

CAPE COD AND ISLANDS WATER PROTECTION FUND

April 30, 2025

Via E-mail

The Honorable Maura Healey, Governor
Massachusetts State House
24 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02133

Re: 2025 Environmental Bond Bill Clean Water State Revolving Fund Authorization

Dear Governor Healey,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund (Fund) Management Board to request that the proposed Environmental Bond Bill include \$500 million to further capitalize the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF). SRF funding capacity shortages revealed in the recent Clean Water Intended Use Plan (IUP) will drastically impact the ability of Cape Cod communities to implement critical water quality projects.


Since its inception, the Management Board has awarded more than \$300 million in subsidies to wastewater and water quality projects in 13 of the 15 Cape Cod communities. Access to the 25% subsidy provided by the Fund is contingent on SRF financing; therefore, changes to financing terms or policies limiting access to SRF are amplified on Cape Cod. The impact of SRF and the Fund subsidy on the ability of Cape towns to advance water pollution abatement efforts is unprecedented.

We understand that the SRF Program is oversubscribed and that changes are necessary to ensure it remains a reliable source of project financing and want to collaborate with the state to solve this problem. We also appreciate efforts by the state to reverse the major changes to the financing rules proposed in the draft IUP and commit to financing carryover costs for 2025 projects.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration has made a significant commitment to advancing clean water on Cape Cod and across the Commonwealth. Supplementing the SRF with bond funds is consistent with the objectives of the region and the state to advance water quality and wastewater projects, allowing towns to proceed as required by Title 5 and the Watershed Permits encouraged by your administration.

The Management Board looks forward to working with you and the Legislature on this long-term solution to SRF capacity as the Environmental Bond Bill moves forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kevin Galligan
Chair, Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund Management Board

cc: Commissioner Bonnie Heiple
Senator Julian Cyr

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