

# CCNS Advisory Commission

- “The purpose of the Commission is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), or the Secretary's designee, with respect to matters relating to the development of the Cape Cod National Seashore, including matters of acquisition by condemnation and zoning regulations.”

# Agenda

- Adopt the Agenda
- Approval of the June Meeting Minutes
- Superintendent's report: State of the Seashore
- Old Business
  - ADU subcommittee
  - Final Rules of Order Distribution
- New Business
- Public Comment

# Commission Business

- All town member nominations have been submitted
- Federal Register Notices
  - Submitted in August for next meeting:
    - November 17 at 1 pm: Cape Cod Character
  - Submitted in May for Recruitment of Chair and Co-chair



National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior



# State of the Seashore

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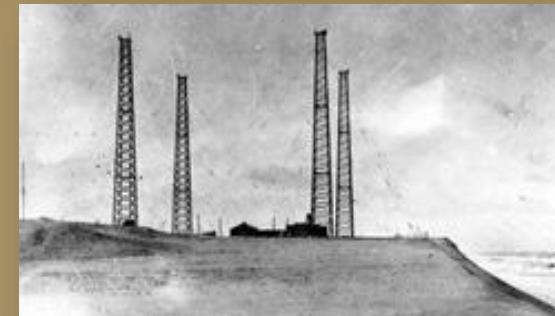
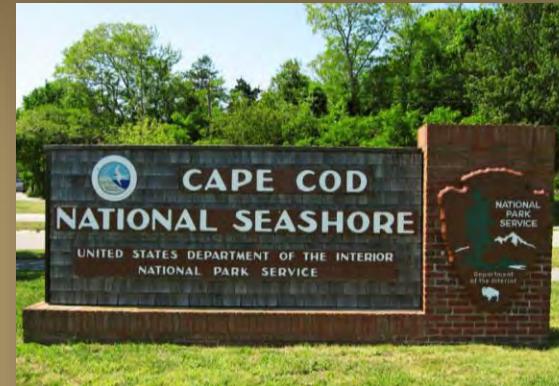
## Superintendent Jennifer Flynn

September 16, 2025

Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission

# Seashore History

- Established in 1961
- 43,500 Acres
- 3.8 Million visits 2024
- 40 miles of Seashore
- Within 6 towns
- 6 Bathing Beaches
- 2 Visitor Centers
- 2 Former Military Bases
- Marconi Station



# National Park Service Mission

- Conservation and Enjoyment
- “..... To Conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.....”

# How do we manage that?

- Natural Resources and Science
- Interpretation, Education and Cultural Resources
- Visitor and Resource Protection
- Facilities Management
- Management and Administration

# Natural Resources and Science

- Science to inform management decisions
- Herring River Project
- Shorebird Management
- Fresh Water monitoring: Surface and Subsurface

# Mill Creek



# Science Symposium: Sept. 25, 2025

- Salt Pond Visitor Center 9:30 – 1
  - Seasonal Distribution and Abundance of Fish and Invertebrates
  - Wetland Restoration
  - Identifying Historic Ceramics
  - Migration ecology
  - Shifting Shorelines
  - Butterfly Surveys

# Mill Creek Water Control Structure







# Interpretation, Education & Cultural Resources

- Interior of Penniman House – Spring 2025 wallpaper work
- Visitor Orientation
- Public Programs
  - Tuesdays at Salt Pond
  - Guided walks and canoe and kayak trips
- Tribal Connections
- Archives, Museum Collections

# Interpretation, Education, Cultural Resources



Over 500 Interpretive  
Programs

12,000 Participants





Cape Cod National Seashore

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The woods call to us with a hundred voices,  
but the sea has one only — a mighty voice  
that drowns our souls in its majest...



