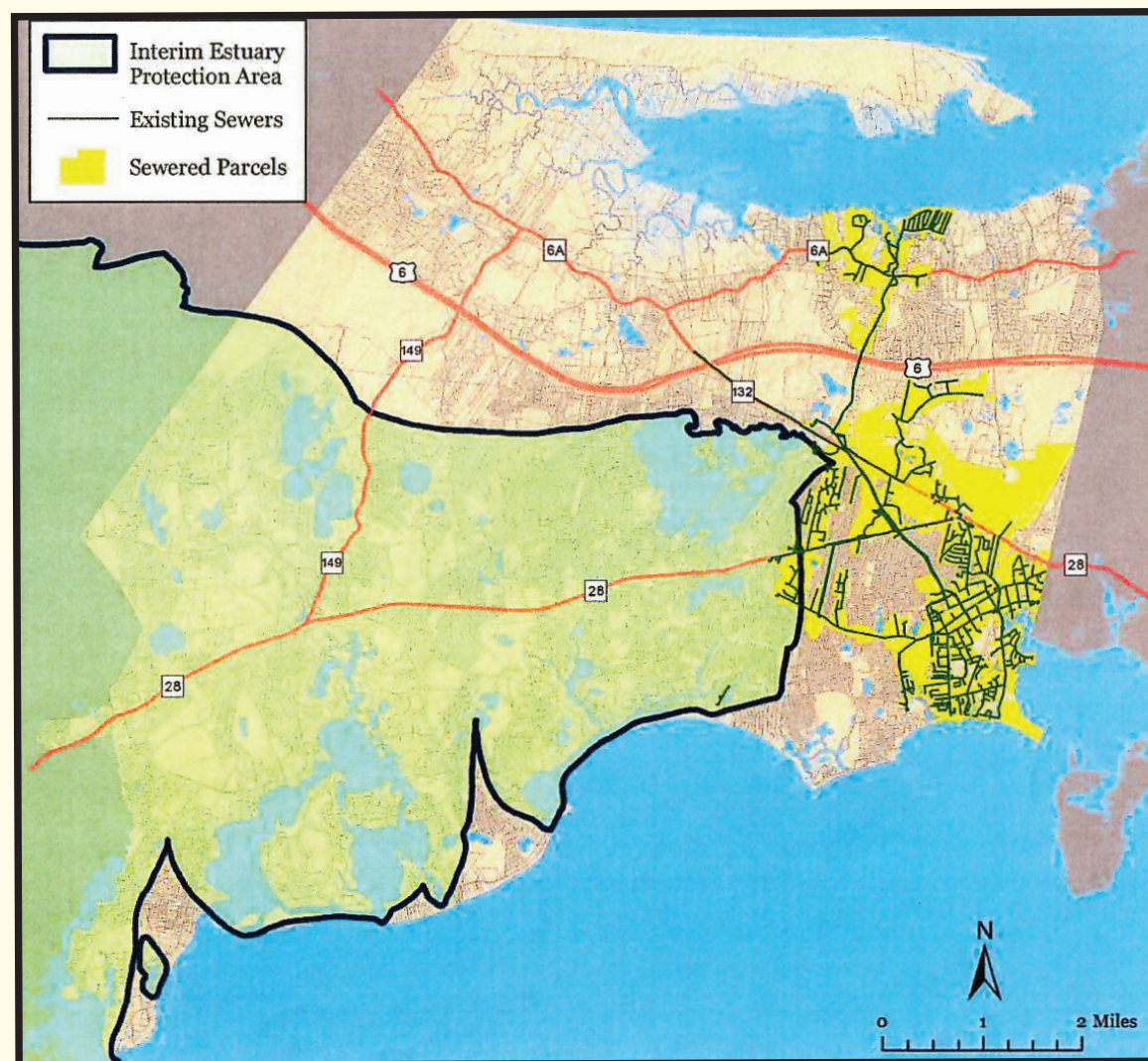


# Estuary Health Alert

**A proposal to rescind estuary protection will come before the Board of Health at their upcoming meeting on Tuesday, November 27th at 3pm at Barnstable Town Hall.**

**This proposal may allow unchecked development, which could result in dramatic nitrogen load increases in the area outlined in black in the map below:**



**In 2008, “Interim Regulations” (Administrative Code Section 360-45), were put in place to limit nitrogen flow into affected estuaries in the Town of Barnstable.**

***“The findings of a state-wide estuary investigation indicate that a substantial portion of the Town’s saltwater estuaries are in jeopardy from the long-term buildup of nitrate-nitrogen, primarily from the subsurface discharge of sewage effluent. These findings have caused the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to establish total maximum daily loads (TMDL) for nitrogen for the watershed areas of these estuaries.”***

## **Barnstable Clean Water Coalition Supports:**

- **Development of a Comprehensive Wastewater Plan**
- **Sustainable development that mitigates nitrogen**
- **Establishing a roadmap for alternative wastewater treatments that mitigate nutrients**
- **Incorporating a “nutrient load calculator” into future development proposals and zoning changes**
- **Instituting an advisory board to make recommendations to the Board of Health**



**Let the Town of Barnstable’s Board of Health know that a blanket revocation of this interim regulation is unacceptable.**

### **To voice your concerns:**

- **Contact Health Division Director Tom Mckean at [thomas.mckean@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:thomas.mckean@town.barnstable.ma.us) or 508-862-4644, asking him to forward your comments to the Board of Health members (Paul Canniff, John Norman, Donald Guadagnoli, Tom Lee) and the Town Council.**
- **Attend the meeting Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.**



**KEEP OUR ESTUARIES, PONDS AND DRINKING WATER SAFE!**

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