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Cape Cod Commission  
3225 Main St.  
PO Box 226  
Barnstable, MA 02630

Re: Development of Regional Impact Hearing Number 13004  
Harwich Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan

Dear Cape Cod Commission Members:

I wish to express my wholehearted support for the Harwich Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). I believe that the plan will be an effective tool in confronting environmental issues facing not only the Town of Harwich but also Cape Cod. The plan has several dynamic elements that call for the extensive use of adaptive management techniques such as the ones recently completed in the Muddy Creek Bridge Project as well as the Cold Brook study that utilize nature's environmental remedies to the nitrogen and phosphorus issues faced by the community. The plan, as it has been utilized today, has made effective use of regional solutions through our partnership with the Town of Chatham and other neighbors relative to Pleasant Bay. The Town continues to explore additional partnerships with Chatham relevant to shared use of the treatment facility and has had some preliminary discussions with the Towns of Dennis and Yarmouth on treatment options that would benefit all towns.

The core component plan is the deployment of the most effective means of addressing nitrogen issues through the use of wastewater infrastructure throughout parts of the community. This is one of the most effective measures we can take. This is a costly option that the plan addresses the affordability by implementing the improvements over an extended period of time.

The townspeople of Harwich have supported the Board of Selectmen in their endeavors to implement the various phases of the CWMP and hopefully with your support and approvals, the Town can continue to make progress towards implementing the plan's solutions.

Sincerely,

*Christopher Clark*  
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cc: Board of Selectmen  
Wastewater Implementation Committee