

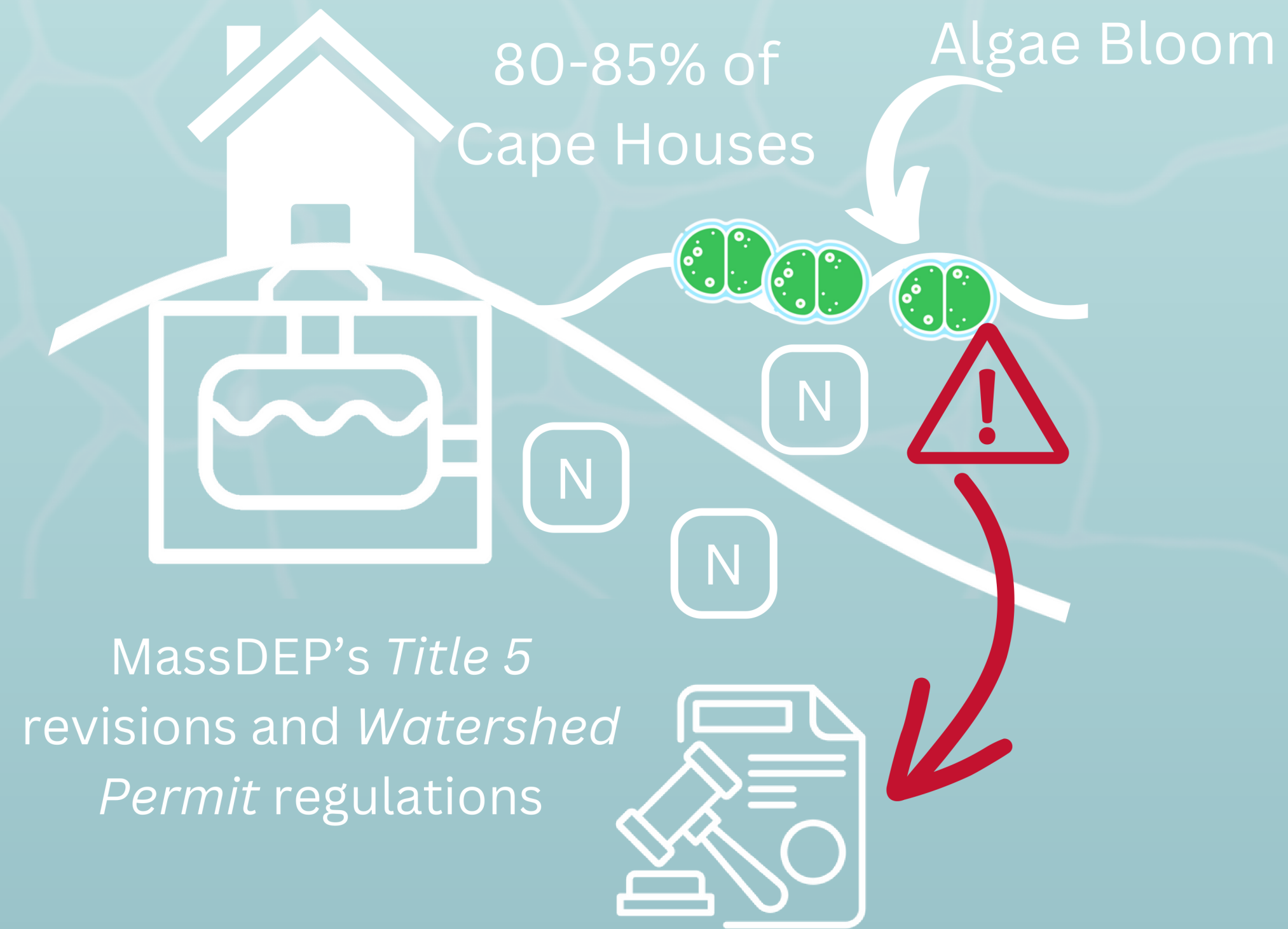


Assessing Stakeholder Feedback on Implementation of New Nitrogen Reducing Regulations on Cape Cod



