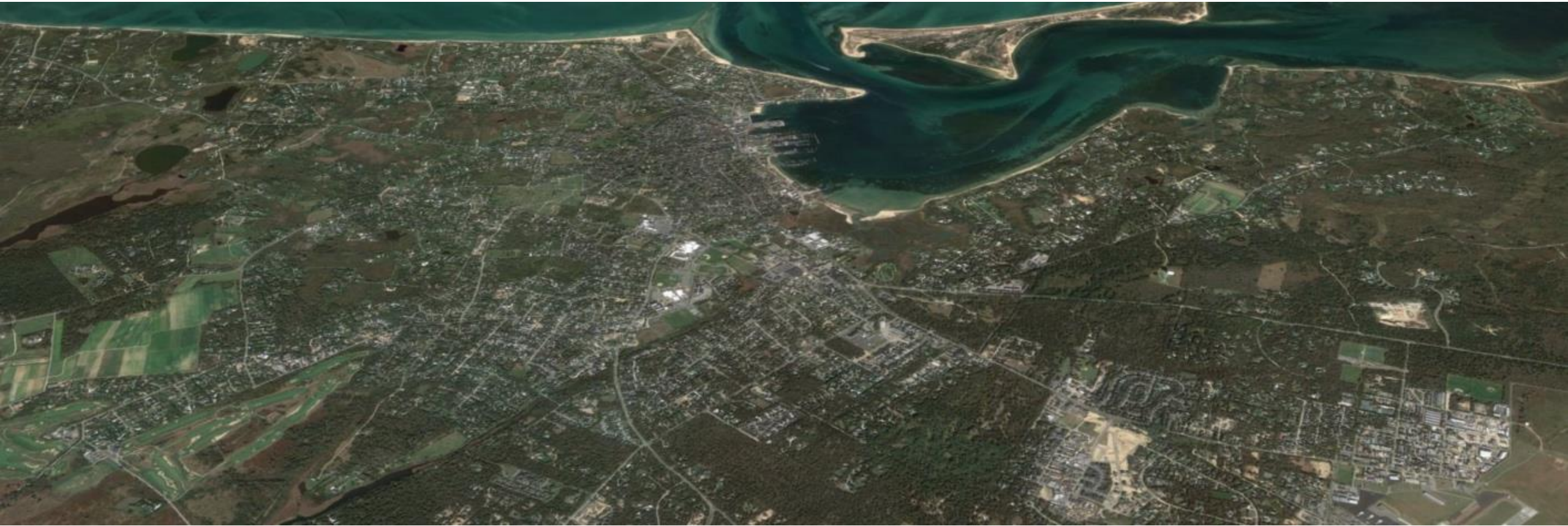


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Article 71/General Bylaw: Stormwater Management

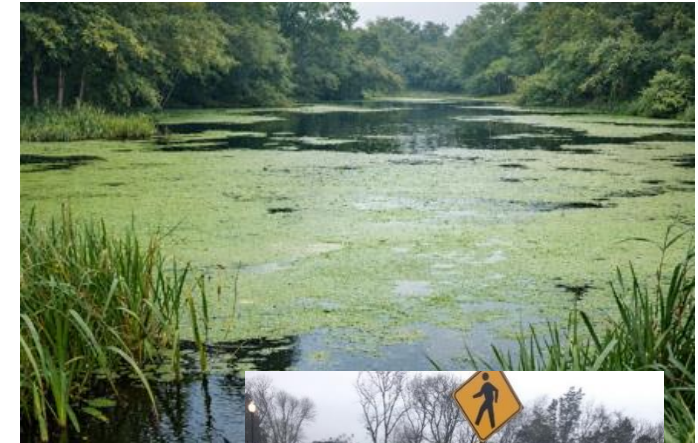
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Stormwater Issues

Stormwater runoff and drainage infrastructure should be centrally managed to enhance public health and safety.

