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Mr. Dave White
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Dear Mr. White

As required by Executive Order 12322, we have reviewed the Cape Cod Watershed Plan for Barnstable County, Massachusetts, submitted to the Office of Management and Budget on March 24, 2009.

Our review concluded that the project is consistent with the policies and programs of the President. The Office of Management and Budget does not object to you submitting the report to the Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Mertens".

Richard A. Mertens
Deputy Associate Director
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What Work Will Be Done?

Following are examples of the work included in the Cape Cod Water Resources Restoration Project plan and the environmental goals they will achieve:

Larger culverts

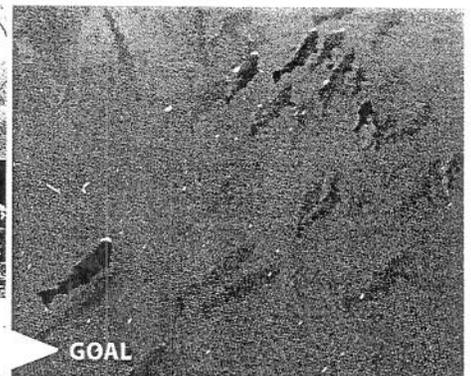
- ✓ **Goal:** restore tidally-restricted salt marshes – where barriers interfere with normal daily tidal flow – by improving hydrology (the movement of water) to these areas. Fish and wildlife that depend on this type of ecosystem will benefit.



Installing larger culverts will restore normal tidal flow to salt marsh ecosystems.

Fish ladders

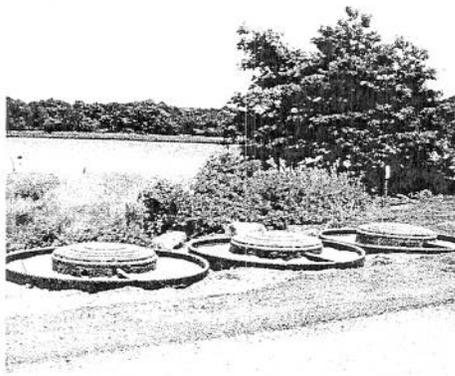
- ✓ **Goal:** restore fish passage on existing anadromous fish runs. River herring are just one of the many fish species that migrate from the ocean to fresh water to spawn. Ladders and passages allow fish to by-pass man-made barriers.



Restoring fish passages will allow many species of fish to migrate and reproduce.

Dry wells and sand filters

- ✓ **Goal:** restore and protect shellfish beds by treating stormwater runoff. These systems use vegetation or sand to filter contaminants from the runoff before it reaches shellfish beds.



Dry wells and sand filters protect shellfish beds from polluted stormwater runoff.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service can provide technical and federal financial assistance for these conservation measures that will improve water quality and restore critical ecosystems in the watershed. Local sponsors will share in the cost and other partners will provide additional technical assistance.



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