



Lake Tashmoo Targeted
Watershed Plan
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Project Update
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Table 4 – Summary of Eelgrass Surveys 1995 - 2021

Survey	Areal extent
DEP Mapped Eelgrass in Tashmoo – 1995	91 acres
DEP Mapped Eelgrass in Tashmoo – 2001	38 acres
DEP Mapped Eelgrass in Tashmoo – 2006-2007	38 acres
DEP Mapped Eelgrass in Tashmoo – 2010-2013	45 acres
DEP Mapped Eelgrass in Tashmoo – 2015-2017	47 acres
DMF Lake Tashmoo Survey - 2021	47 acres

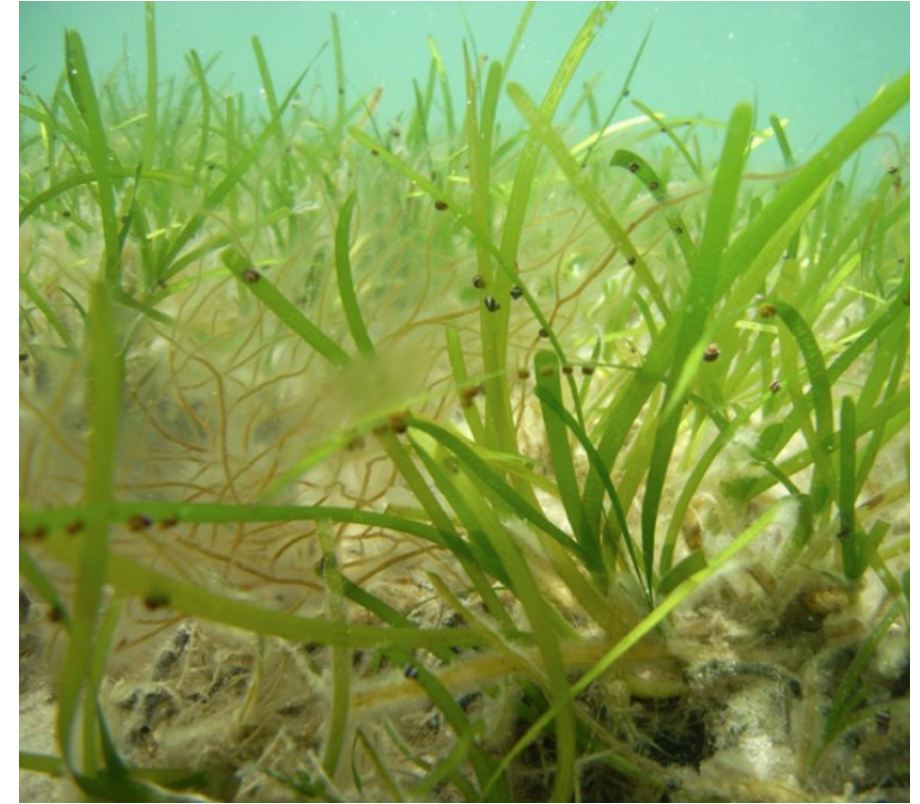


Table 1 - Summary of Nitrogen Loads and Required Reduction (kg/year)

Septic Systems	6861	75%
Wastewater Treatment Facility	107	1%
Landfill	56	1%
Turf Fertilizer	457	5%
Agriculture Fertilizers	179	2%
Agriculture Animals	277	3%
Stormwater	715	8%
Natural Sources	502	5%
Total MEP Watershed Loading (2010)	9154	
Watershed Loading (2023)	9831	
Watershed Loading (2043)	10510	
MEP Threshold (Critical Level)	6244	
Reduction Required (2010)	2910	32%
Reduction Required (2023)	3587	36%
Reduction Required (2043)	4266	41%

Table 2 Inventory of Septic Systems in Tashmoo Watershed (Town of Tisbury) - March 2023
(Source: Tisbury Department of Health)

Total number of septic systems	860
I/A systems (FAST, Bioclere, Waterloo, Advantix)	25
Enhanced I/A systems (NitROE)	19
Cesspools	28
Title 5 systems pending upgrade (General Approval)	2
Title 5 systems pending upgrade (Provisional Approval)	5