Failures to manage runoff and maintain drainage infrastructure cause:

- Flooding
- Drainage system malfunction
- Unpassable roadways
- Reduced groundwater recharge
- Habitat damage
- Erosion
- Water quality impairment
- Infrastructure damage



Illustrations of Stormwater Management Needs



Maintenance of Stormwater Infrastructure Prevents Flooding and the Need for Replacement



Cleaning



Inspection



Maintain , Repair
and/or Replace



Purpose of Stormwater Bylaw

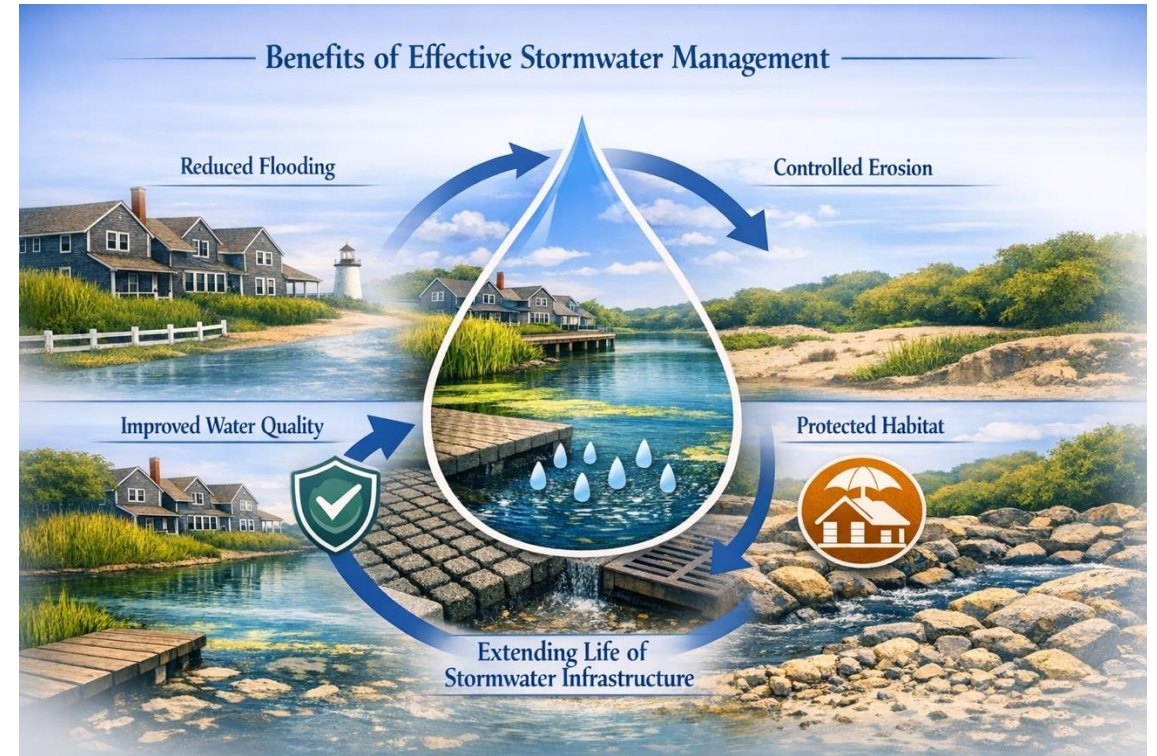
- To establish a fair, equitable and sustainable system for utilizing and maintaining the Town of Nantucket's Stormwater System;
- To authorize the establishment of a Stormwater Utility which can administer stormwater rules and regulations, issue stormwater permits, and manage a dedicated funding source through a Stormwater Utility Fee and Enterprise Fund.
- To protect the stormwater system using an approach* that is consistent with the Town's Sewer Bylaw and Regulation



**similar to many other municipalities in Massachusetts*

A Stormwater Bylaw Establishes the Framework for the Following Objectives:

- Protect water resources;
- Control runoff from new development, redevelopment, and in some cases existing development;
- Prevent pollutants from entering the storm drain system;
- Promote infiltration and groundwater recharge when appropriate;
- Prevent flooding and erosion on abutting properties and Town infrastructure;
- Allow for the establishment of a funding mechanism for the operation and maintenance of stormwater infrastructure;
- Ensure the Town has the legal authority to inspect, monitor, and enforce compliance; and
- Extend the useful life of stormwater infrastructure.



Stormwater Management Roadmap

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