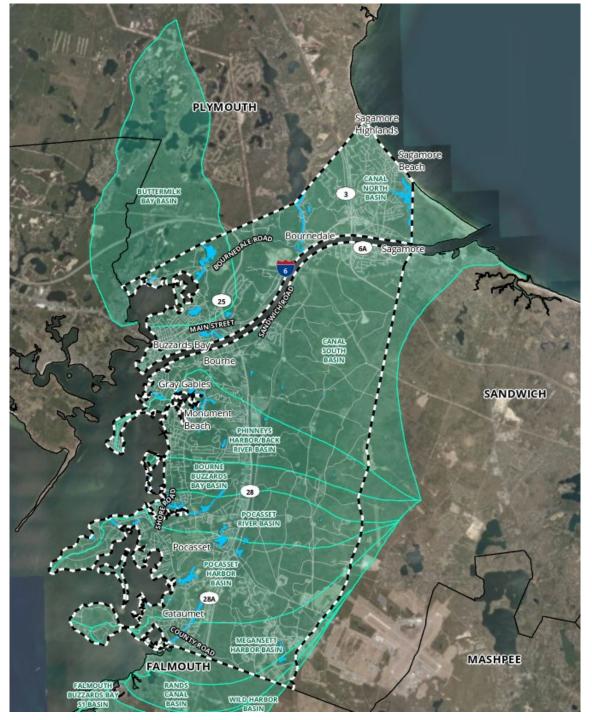
North of Canal Workshop



#### In the Zoom Chat:

Please type the Village where you live: 1. Bournedale 2. Buzzards Bay 3. North Sagamore/Sagamore Highlands 4. Sagamore Beach 5. Other

# **Bourne's Watersheds**





### Agenda

- Review Workshop Goals
- Introduce Project Team and Invited Stakeholder Groups
- Introduce Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan Process
- Breakout Groups
  - By village
- Breakout Group Report Out
- Next Steps & Closing





# Workshop Goals

- Introduce residents to the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Planning process
- Gather existing community stories about watershed needs





# **Project Team**

#### **Core Working Group**

- Town of Bourne
  - Office of Town Administrator
  - Departments:
    - Conservation
    - Natural Resources
    - Engineering
    - Planning
    - Public Works
- Environmental Partners, Consultant

#### **Regulatory Agencies**

- Cape Cod Commission
- Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)
- Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office
  - Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)



# **Invited Stakeholder Groups**

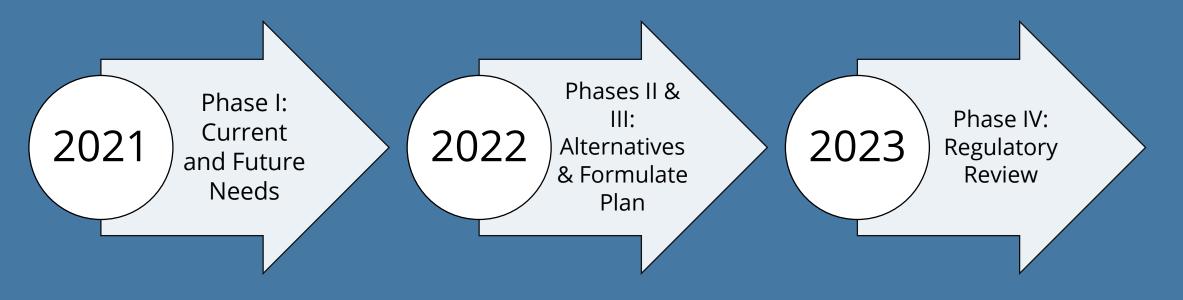
- Association to Preserve Cape Cod
- Barnstable Clean Water Coalition
- Bourne Conservation Trust
- Bourne Public Library
- Buzzards Bay Action Committee
- Buzzards Bay Coalition
- Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program
- Cape Cod Canal Region Chamber of Commerce
- Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce
- Cape Cod Conservation District

- Cataumet Village Association
- Community Land and Water Coalition
- Gray Gables Neighborhood Association
- Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe
- Native Land Conservancy
- Pocasset Water Quality Coalition
- Pocasset Village Foundation
- Sagamore Highland Association
- Scraggy Neck Recreation Association
- Wildlands Trust
- Wing's Neck Trust Association



### What is a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan?

- Town-wide water quality assessment and solutions
- Aligns with 2019 Local Comprehensive Plan Goals for growth and development
- 20-year planning to meet water quality goals



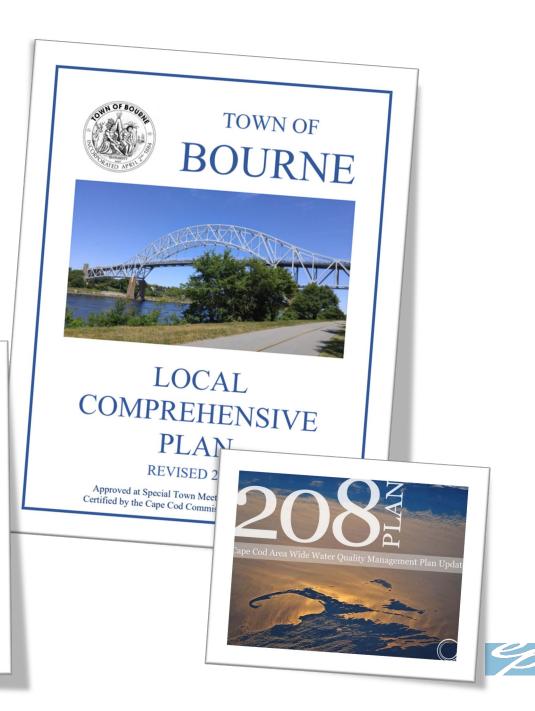
# Why does Bourne need a CWMP?