Table 3. Number and Percentage of Septic Systems in Tashmoo Watershed

Tisbury	860	76%
West Tisbury	261	23%
Oak Bluffs	9	1%
Total	1130	

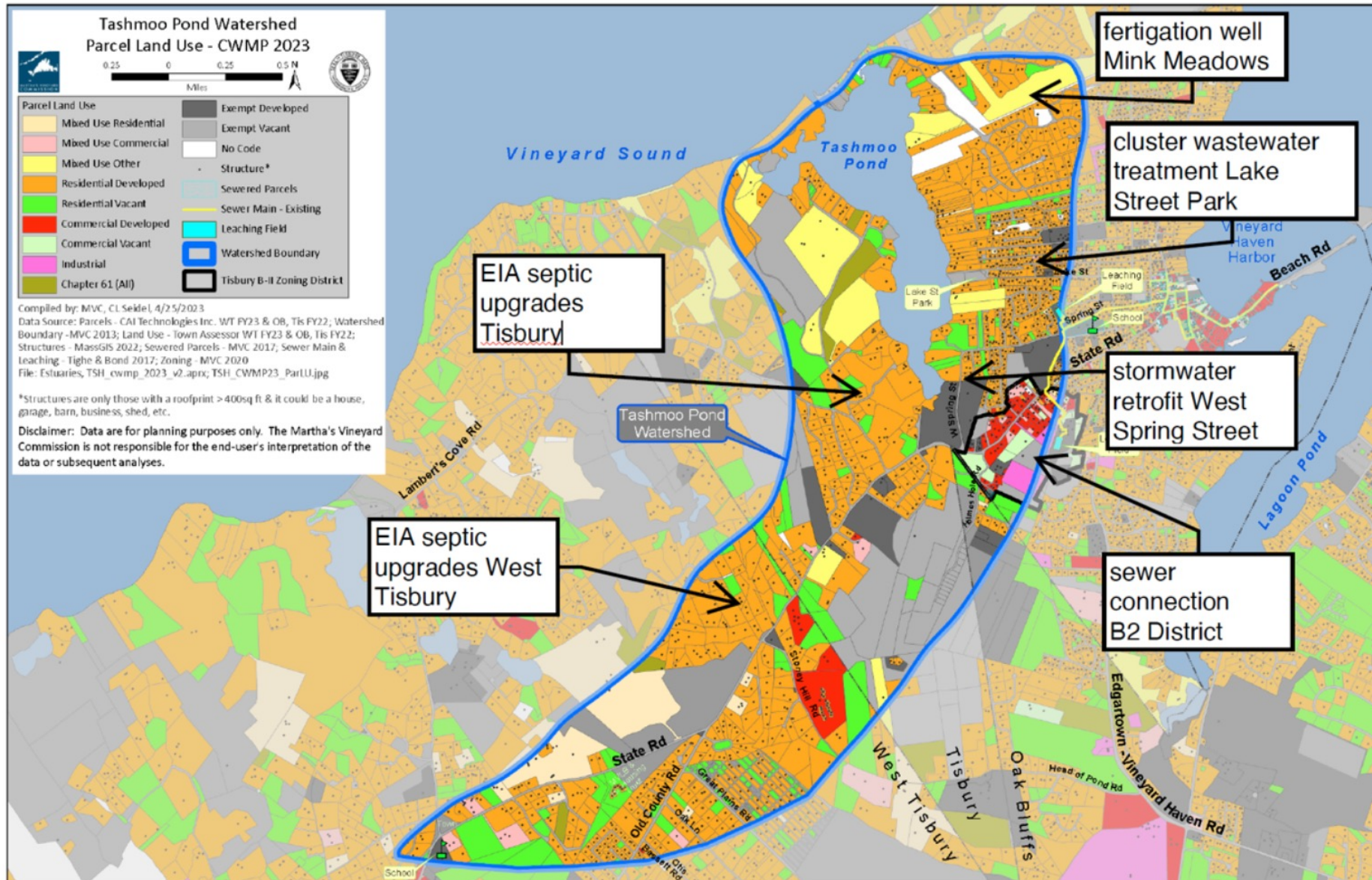


Figure 1 – Tashmoo Watershed Plan Overview (Map prepared by the Martha's Vineyard Commission, CL Seidel, 4/25/2023)

