

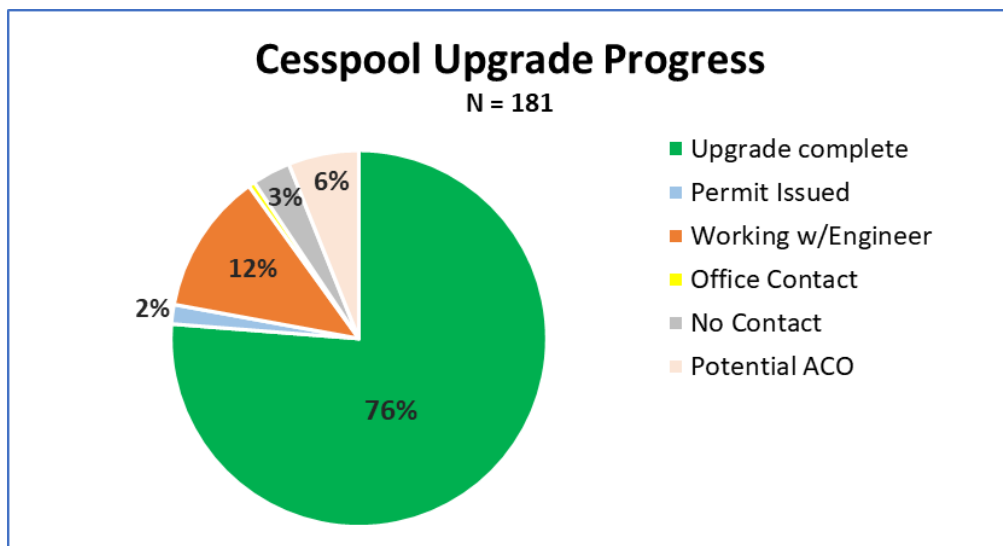
Memo to: Truro Board of Health  
From: Emily Beebe, Truro Health & Conservation Agent  
Date: September 16, 2025  
Re: **Water Resources Update**



**TOWN OF TRURO**  
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#### **Regarding cesspool upgrades to Title 5**

To date, 78% of properties with cesspools have either completed the upgrade process or have permits issued to do so. 12% are working with engineers and installers.



#### **Regarding Administrative Consent Orders (ACOs)**

An ACO is the legal agreement between the Board of Health and a property owner regarding the timing of upgrades or connection to sewer facilities. The discussion on feasibility (costs/approach) of sewerage and other alternatives for wastewater treatment on Beach Point is anticipated to commence in October 2025.

#### **Regarding stormwater management**

No update September 2025.

#### **Regarding changes to Title 5, and TMDL NSAs**

The 2023 amendments to Title 5 included newly defined Nitrogen Sensitive Areas or NSA's, and watershed plan requirements. As we move into our CWMP (Comprehensive Wastewater Plan) we will also be looking at strategies to comply with the requirements of the Wellfleet Harbor watershed plan. An overview of these strategies will be discussed at the upcoming Joint meeting of the Truro Select Board and Board of Health, scheduled for September 25 at 3 PM in the Truro Community Center at 7 Standish Way.

#### **Regarding Water Resources planning discussions with Provincetown**

The Watershed management planning discussions have shifted to selection of sites for groundwater modeling.

Walsh-no update, reports are pending

CWMP – GHD is preparing the presentation of their overview of the CWMP (Comprehensive Wastewater Management plan) for the 9/25/2025 meeting as referenced herein.

#### **PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) Update**

An additional home downgradient of the DPW facility has been tested for the first time, and detectable levels of PFAS were found. Bottled water has been provided and the home will soon have a Point of Entry Treatment (POET) system to remove the PFAS from the water as it comes into the house.

The Permeable reactive barrier pilot project has been approved, and installation will commence before the end of September.

The Barnstable County Water Quality Lab now offers PFAS testing, and bottles are available for pickup from our office. Cost for PFAS analysis is \$265. For more information visit the lab's webpage:

<https://www.capecod.gov/2025/02/27/new-pfas-monitoring/>

#### **Truro Pond WQ testing-HABS and Cyanobacteria:**

9/8/2025

The Park has reported a *potential (suspect)* harmful algal bloom in Snow Pond. Signs were posted by Park officials at the pond warning the public of this Public Health Advisory, and cautioning them not to swim, or let their dogs drink or swim. The pond will be monitored, and APCC will sample and test the water for cyanobacteria. The Town website and social media pages will be updated as more information is available.

Most of the ponds in Truro are within the Cape Cod National Seashore. Because there is no Town-owned shoreline to provide public access, the Town of Truro has no jurisdiction there, and those ponds are solely under federal jurisdiction.

The pond water quality for Village Pond is monitored by APCC and results can be found on the APCC website. Great Pond is also monitored by APCC.

**\*\*Swimmers should please use caution and look for evidence of an algal bloom before entering any pond. For more information:** <https://apcc.org/our-work/science/community-science/cyanobacteria/>

A map of Truro's Ponds can be found at: <https://www.truro-ma.gov/225/Ponds>