20+ YEARS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 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 **28** coastal embayments in partnership with the state and Barnstable County to apply technical expertise about regional watersheds to the Massachusetts Estuaries Project
- Organized a network of citizen volunteers to monitor, test, and protect the water quality of **200** ponds and lakes on Cape Cod
- Conducted water festivals in Cape schools, educating more than **13,600** students and teachers between 2000 and 2011 (some of these students are now voters!)
- Helped Cape communities with their comprehensive wastewater management planning, evidenced by an expansion from four towns to **14** now working on their plans
- Completed studies of the Cape's capacity for development that have influenced towns in setting goals for and pursuing **open space** protection and 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
- Created a regional Land Use Vision Map that designates and favors development in more than **6,182** acres as economic centers and industrial/service trade areas on the Cape

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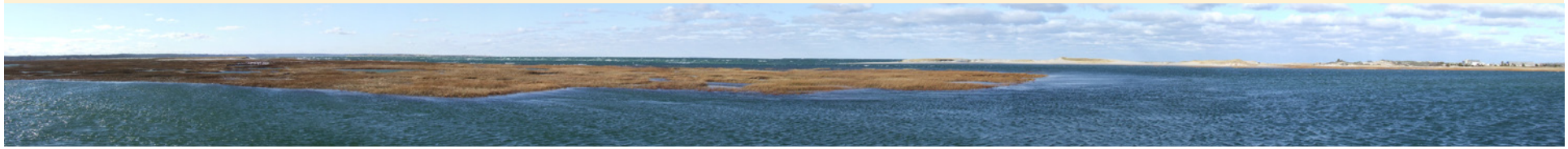
- Partnered with the Cape Cod Economic Development Council and other organizations to pursue **regional priority projects** including the successful launch of the OpenCape broadband technology initiative and the "Smart Cape Cod" initiative with IBM
- Prepared with other partners the region's annual projects list and long-range transportation plans that secure more than **$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 and the highly valued characteristics of the Cape's villages with an award-winning focus on **Route 6A** and award-winning design manuals for buildings and sites
- Secured more than **$15 million** in affordable housing funds for Barnstable County since 1992



SINCE 1990

Keeping a Special Place... Special

The Cape Cod Commission has carried out its mission by:

- Providing the public with opportunities to voice concerns and ideas on land use policies and issues
- Bringing diverse decision makers together to share a regional viewpoint about significant resources
- Pursuing a multidisciplinary, comprehensive approach to planning, environmental protection, and economic development
- Identifying regional opportunities to improve infrastructure and make progress on economic challenges
- Building awareness of the community impacts of development of all kinds
- Providing the community with a wealth of data and research
- Establishing strong partnerships with state and federal agencies and local communities

WHAT IS THE CCC?

THE CAPE COD COMMISSION (CCC) is the regional land use planning and regulatory agency created in 1990 to serve the citizens and 15 towns that comprise Barnstable County, Massachusetts, better known as Cape Cod. The state legislature created the Commission in response to concern among residents that development would destroy the very assets that make the Cape such a special place. The Cape Cod Commission Act outlines the purposes, duties, and powers of the agency.

The Cape Cod Commission pursues a balanced relationship between environmental protection and economic progress. Stated simply, the agency's mission is "to keep a special place special" by protecting the region's unique values and quality of life. The mission is carried out by staff and board members (1) leading, supporting, and enforcing the development of regional plans, policies, regulations, and infrastructure to guide and manage growth, and (2) supporting the 15 Cape towns with professional and cost-effective planning and technical support services.

Fifteen town-appointed representatives, a minority representative, a Native American representative, a representative from the Barnstable County Commissioners Office, and an appointee of the Governor's Office comprise the 19-member Cape Cod Commission board, which is supported by a staff of 40 professionals.

This brochure highlights some of the accomplishments of the Cape Cod Commission since 1990.

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