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## APC & Nemasket Watershed Management and Climate Action Plan

### Existing Conditions and Anticipated Climate Change Impacts Overview

#### INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

#### CURRENT CONDITIONS IN WATERSHED

The current public agencies in the watershed with watershed management-related responsibilities include the following:

- Town/City Governments: (List towns/cities physically in the watershed)
  - Key departments: Conservation, Health, DPW
  - Herring River COMmission
- Water Suppliers that Use APC Water Sources:
  - Taunton Water Department
  - New Bedford Water Department
- SRPEDD
- State Representatives and Senators
- MA DEP Southeast Region
- FEMA/MEMA?
- MA DOT (outfalls and crossings, ongoing maintenance)
- NRCS - farm technical assistance, drainage, soil capacity
- APC Commission
- Long Pond Association

Other organizations actively working in this realm in the APC watershed include:

- The Nature Conservancy
- MassAudubon
- Taunton River Watershed Association
- Resilient Taunton Watershed Network
- Taunton River Stewardship Council?
- Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association (eg, one elder bog owner near Elders Pond may want to get out, potential restoration?)

Differentiate between public advisory, public regulatory, owners, environmental

Stewardship is volunteer and falls into the other Stewardship white paper.

Describe who they represent and what their role is.

Inter-regional cooperation: Water suppliers receive a copy of all NOI's that go before pondside conservation commissions, but don't have any regulatory authority despite impacts to water quality.

### **Additional Data Points to Explore (sources included, if known)**

## **TRADE-OFFS AND CO-BENEFITS WITH OTHER INTERESTS**

### **Improved Interagency Cooperation and...**

1. **Water Quality: Co-Benefit.**
2. **Drinking Water Supply Levels: Co-Benefit .**
3. **Floodwater Management: Co-Benefit.**
4. **Stormwater Management: Co-Benefit.**
5. **Ecology, Unique Habitats and Natural Resources: Co-Benefit.**
6. **Increased Land Development: Neutral or Trade-Off.**
7. **Recreational Access: Neutral (could be trade-off or co-benefit).**
8. **Increased public stewardship: Co-Benefit.**

## **IMPLICATIONS OF ANTICIPATED CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS**

- As we continue to experience climate change impacts in the watershed, interagency cooperation will be more and more vital to the management of the watershed.