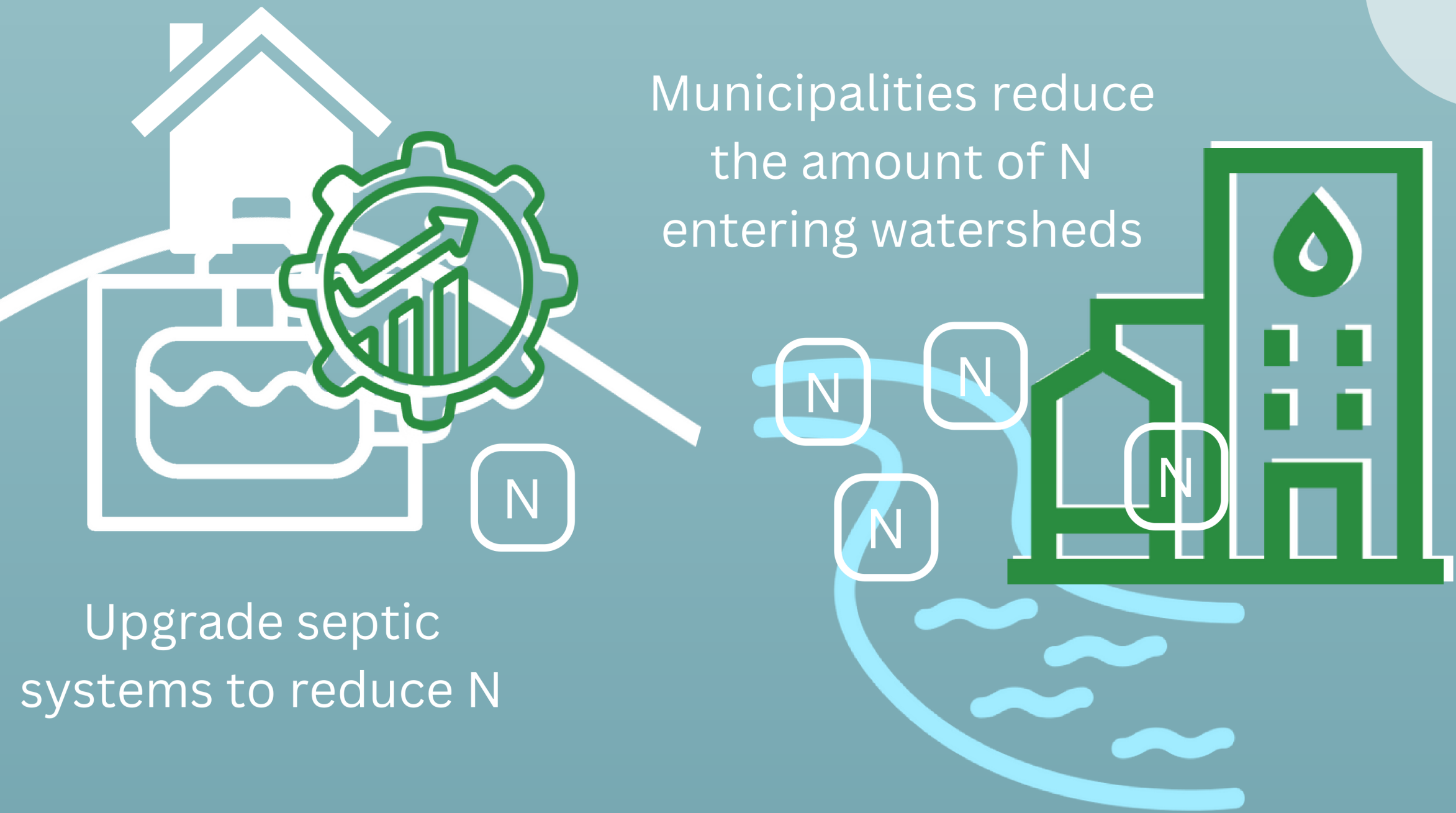
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Problem Statement



310 CMR 15.00 Title 5

314 CMR 21.00 Watershed Permits



Project Goal

Identify concerns and obstacles stakeholders and municipalities have with implementation of new nitrogen-reducing regulations, and create recommendations to help MassDEP address these concerns.

Methodology



Community Perspectives

NGO

- Lack of resources, funding and workers,
- municipalities not being held accountable, long term management,
- communication challenges to the public,
- not enough towns included, - lack of options to tackle nitrogen pollution

Municipalities

- Multiple-town partnership
- Process overly complicated
- Accuracy of nitrogen reduction measures
- solution doesn't implement smart reduction
- Neglect of addressing other sources like fertilizer overuse.