Public Information & Media  
Collections Management



# Visitor and Resource Protection

- Law Enforcement
- Lifeguards – services at 5 beaches
- Tram Operations – to Coast Guard Beach
- Fee Collection – Cashless
  - New Booths:Nauset Light, Coast Guard, Coast Guard Parking & Marconi
- Concession and Permits

# New Assistant Fire Management Officer

- Zach Frielawd
- Arrived in July
- 25 years of fire service  
NPS, BLM and USFS



# Fire Management Program Objectives

- Protection of Life and Property in Wildland Urban Interface
- Hazardous Fuel Reduction: Burn Piles and Mechanical Clearing
- Maintenance of Fire Adapted Ecosystems: Fort Hill & Marconi Heathland



# Facilities Management

- Replaced Marconi Stairs and a portion of the Marconi Boardwalk – Spring 2025
- Solar Panels at Park Headquarters (Gift from National Park Foundation)
- Demolish the Bartlett House in Eastham – Fall 2025
- Road paving – Salt Pond Visitor Center, Doane Rock parking area and Nauset Road.
- Race Point Area Facility Improvements (new vault toilets, upgrades to changing rooms/Lifeguard/custodial facilities) – Fall 2025

# Management and Administration

- Superintendent' Office
- Safety Officer
- Lands and Planning
- Administration – the backbone of the organization

# Staffing - 2025

- 68 Total Permanent Positions
- 20+ vacant permanent positions
- 110 Targeted seasonal hires and 4 interns in 2025
- 98 seasonals were ultimately hired

# 2025 Budget

- Appropriated Funds
- Park Based Revenue
- Partner and Philanthropic Support

# Congressional Appropriation

- FY 24 planned 8.509 million
- During 2025, nineteen projects/project components valued at \$5,049,600 were completed and an additional \$3,981,190 in projects were initiated and are in progress.

# Park Based Revenue

- Recreation Fee 80% - 1.1 million to 1.4 million
- ORV – Average of \$350,000
- SUP – Average 4K and CUA -\$43,000
- Franchise Fee – Average \$110,000
- Leasing – \$530,000
- Housing Revenue (24 permanent houses & 35 seasonal houses) - \$600,000

# Doing Business in the Park

- A 10-year contract for the Highland Links Golf Course was awarded in 2024 with Johnson Golf.
- Prospectus Solicitation for the Herring Cove Bathhouse Snack Bar announced June 3, 2025, currently being reviewed.
- Food Truck – 1 in Summer of 2025 at Herring Cove.
- In 2024, 80 Special Use Permits were issued for recreational activities, and 26 Commercial Use Authorization permits were approved.

# Leasing Program Properties

- Modern House Trust – 4 properties
- Nauset Beach Inn, Orleans
- Short-Term Rentals – Currently 6 properties
- Truro NEED/Hosteling International
- 7 Dune Shack Properties
- New or in progress for 2025 – Nauset Light Keepers House, 3 Historic Houses – Ahearn, Jeddiah Higgins and Sirna, Provincetown Airport, Former Officers Club at Truro Airstation, and Peaked Hill Trust – 4 Dune Shacks



# Philanthropic Support

- Friend of Cape Cod National Seashore
- National Park Foundation
- Direct Park Donations – amounts vary each year
- Eastern National – Aid to Park (funded 3 seasonal I&E employees & supplies/materials/training) & Cash Register Round Up Donations



- Park's Philanthropic Partner
- Community Ambassadors, Advocates and Supporters
- Fundraising for Park Identified Needs
  - Marconi Stair Replacement
  - Shore Bird Interns
  - Special Programs



Mill Creek Water Control Structure \$1.4M

Solar Panels at HQ \$260,000

Friends of CCNS Capacity Grant \$75,000

Friends of CCNA General Donation \$50,000

Junior Angler Program \$20,925

Science Communication Intern ~ \$50,000 annually

# Secretary's Order 3434 – Strengthening Coordination with Gateway Communities

- The Department Commits to deepening collaborative planning, meaningful engagement, and shared stewardship with gateway communities.
- Gateway Community Coordinator:
  - Superintendent at Cape Cod National Seashore

# Economic Benefits: \$534 Million

In 2023, 3.8 million park visitors spent an estimated \$534 million in local gateway regions while visiting Cape Cod National Seashore. These expenditures supported a total of 6,470 jobs, \$268 million in labor income, \$437 million in value added, and \$730 million in economic output in local gateway economies surrounding Cape Cod National Seashore.