Table 5 – Summary of Hybrid Plan

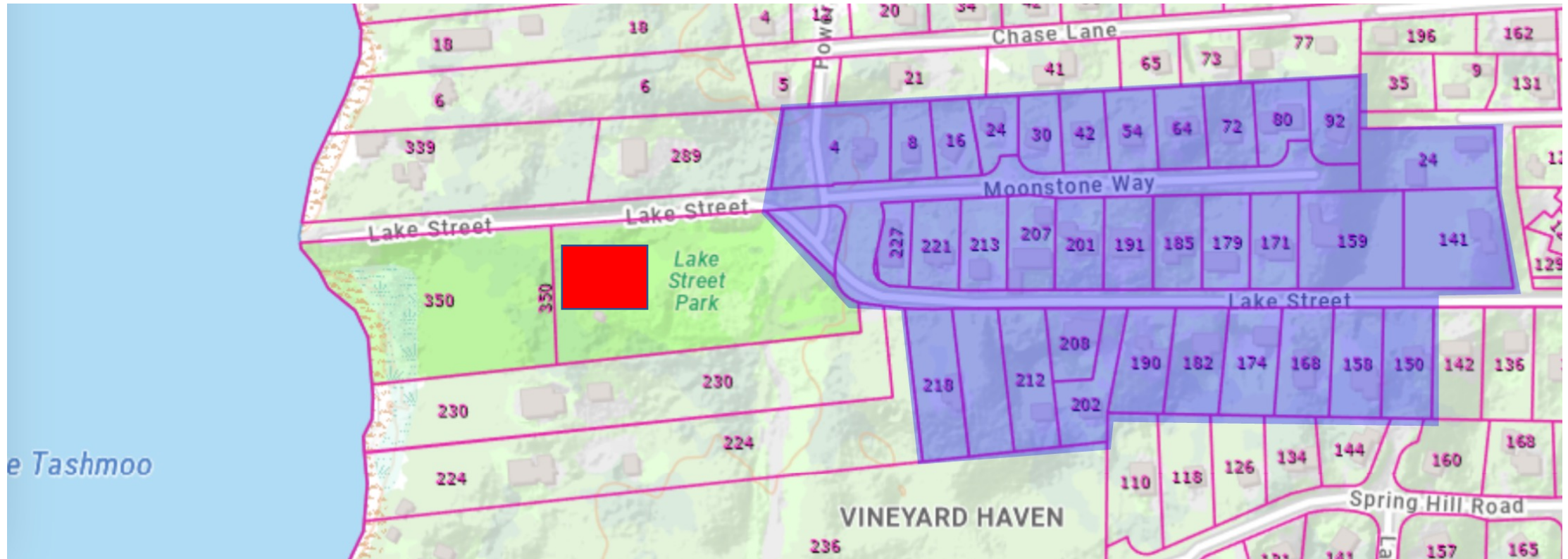
Technology/Strategy	Calculation Summary			Reduction (kg/yr)
Sewering (B2 District)	36000	gals/day	x 26.25 mg/liter	1306
Enhanced I&A Septics	700	upgrades	x 171 gals/day x (26.25 - 11) mg/liter	2524
Cluster Treatment	9900	gals/day	x (26.25 - 5) mg/liter	291
Fertilizer Management	12.5	percent	x 457 kg/year	57
Stormwater Retrofits	12.5	percent	x 715 kg/year	89
TOTAL				4266

Note: Calculations include conversion factors of 3.785 liters/gallon and 1,000,000 mg/kg

