



### WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO CONTRIBUTE?

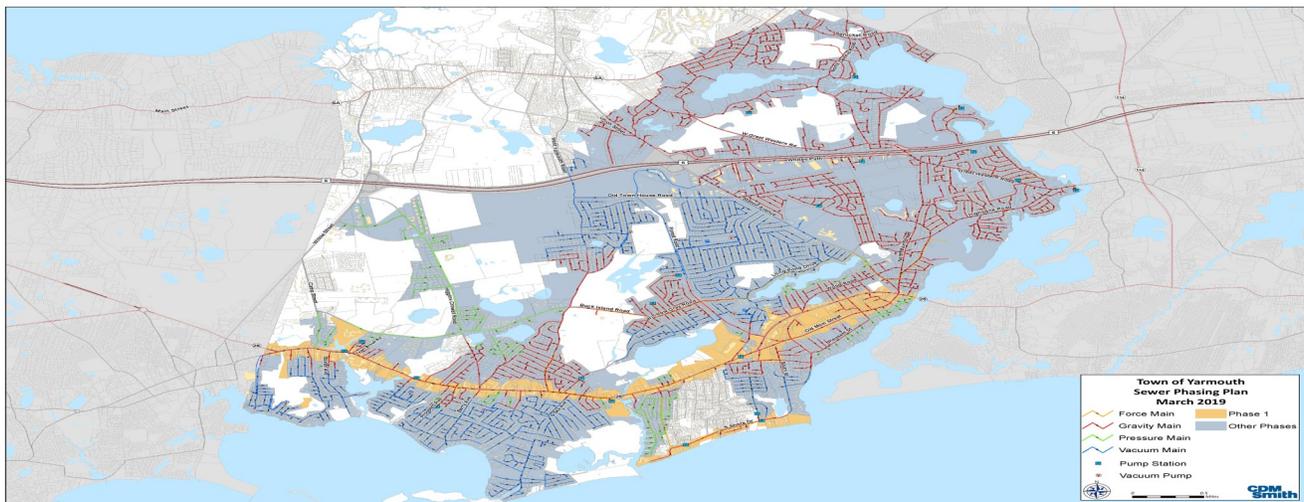
The nitrogen problem in Yarmouth is a **community-wide issue**. Nitrogen remediation is required in 3 of our watersheds, which impact nearly 2/3rds of our residential homes. These homes are located throughout our community and it's not just homes in West Yarmouth, South Yarmouth or Bass River, or businesses along Route 28. Some homes north of Route 6 and along 6A in Yarmouth Port will also eventually need to be sewered. These homes contribute significant nitrogen to the Upper Bass River Watershed which extends north and into Follins Pond.

Regardless of where we live, **100% of us contribute to our nitrogen problem** by visiting homes, restaurants, businesses, or facilities in nitrogen sensitive areas throughout the community. In addition, **100% of us enjoy the benefits derived from clean drinking water** and unpolluted natural resources such as ponds, rivers, wetlands, and beaches.



We all derive benefit from the tourism economy attracted to the town due to our beautiful natural resources. And, **we all benefit from a commercial tax base that helps to minimize the burden on the residential taxpayers**. One recent [study](#) has shown the positive effect of economic development on growing and diversifying the tax base – another way in which the entire population will benefit economically.

Finally, we all need to consider what kind of community we want to live in. Investment in wastewater infrastructure represents our best opportunity to **protect water quality, preserve our natural resources**, and reverse many years of declining investment and economic development in our community. Do we want to be in a community in decline, surrounded by blight and an underperforming business community that cannot offer modern amenities or services? Will we allow our natural resources to degrade to a condition where they are no longer an amenity that builds community and property value? By doing nothing, are we compromising our drinking water, health, and environment?



Help us answer these questions and determine the best course of action by **getting involved**. Contact Town Staff or the Water Resource Advisory Committee (WRAC) to stay informed and have any of your questions answered.

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**YARMOUTHWATER**  
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## QUESTIONS?

Visit our WRAC webpage for information, meeting minutes/materials,  
and a link to our YouTube Channel for meeting videos:

<https://www.yarmouth.ma.us/1754/Water-Resources>

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