# Community Engagement

- Superintendent Presentations and Outreach
  - Eastham Chamber of Commerce
  - Wellfleet Selectboard: Herring River
  - Eastham Part-time Residents Association
  - Nauset Heights Neighborhood Association
  - Friends of CCNS Annual Members Meeting
  - Wellfleet Conservation Trust
  - Truro Meeting House: Wildfire Preparedness Round Table

# Community Engagement

- Federal Advisory Commission - Fiscal Year 2025
  - October 2024 - Coastal Resilience
  - Jan 13 – Accessory Dwelling Units and the Seashore
  - April 7 – Cape Cod Character
  - June 15- Open Forum for Member topics
  - Sept 12 – State of the Park
- 340+ hours of staff time at \$21,000+

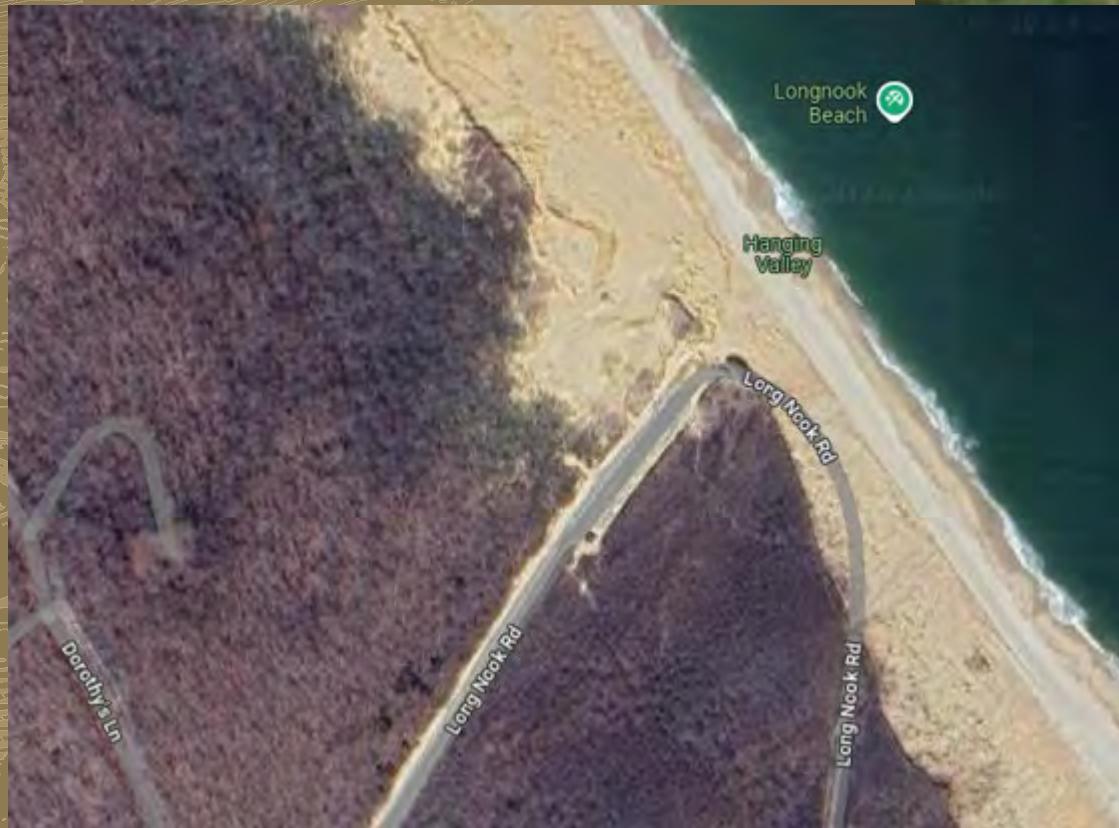
# Provincetown

- Route 6 multi-modal Trail
- Public Water from Wells at Highland Center
- SUP to allow DPW Equipment Storage at North District Maintenance
- Airport Lease
- Climate Resilience and park infrastructure
  - Hatches Harbor, Herring Cove, Moors Road

