

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)

- OCPC was created by state statute in 1967 and is one of 13 regional planning agencies
- OCPC covers 17 communities (372 sq. mi.) and a population of 365,000



PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY OCPC

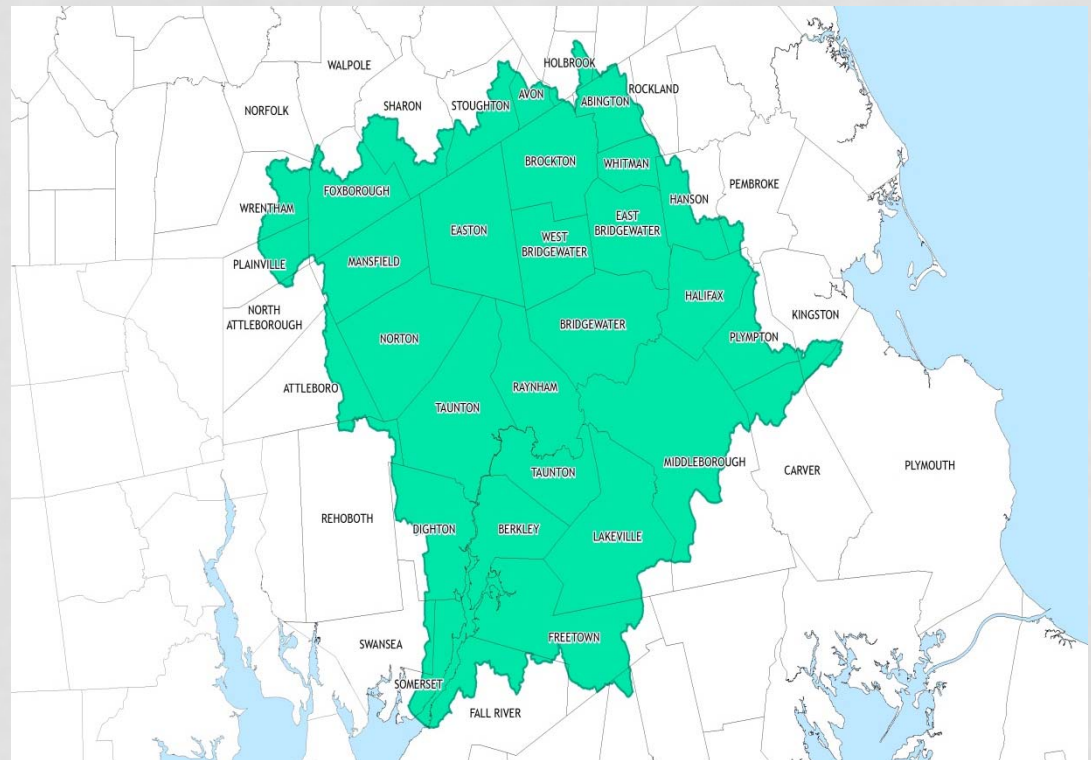
- Comprehensive Planning Assistance
- Transportation Planning Assistance
- Economic Development Planning Assistance
- Housing Planning Assistance
- Natural Resource Planning Assistance
- Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

OCPC RESILIENCY PLANNING INITIATIVES

- Climate Change Transportation Impact Study
- Roadway Drainage and Runoff Study
- State of Stormwater Mapping in the OCPC Region
- Community Stormwater Mapping Assistance Projects
- Old Colony Hazard Mitigation Plan

TAUNTON RIVER WATERSHED

- Located in southeastern Massachusetts
- Encompasses all or parts of 43 communities (562 sq. mi.)
- Second largest watershed in Massachusetts



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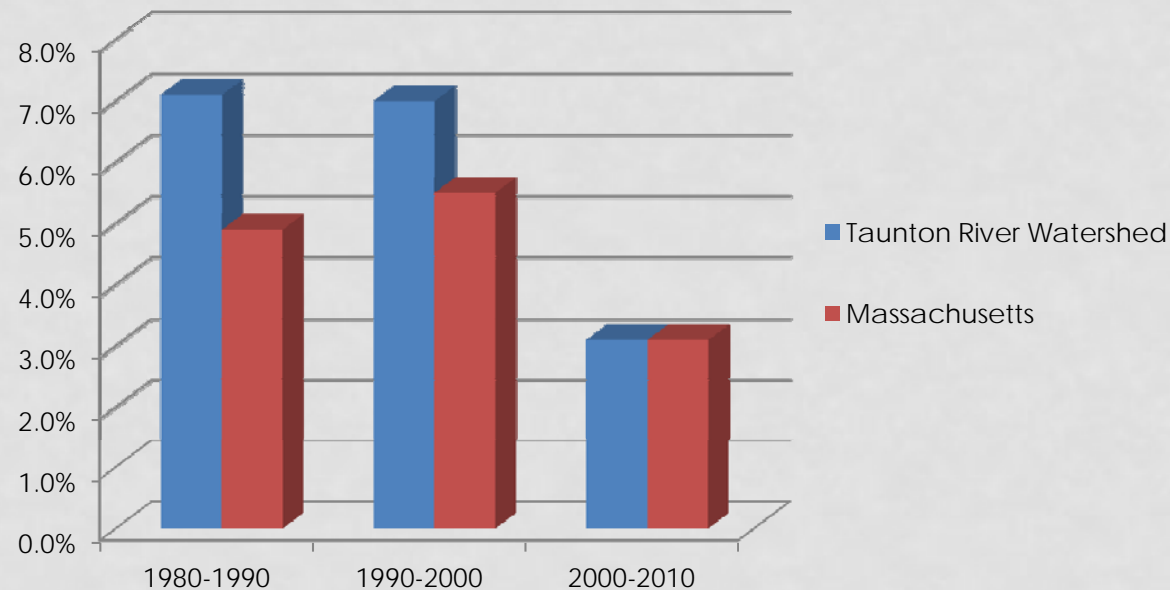
- Begins at the confluence of the Town and Matfield Rivers
- Flows for 40 miles, though its elevation only changes 20 feet
- Tidal influences reach 18 miles inland and saltwater intrusion reach 12.6 miles inland
- Designated a National Wild & Scenic River by the National Park Service

SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES

- Three Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC): Three Mile River, Canoe River Aquifer and the Hockomock Swamp
- Assawompset Pond Complex
- 13 State Parks, Forests and Wildlife Management Areas
- Nemasket River (state's largest alewife run)
- 221 Lakes and Ponds

TAUNTON RIVER WATERSHED DEMOGRAPHICS

- The Watershed's population has increased 18.3% to 1,024,146 since 1980
- Population growth within the watershed has outpaced that of the Commonwealth



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- Communities within the Watershed are diverse in many ways:

Population: Varies from urban New Bedford to rural Plympton

Median Household Income: Varies more than \$100,000. Average in the Watershed is \$79,369

Environmental Justice: 37% communities in the Watershed have at least one environmental justice tract. The four cities in the Watershed have sizeable environmental justice populations