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Wastewater Management Conference • October 22-23, 2012

**SUSTAINABLE CAPE COD:
New Tools and Practices for
Clean Water and Community Benefit**

BARNSTABLE COUNTY, MA – The Cape Cod Commission will join the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Water Alliance as cosponsors of a conference focusing on sustainable approaches to managing wastewater, which is planned for October 22-23, 2012, at the Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis.

Commission Executive Director Paul Niedzwiecki will be one of the featured speakers, joining representatives from government, research and academic institutions, and business and industry in the United States and abroad.

"This conference will help inform the Commission's ongoing work to prepare a regional wastewater management plan for Cape Cod," says Niedzwiecki. "We remain focused on identifying a suite of solutions that could be implemented most affordably for taxpayers and most effectively for the restoration of water quality and the ecology of regional watersheds."

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Some of the technologies and techniques to be discussed at this conference have the potential to help address areas on Cape Cod that have been negatively affected by excess nitrogen from existing individual on-site wastewater systems. Conference break-out sessions will cover eco-toilets and resource recovery sanitation; natural system management, including inlet-widening, shellfish uptake, and permeable barriers; regenerative, green design of communities; science of nutrient transport and impacts and gaps in knowledge; financing innovations; civic engagement and multi-stakeholder decision making; adaptive management including managing uncertainties, technological innovations, and resilience to climate change; and watershed governance and regulatory reform. An exhibit hall will feature new technologies and practices.

Participants should preregister through the web site www.water-alliance.org/events. A fee of \$15 per person per day will be charged to cover food and beverages.

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ABOUT THE CAPE COD COMMISSION:

Cape Cod Commission is the regional land use planning, economic development, and regulatory agency created in 1990 to serve the citizens and 15 towns that comprise Barnstable County, Massachusetts, better known as Cape Cod. The Commission works toward maintaining a healthy balance between economic progress and environmental vitality. "Keeping a special place special" describes the agency's mission to protect the region's unique qualities. The 19-member volunteer Cape Cod Commission board represents a wide spectrum of the community and provides oversight for a staff of 35 professionals. The Commission is responsible for regional planning, policy, and regulations to help manage growth, and the agency supports the Cape's 15 towns with cost-effective planning and technical services. For more information, visit: www.capecodcommission.org