# Truro

- Road Widening Easements
- Land Exchange. Chamber of Commerce Building
- Long Nook Beach Access
- Lifeguard coverage on Mondays at Head of the Meadow

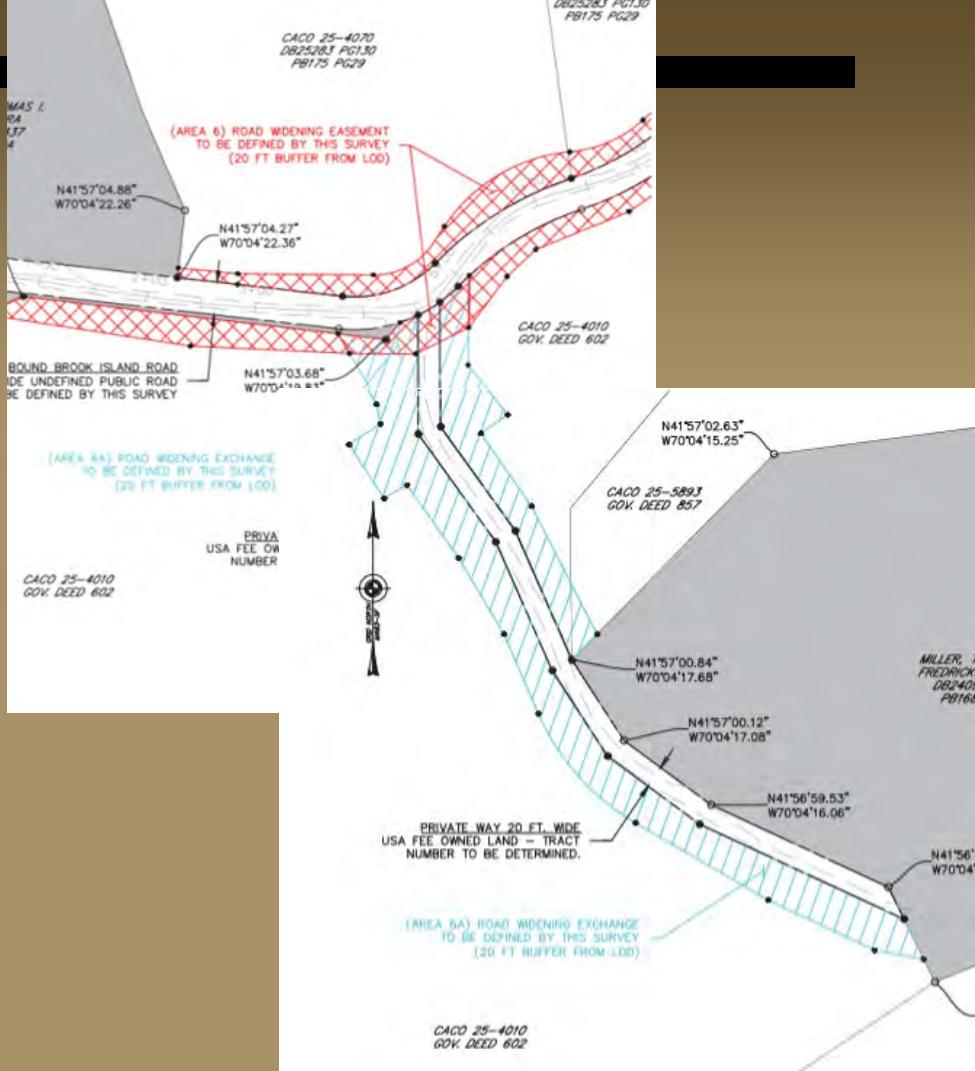
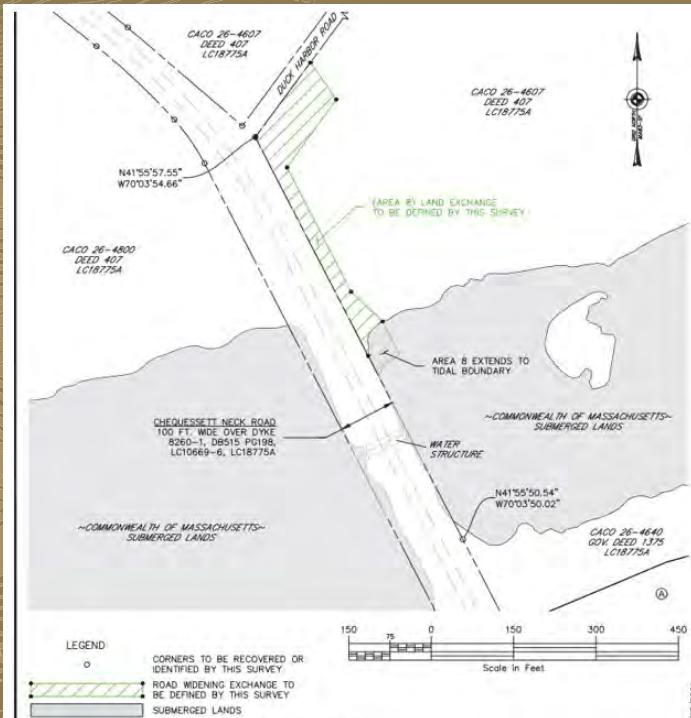
# Longnook Beach