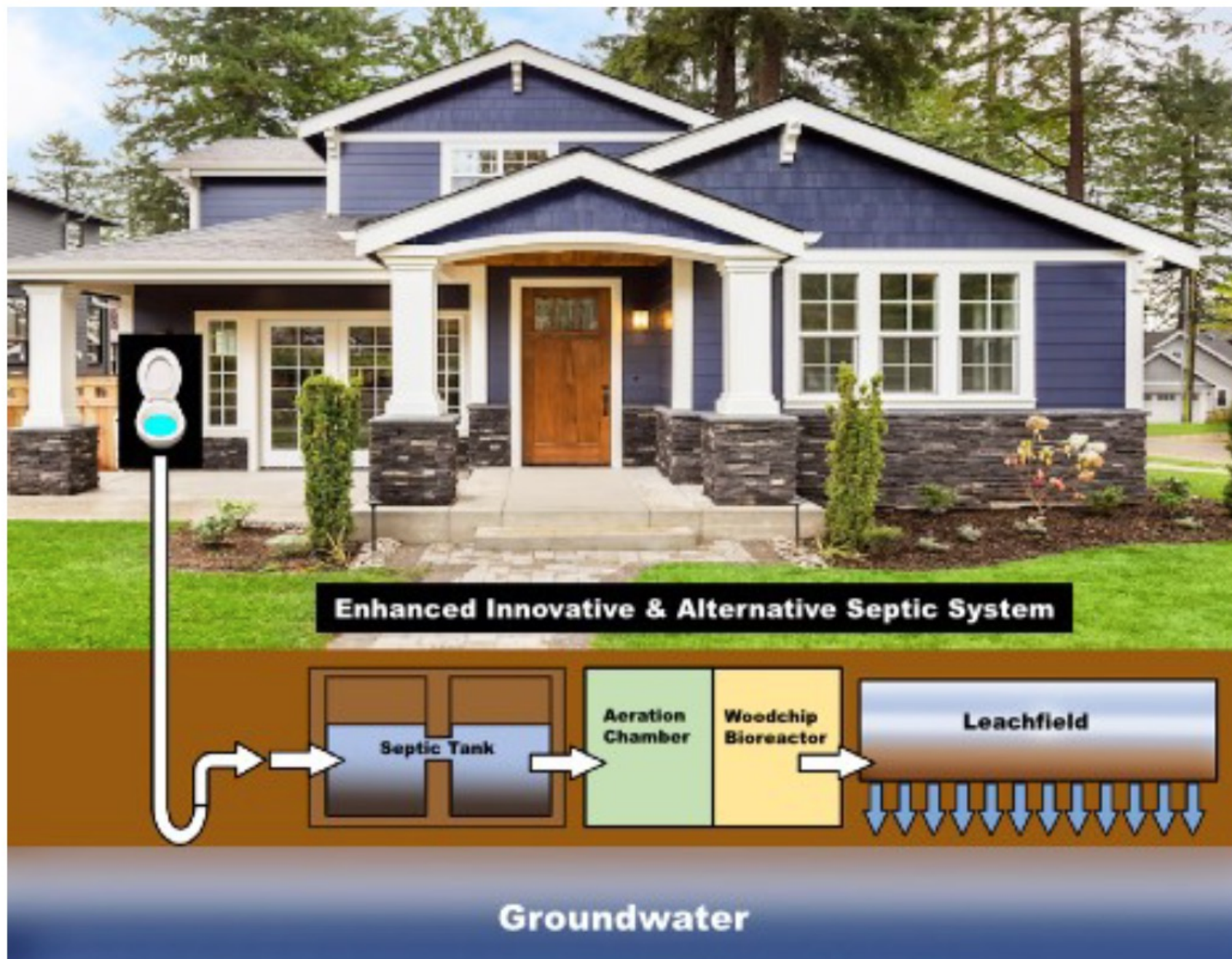


Sewering of B2 District

Potential Cluster Wastewater Treatment System – Lake Street Park



Note: Conceptual Plan



Comparative Nitrogen Loading (Title 5, I&A, WWTF)

	mg/liter	load (kg/year)		net reduction (kg/year)	percent reduction
Title 5 system	26.25	6.20			
I&A @ 19 mg/liter	19	4.49		1.71	28%
I&A @ 11 mg/liter	11	2.60		3.60	58%
I&A @ 8 mg/liter	8	1.89		4.31	70%
I&A @ 5 mg/liter	5	1.18		5.02	81%
WWTF @ 5 mg/liter	5	1.18		5.02	81%
WWTF @ 3 mg/liter	3	0.71		5.49	89%
Note: Assumes 171 gals/day-system (90% of water use)					

