



CAPE COD  
COMMISSION

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## Keeping a special place special...

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Throughout its 20-year history, the Cape Cod Commission has:

- Provided the public with opportunities to **voice concerns and ideas** on land use policies, environmental and economic issues, and proposed developments and projects that affect their lives daily
- Served as a regional “change agent,” leading efforts that bring diverse decision makers together to share a **regional viewpoint** about significant resources and costly issues that transcend political boundaries
- Pursued a multidisciplinary, **comprehensive**, and far-reaching approach to meld planning and environmental protection
- Identified **regional opportunities** for infrastructure improvements and economic progress
- Built awareness of the **community impacts** of development of all kinds and pursued mitigation of those impacts
- Provided the community with a wealth of **data and research** on topics ranging from water to transportation
- Established **strong partnerships** with state and federal agencies and local communities to implement needed changes

### EXAMPLE ACHIEVEMENTS

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- Fostered the Community Working Group’s development of a master plan for the Massachusetts Military Reservation and the state’s establishment of the **15,000**-acre Upper Cape Water Supply Reserve
- Monitored the water quality of Cape Cod Bay following the issuance of federal permits for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) sewage outfall operation

- Completed water quality studies of **49** coastal embayments
- Partnered with the state to apply technical expertise to the Massachusetts Estuaries Project
- Organized a network of citizen volunteers to monitor, test, and protect the water quality of Cape Cod's **900** ponds and lakes
- Conducted water festivals in Cape schools educating more than **12,000** students and teachers in the last 10 years (these students are now voters!)
- Completed studies of the Cape's capacity for development that have influenced towns in setting goals for and pursuing open space protection
- Supported the work that led to the enactment of the Cape Cod Land Bank Act and the Community Preservation Act
- Protected **2,525** acres of open space as a result of the regional development review process

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Created a regional land use vision map that currently designates and favors development in more than **4,300** acres as economic centers and industrial/service trade areas across the region
- Partnered with the Cape Cod Economic Development Council and others to pursue regional priority projects, including the successful launch of the OpenCape broadband technology initiative
- Helped Cape communities with their comprehensive wastewater management planning, evidenced by an expansion from four towns to **13** now working on their plans
- Prepared with local, state, and federal partners the region's annual and long-range transportation projects lists and plans that secure nearly **\$10 million** annually for distribution throughout the region for road repairs and intersections, transit services, sidewalks, bicycle paths, and more
- Conducted comprehensive planning and analyses to enhance scenic roads with an award-winning focus on Route 6A
- Protected historic and archaeological properties outside historic districts
- Prepared award-winning design manuals that have helped make buildings and sites look and function better
- Secured more than **\$14 million** in affordable housing funds for Barnstable County since 1992