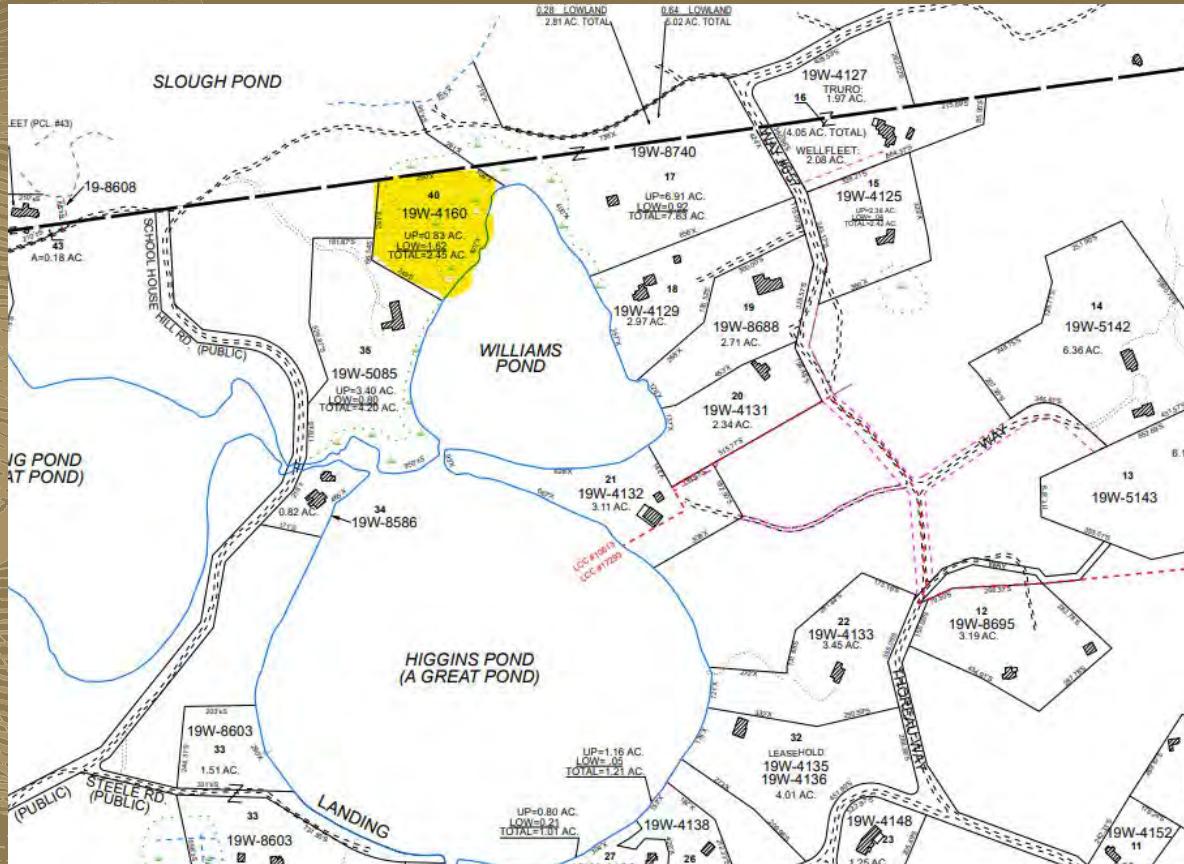
# Wellfleet

- Road Widening Easements
- Land Exchange. Herring River Project
- Renewed SUPs for LeConte and Newcomb Hollow Beach
- Collaboration at Cahoon Hollow
- Herring River Project