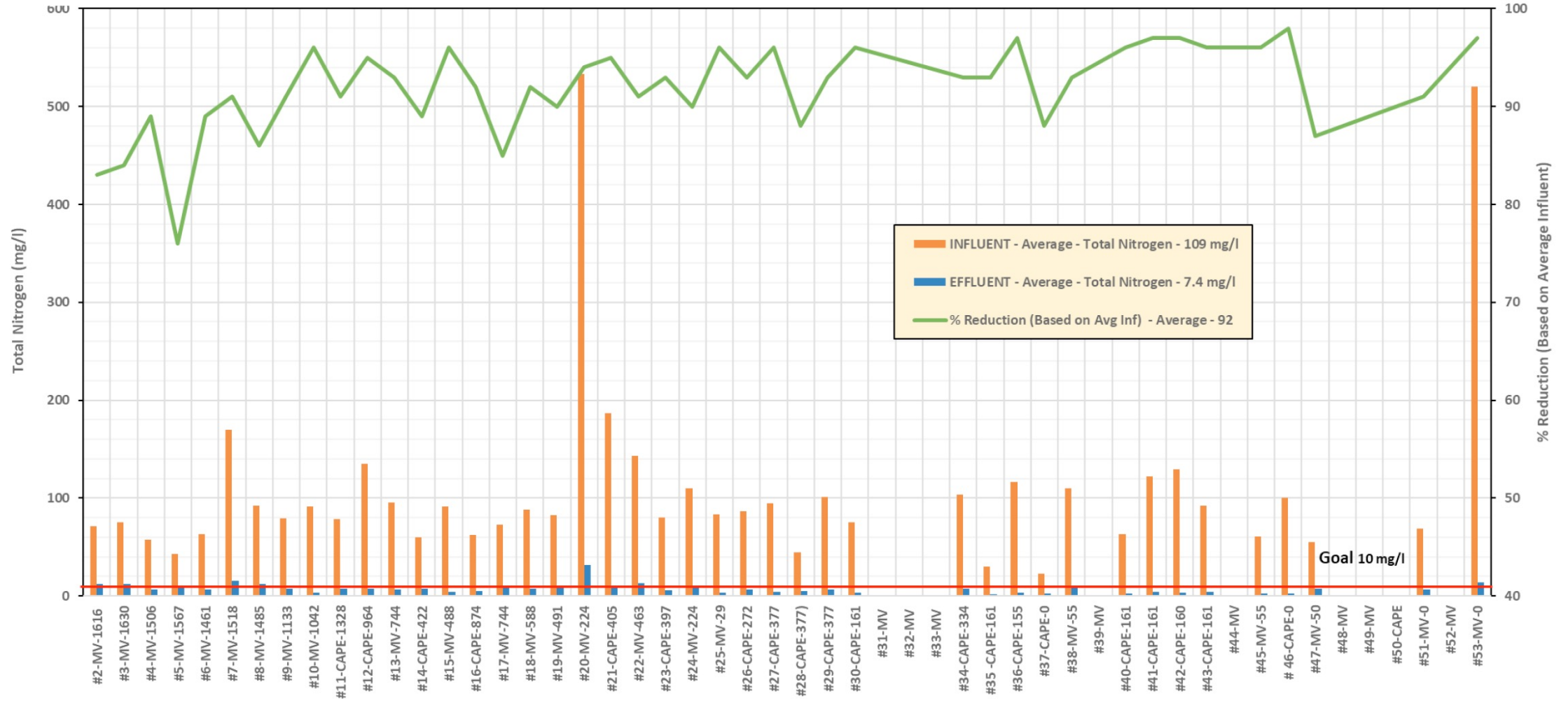


Average Total Nitrogen - Influent & Effluent

Installation #

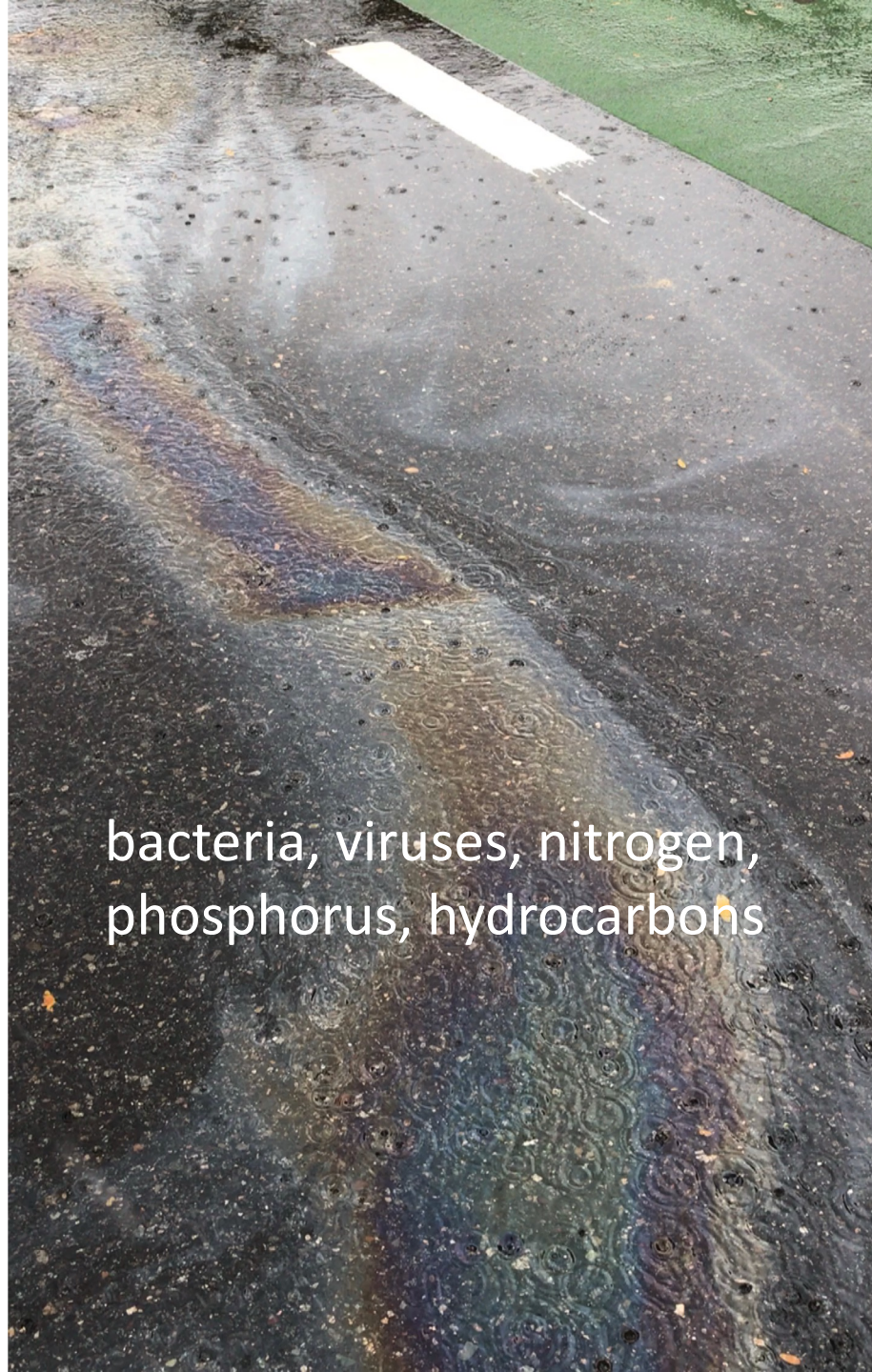
Location - MV/ Cape Cod

Total Days of Operational Monitoring



Enhanced I&A Septic Systems – Actual Costs

			Number	Construction Cost	Engineering Design	Total Cost Per System	Updated Cost Estimates 2023 (add \$10,000)
Retrofit of Existing Title 5 System							
		Buzzards Bay Coalition	4	\$24,891	\$3,000	\$27,891	
		Barnstable Clean Water Coalition	4	\$19,852	\$6,351	\$26,203	
		Average		\$22,372	\$4,676	\$27,047	\$37,047
Partial Upgrade (replace septic tank or leachfield)							
		Barnstable Clean Water Coalition	2	\$27,981	\$6,351	\$34,332	\$44,332
Full Upgrades (including both septic tank and leachfield)							
		Buzzards Bay Coalition	4	\$35,535	\$3,000	\$38,535	
		Barnstable Clean Water Coalition	2	\$32,808	\$6,351	\$39,159	
		Average		\$34,172	\$4,676	\$38,847	\$48,847
References:	Buzzards Bay Coalition, Designing a Municipal Model for Mandating, Funding, and Managing I&A Septic Systems, June 2020						
	Barnstable Clean Water Coalition, Schubael's Pond Study, 2022						



bacteria, viruses, nitrogen,
phosphorus, hydrocarbons



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT





Figure 3. Lake Street Park swale (Environmental Partners, 2018)

Table 6 – Stormwater Best Management Practices

Stormwater Treatment Practice	Nitrogen Removal Estimates	
	MADEP ¹²	Cape Cod Commission ¹³
Bioretention	30 – 50%	55%
Constructed Wetland	20 – 55%	30 – 55%
Infiltration System	40 – 70%	40 – 65%



Figure 4a - Bioretention/Rain Garden: Stormwater flows into this vegetated practice, then infiltrates down through the root zone.