Boards of Health

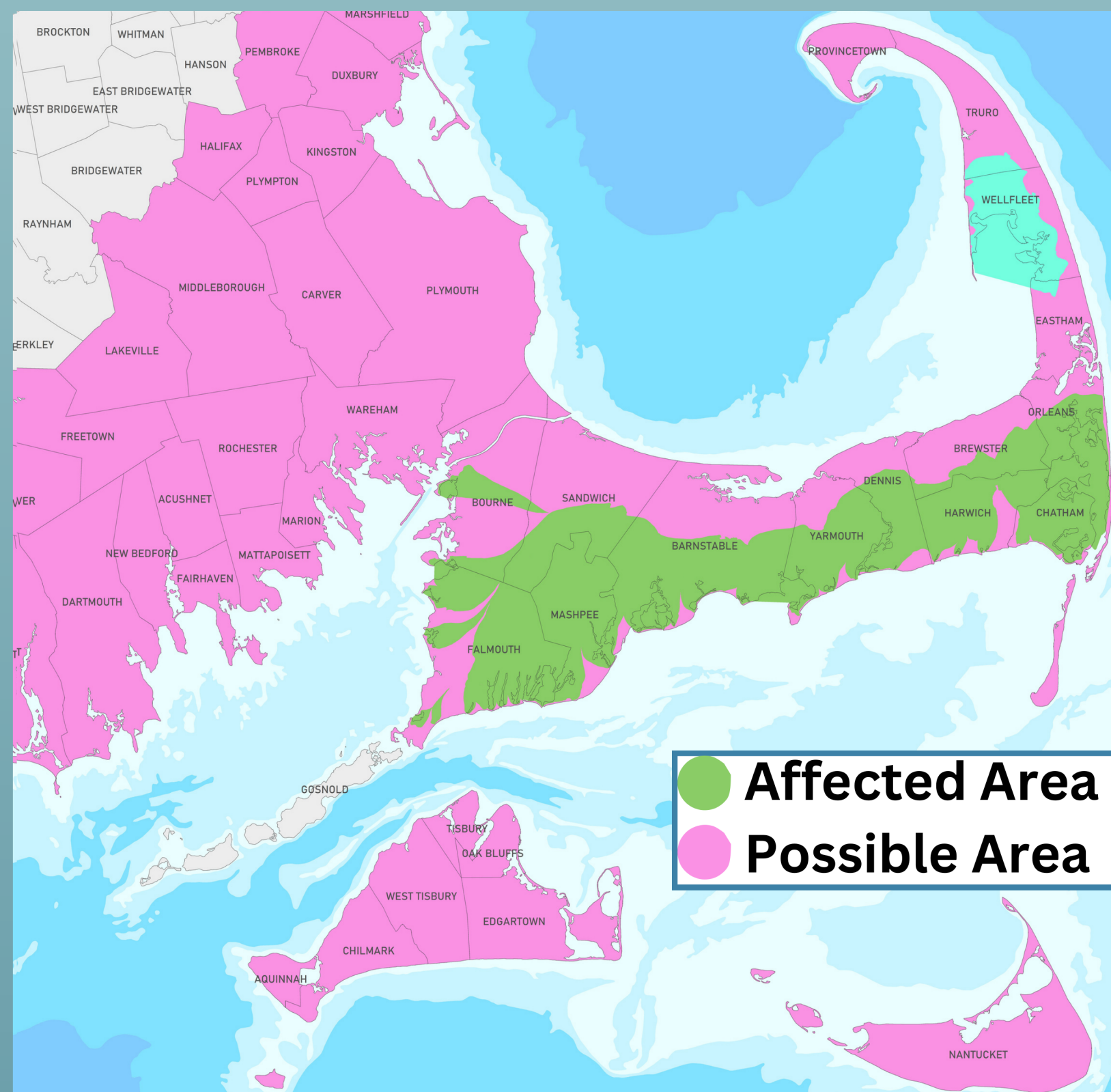
- Too much burden with not enough assistance.
- Not enough clarity on definitions and requirements.
- Worried that they won't inspect and enforce TMDLs.
- Want other sources of nitrogen to be addressed.
- The cost outweigh the good.

General Public

- Know very little about these regulations
- Concerns about freshwater systems (local ponds)
- Concern about the price being put on the homeowner and not the town.

Recommendations

- Provide assistance in garnering more funding and staff for towns and homeowners to afford projects and upgrades.
- Create clearer guidelines for towns to follow for watershed permit project and ensure proper enforcement.
- Create informative way for general public to learn about the new regulations.
- Expand the amount of towns considered nitrogen sensitive over time.
- Address other sources of nitrogen pollution (eg. fertilizer and cranberry bogs).
- Encourage more creative ways of addressing nitrogen pollution outside of BANRT and TMDLs



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