# To the Town

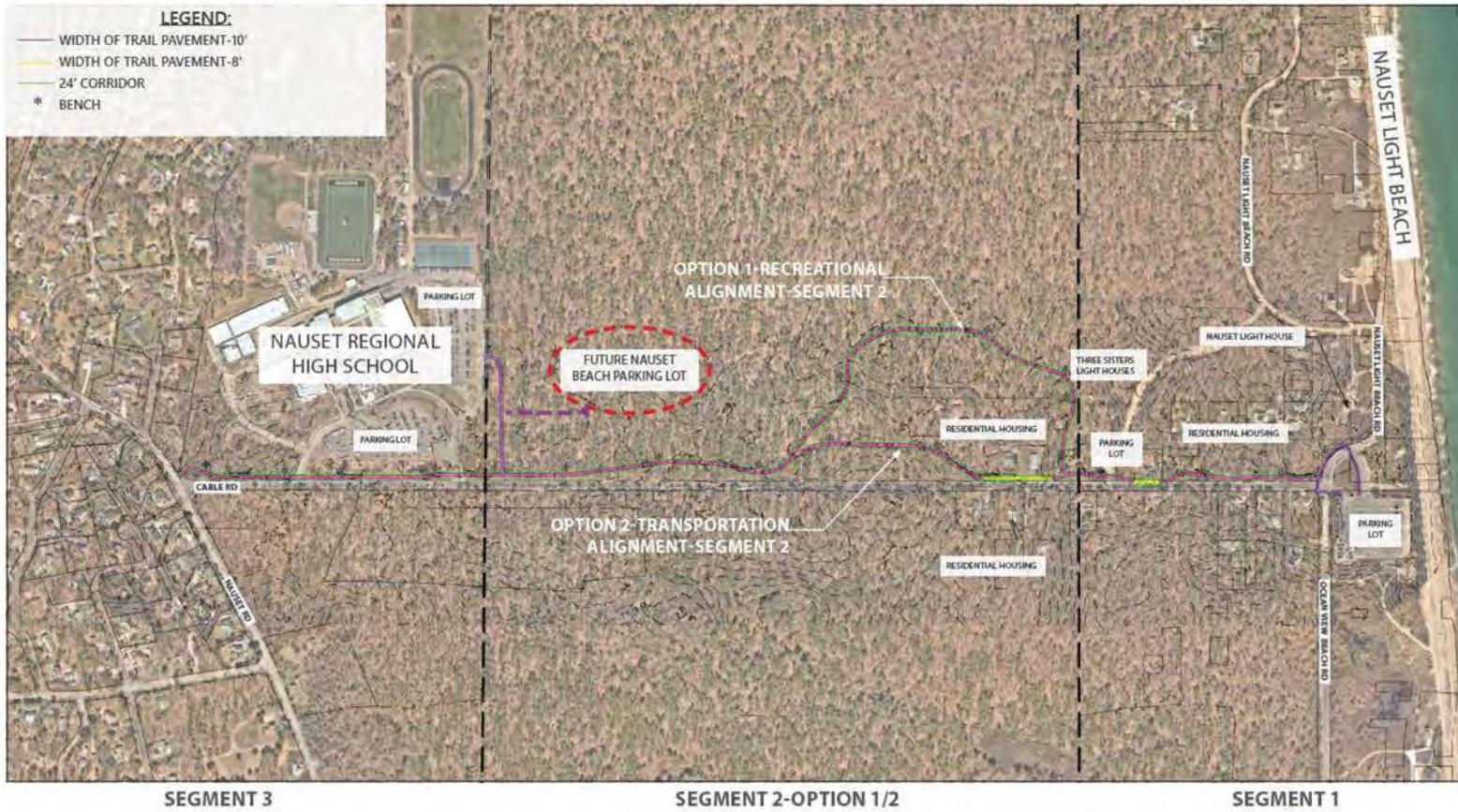


# To the Seashore



# Eastham

- Cable Road Multi-Modal Trail
  - Public Meeting July 30
- Land Exchange. Nauset Light Rear Road
- Storm Water Run Off, Salt Pond Project
- Sewer
- Public Water
- Coastal Erosion and houses at risk

