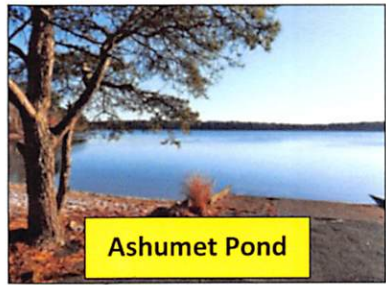
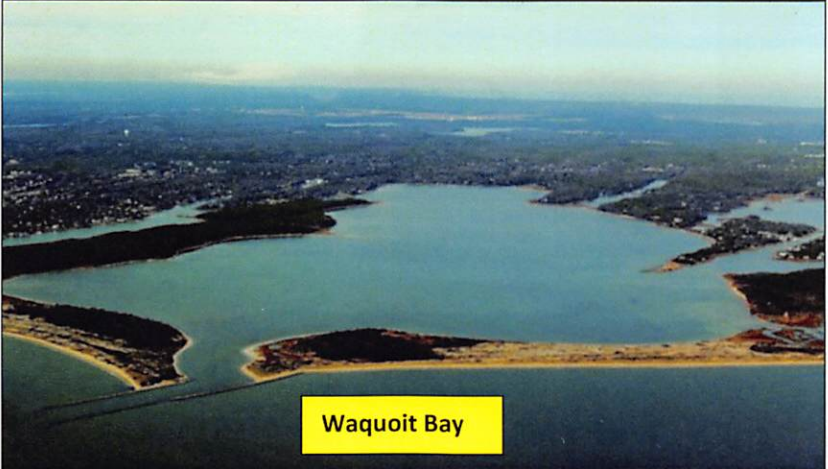


Vote Yes for Clean Water



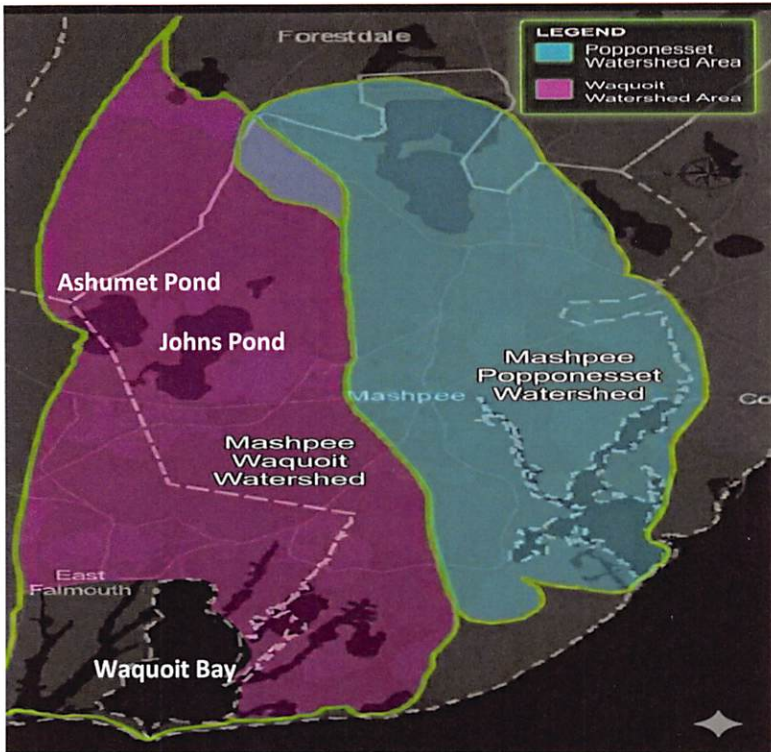
Please vote **YES** on Article 4 at Town Meeting on May 4th and Vote **YES** on Question 3 at the Ballot Booth.

Article 4 and **Question 3** allocate \$12 million for designing Phase 3, a centralized wastewater facility and collection system for the Waquoit Bay watershed, aiming to sewer 1,050 homes and reduce nitrogen entering the watershed by 30%. Phase 3 will also prevent phosphorus, a major cause of recent cyanobacteria blooms, from reaching Johns and Ashumet ponds. Further it will reduce excess nutrients from entering the Quashnet River.