*Figure 4b - Constructed Wetland:
Stormwater flows into the wetland
and then moves laterally through the
root zone which is constantly
saturated providing excellent
treatment.*

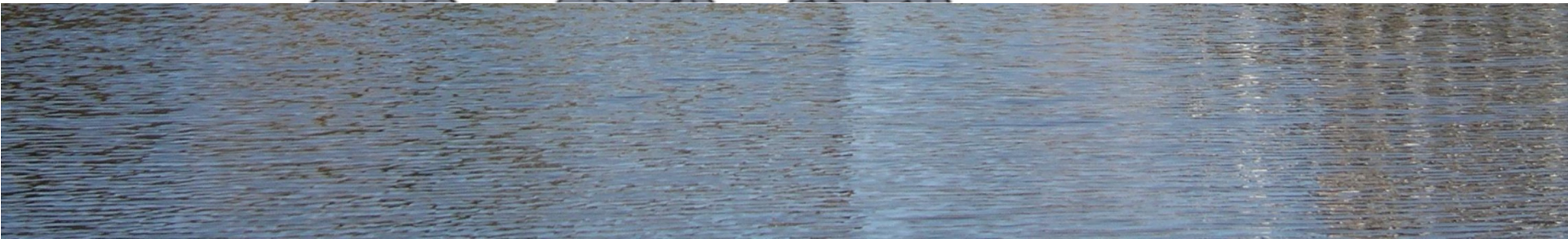


Figure 4c - Infiltration System: Stormwater flows into a series of subsurface structures open to the bottom where it is filtered by native soils.