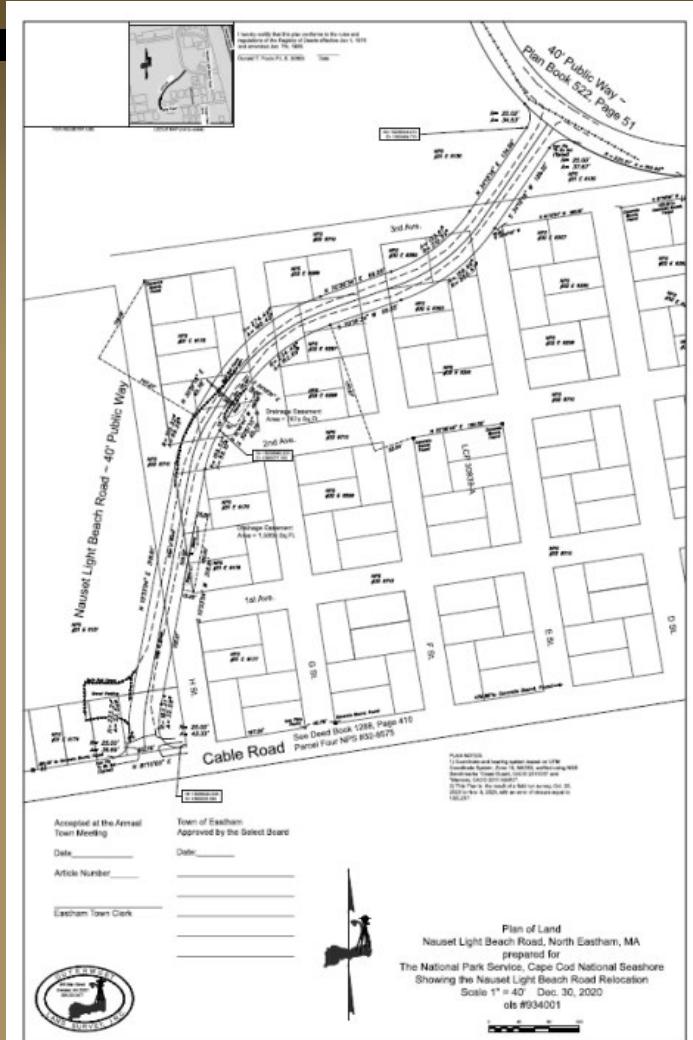


Tract 33-6341

# Shellfish Shack Parcel at Salt Pond

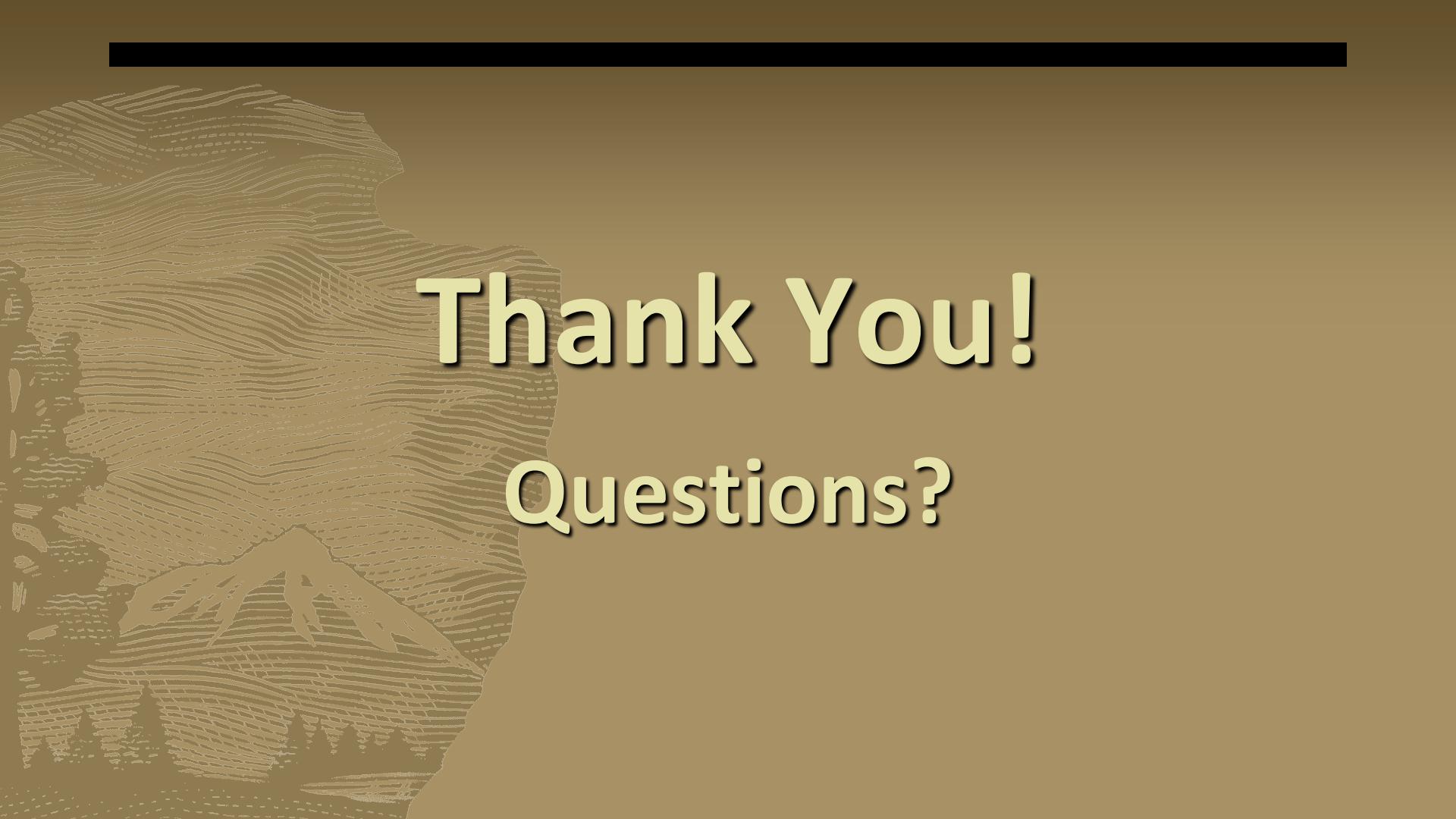
Tract 32-8714 1.06 acres

# Nauset Light Beach Road Relocation



## Tract 34-6438 3.5 Acres: Off Nauset Road





Thank You!  
Questions?