Article 4 and **Question 3** represent Mashpee's first step in implementing Phase 3, designing a treatment facility and wastewater collection system for the Waquoit Bay watershed.

Centralized wastewater treatment is the single, most effective way to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus from polluting bay and ponds in the

You must vote YES at Town Meeting and on the ballot!



Waquoit Bay has suffered significant degradation from nitrogen in groundwater due to septic systems. Located within the Waquoit watershed, Johns and Ashumet Ponds and the Quashnet River are similarly impaired by nutrient pollution from septic systems. A wastewater treatment facility with a collection system in the Waquoit Bay watershed will reduce this pollution and begin to restore our waters.

“There is no place in Waquoit Bay, either the tributaries or the main or the basins or any place in that bay, that is healthy. “

“The Quashnet River is the poster child for the worst water quality... in Mashpee, and in fact probably in most of the South Shore and the Cape. It is just not a happy story. “

Dr. Brian Howes, 2022

WHY NOW?

Mashpee's bays, ponds, and rivers, vital to both residents and tourism revenue, have become increasingly degraded. The town is mandated by the state to cut nitrogen levels in both of its watersheds by 75%.

Mashpee voters have shown strong and consistent support for clean water initiatives, including Phases 1, 2 and the Mashpee-Wakeby community cluster system.

- Phase 1 constructed a wastewater treatment facility and connected 437 homes.
- Phase 2 is under construction and when complete will connect approximately 1,200 additional homes to the existing treatment facility.
- The Mashpee-Wakeby community cluster system (approved in 2025) will serve over 200 homes.

Together, Phases 1 and 2 and the Mashpee-Wakeby community cluster system will reduce nitrogen in the Popponesset Bay watershed by 46%. Improvement in water quality is expected once homes are connected to treatment facilities.

Mashpee has always been committed to a series of steps to clean **both** watersheds. The town remains under state mandate to reduce nitrogen in the Waquoit Bay watershed. To date, the Town has not removed any nitrogen from the Waquoit Bay watershed.

Article 4 and Question 3 give Mashpee voters a chance to begin to restore water quality in the Waquoit Bay watershed.

Design Cost Phase 3: \$12 million. This expense is authorized by Article 4 and Question 3 on the ballot. Article 4 requires a 2/3 vote at Town Meeting and Question 3 requires a majority on the ballot.

- Wastewater systems are expensive. They will not become less expensive!
- Construction costs for projects approved by the State Revolving Fund (SRF) receive a 0% loan and 28.3% principal forgiveness.
- SRF loans are continually becoming more competitive, but Mashpee has an excellent track record of receiving these favorable loans.
- The design is the Town's pathway to securing SRF funding, which will be pursued in 2027 when costs are clearly defined.

As a Mashpee resident, what can I do?

1. Stand out with us (Mashpee Transfer Station, April 18 and 19, 25 and 26, and May 2 and 3, 10 AM-noon)
2. Pick up extra flyers to share with your friends and neighbors.
3. Attend an upcoming Zoom session. Notice of date and time will be posted on Mashpee Clean Waters - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mashpeecleanwaters/>
4. **Register to vote** if you have not already. The deadline is April 29, 5 PM - Not going to be in Town? Apply to Vote by Mail.
5. **Vote YES** on Article 4 at Town Meeting (Mashpee-Middle High School, May 4, 7 PM)
6. **Vote YES** on Question 3 on the ballot (Early Voting-Mashpee Town Hall, April 27-May 1, 8:30-4:30, Election Day, May 9, 7 AM - 8 PM)

Where do I vote?

Depending on your address, you will vote at Town Hall, Public Library, or Senior Center.

For all voter information, please visit
<https://www.mashpeema.gov/1396/Election-Information>

To help with campaign expenses, please consider donating to the Ad Hoc Committee for Clean Water in Mashpee. Please use the QR code on the right!-

