

CCWPC Monitoring History

Barnstable County has invested in water quality monitoring in 2 phases. Phase 1 began in 2014 and covered Nantucket Sound. Phase 2 began in 2016 and added Buzzards Bay and Cape Cod Bay.

PHASE 1: The County chose to fund monitoring of sentinel stations in the near shore waters facing Nantucket Sound using \$100,000 of County funds via the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative with no state funding involvement. The CCWPC issued an RFP after consultation with the 208 Monitoring Committee. Three bids were received, one from Woodard and Curran, one from UMass Dartmouth and one from Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies (PCCS). Woodard and Curran's bid was roughly twice the budget available. The Steering Committee reviewed the remaining bids and selected PCCS as most advantageous. A three-year contract with an expiration date of April 2017 was issued and all deliverables were provided and the contract has been fully expended.

PHASE 2: The CCWPC proposed as a part of the FY 16 budget that monitoring be expanded to include Buzzards Bay and Cape Cod Bay contingent on the Commonwealth providing a dollar for dollar match. The FY 16 budget proposed a \$250,000 county program matched by \$250,000 in state funds. The county \$250,000 was made up of the \$100,000 allocated to Phase 1 monitoring, \$75,000 that had been used to support municipal projects and an increase of \$75,000 in new appropriations from the county. The proposal was supported by the Commissioners and voted by the Assembly, over the objection of then Assembly member Cakounes. The Baker Administration included the 4 years of match in its initial Capital Spending Plan. The state match was received by the County in the Spring of 2016 and was used to fund the 2016 sampling season. Upon recommendation of CCWPC Governing Board the Commissioners awarded a contract to PCCS to monitor Buzzards Bay and Cape Cod Bay in a contract that was awarded without a bid as allowed by the County procurement officer. The collection protocols and all terms and conditions were identical to those vetted by the monitoring committee for the Phase 1 contract.

Phase 2 was further funded in the FY 2017 CCWPC budget, over the objections of Commissioner Cakounes. The CCWPC voted to recommend the award of a 3 year contract to PCCS for the monitoring of Nantucket Sound (as the Phase 1 contract would have lapsed by the 2017 sampling season), Buzzards Bay and Cape Cod Bay using the County funds in the FY 17 budget. The Commissioners declined to award the contract in December of 2016. There is no monitoring contract in place for 2017 and beyond. The state match for FY 17 has not been sent to the County as the County has not committed to monitoring in the current FY.