Fertilizers





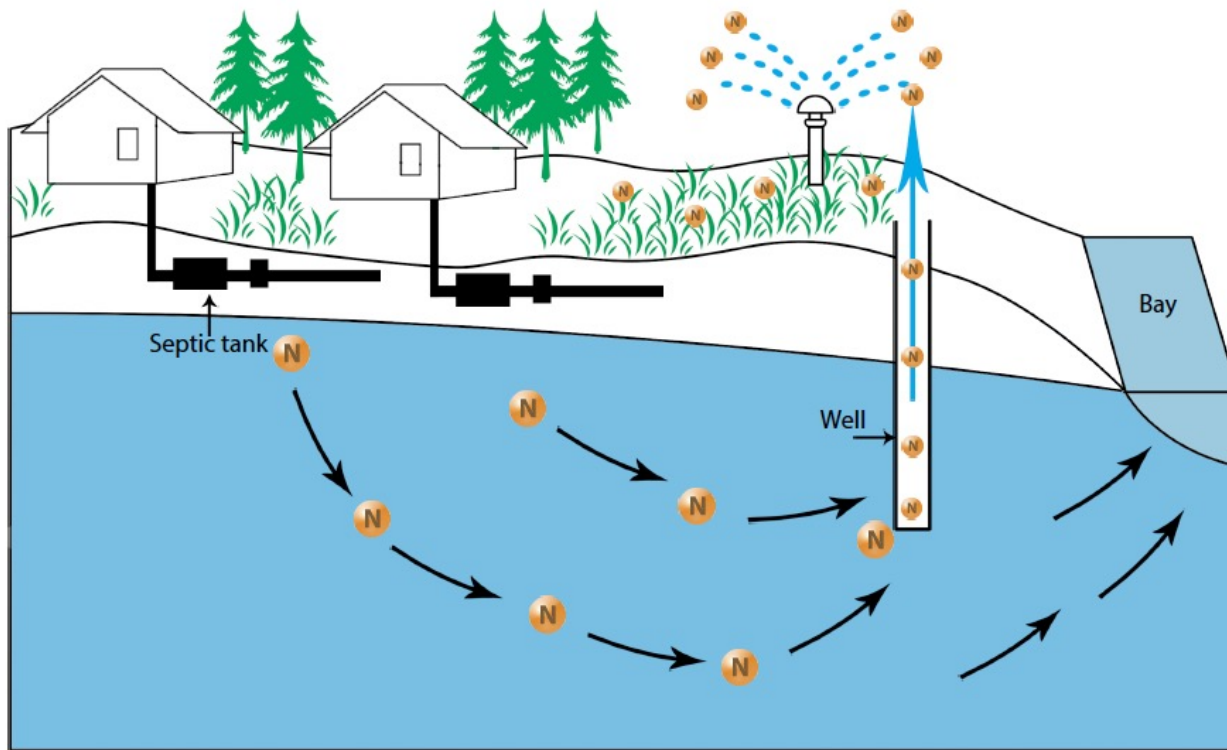


Figure 5 – Fertigation Well

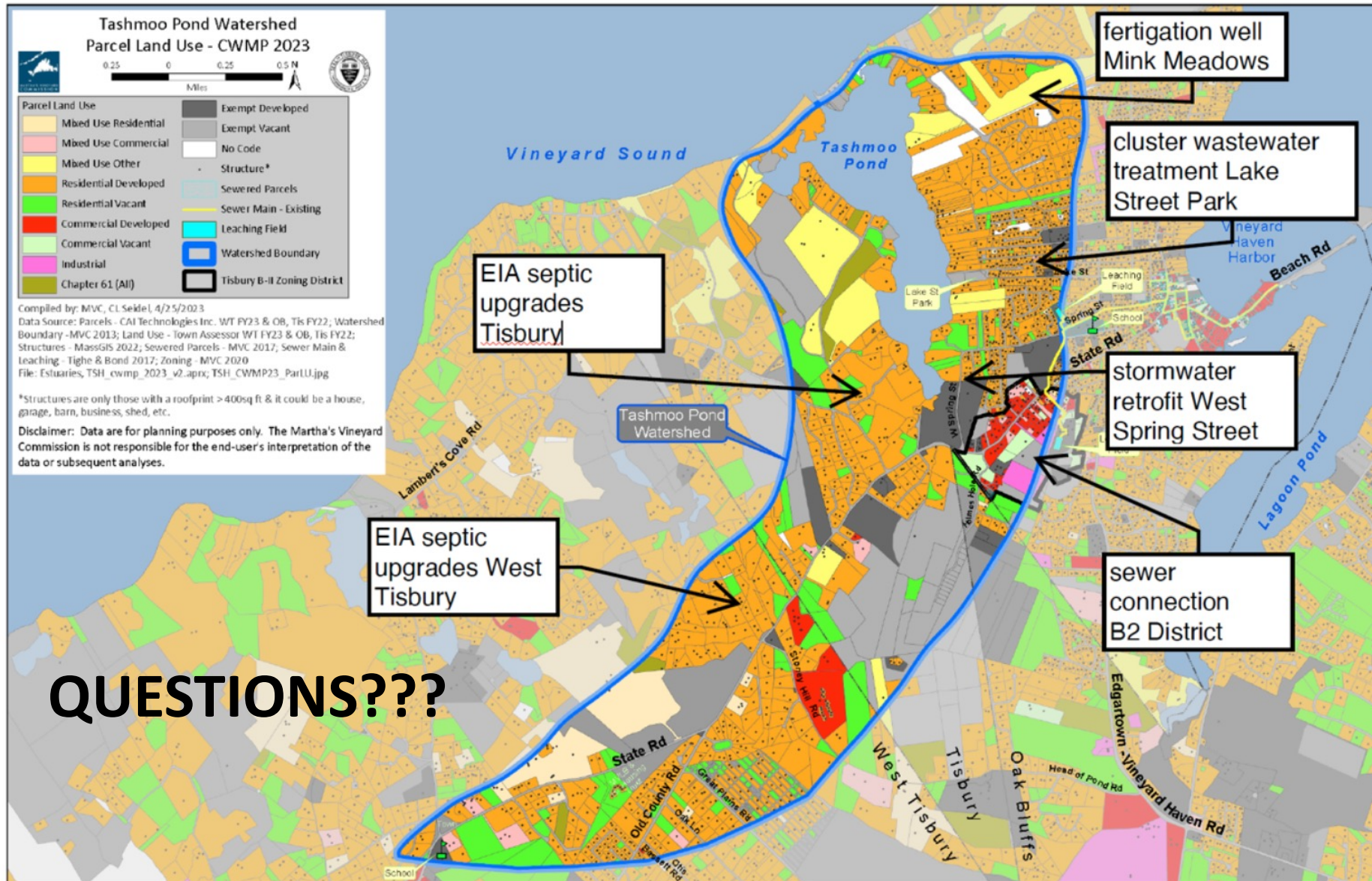


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