

CAPE COD AND ISLANDS WATER PROTECTION FUND

August 22, 2025

Via E-mail

Bonnie Heiple, Commissioner
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02133

Re: 2026 Clean Water Intended Use Plan

Dear Commissioner Heiple,

I write on behalf of the Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund Executive Committee sharing with and seeking information from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and the Clean Water Trust (CWT) on the anticipated capacity of the 2026 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP) to finance new projects and multi-year carryover projects. Additionally, we would like to understand the assumptions for federal appropriations the 2026 IUP estimate is based on. We understand that federal support for the CWSRF program is uncertain and are trying to understand how that may impact the Massachusetts CWSRF program.

Given the funding challenges of the CWSRF program in 2025, and the uncertainty around how multi-year carryover projects will be financed for projects listed on the 2025 IUP, we recognize that ensuring the CWSRF remains a reliable source of project financing will be a challenge.

Five towns on Cape Cod have submitted Project Evaluation Forms, totaling approximately \$246M in new project costs, for the 2026 funding cycle. This amount does not include anticipated multi-year carryover project costs. As water quality and wastewater projects are being advanced rapidly on Cape Cod, consistent with the regulatory framework at the state level such as amendments to Title 5 and the designation of Nitrogen Sensitive Areas, the ability of the CWSRF program to provide financing for these projects directly impacts towns' access to the 25% subsidy from the Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund.


Much progress has been made on Cape Cod in recent years to address our region-wide water quality issues and every town on Cape Cod is working to implement solutions to this problem. The attached forecast indicates the significant level of investments in wastewater solutions across the region that are planned based on a recent survey. A better understanding of the capacity of the 2026 IUP to finance new projects and multi-year carryover projects, along with the ability of the varying range of solutions proposed to receive financing, will improve Cape Cod communities' ability to plan for project implementation in the future.

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We look forward to working with you and the Clean Water Trust on longer-term solutions to SRF capacity, such as supplementing future SRF capacity through the MassReady Act (Environmental Bond Bill).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kevin F. Galligan

Chair, Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund Management Board

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Robin McNamara, MassDEP
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Projected Project Costs by Town for 2026-2030

The following estimated project costs have been obtained from municipal staff and represent costs associated with new projects expected to be submitted for inclusion on the Massachusetts Clean Water Intended Use Plan (IUP). The costs do not include those carried over from projects listed on past IUPs.

Town	# of Projects	IUP Year 2026 (PEFs)	IUP Year 2027	IUP Year 2028	IUP Year 2029	IUP Year 2030
Barnstable	12	\$190,777,111	\$60,550,000	\$113,700,000	\$43,500,000	-
Bourne	<i>None anticipated at this time</i>					
Brewster	1	-	\$3,000,000	-	-	-
Chatham	2	-	\$40,000,000	-	\$30,000,000	-
Dennis	2	\$39,000,000	-	-	\$60,000,000	-
Eastham	<i>None anticipated at this time</i>					
Falmouth	5	-	\$15,000,000	\$41,000,000	\$44,000,000	\$65,000,000
Harwich	1	\$2,597,500	-	-	-	-
Mashpee	3	-	\$130,000,000	-	-	\$13,000,000
Orleans	1	-	-	\$42,900,000	-	-
Provincetown	1	\$13,600,000	-	-	-	-
Sandwich	1	-	-	\$200,000,000	-	-
Truro	<i>None anticipated at this time</i>					
Wellfleet	5	-	\$38,000,000	\$14,400,000	\$5,100,000	-
Yarmouth	2	-	-	\$59,100,000	-	-
Totals	36	\$245,974,611	\$286,550,000	\$471,100,000	\$182,600,000	\$78,000,000