- Water Quality is the highest priority of the Bourne Local Comprehensive Plan
- We need to remove nitrogen to meet regulatory thresholds and improve water quality

#### **Highest Priority Issues**

Water Quality is the highest priority issue facing the Town of Bourne in the opinion of Town residents, as reflected in both the planning workshop and the community survey conducted in preparation of this Local Comprehensive Plan. The key element of water quality protection is reduction of total nitrogen flowing into salt water wetlands, estuaries, and embayments; and phosphorus entering fresh water ponds, streams, and aquifers.

The primary source of nitrogen and phosphorus in waterways comes from cesspools and septic systems. It is essential, therefore, that Bourne continue to actively expand wastewater collection and treatment systems and other options, especially in densely developed coastal areas. The Queen Sewell area of Buzzards Bay Village, Gray Gables, Tahanto, Barlows Landing, Pocasset Heights, Patuisset, Cedar Point, and Picture Lake are all areas of critical concern.



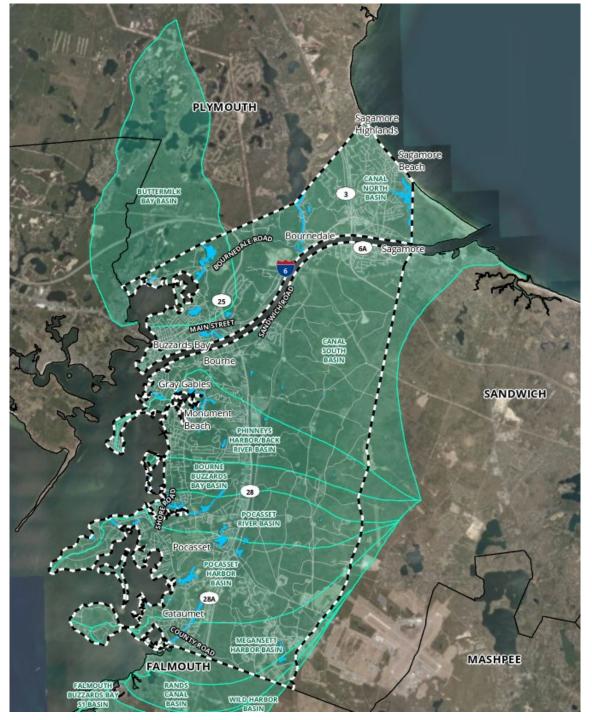
# Why does Bourne need a CWMP? (continued)

- Targets preservation of all Bourne's watersheds
- Articulates the Town's plan for sustaining water quality.

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# **Bourne's Watersheds**









# **Breakout Groups**

- Goal: Gather existing community stories about watershed needs
- For example:
  - From LCP, "Large areas of the intertidal zone have been closed to shell fishing by state mandate because of pollution."
  - From LCP, "Beaches have from time to time been closed to swimming for the same reason."
  - From MVP, "Many businesses and homes rely on septic systems, which are vulnerable to storm impacts and erosion."





**Breakout Groups** 

#### **Report Out:**

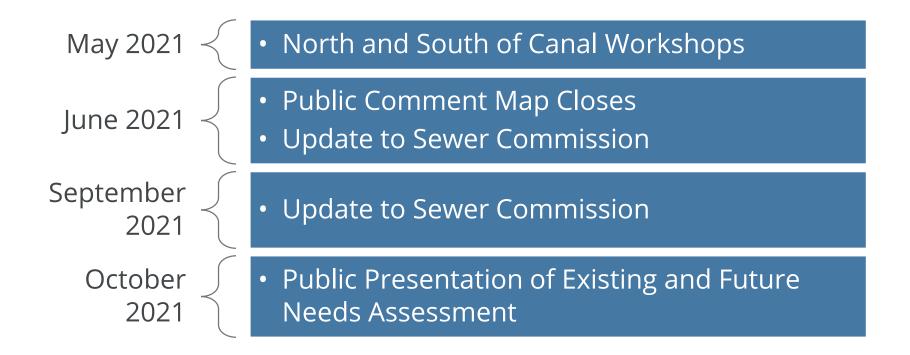
Bournedale – Kate Roosa
Buzzards Bay – Helen Gordon
North Sagamore/Sagamore Highlands – Bob Rafferty
Sagamore Beach – Mark White

# Next Steps: Residents & Stakeholders

- Add comments to Public Comment Map
  - <u>https://arcg.is/1Pz5mv</u>
- Email questions, concerns and feedback
  - Bourne.CWMP@envpartners.com
- Bookmark and visit Town CWMP Page
  - <u>https://www.townofbourne.com/comprehensive-wastewater-management-plan-cwmp</u>



### **Next Steps: Project Team**







Questions/comments? Bourne.CWMP@envpartners.com

