



The Town of Barnstable

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Public Meeting Scheduled for Draft Coastal Plan Three Bays and Centerville River

The Barnstable Coastal Resource Management Committee (CRMC) will host a public informational meeting to review the draft *Coastal Resource Management Plan: Three Bays and Centerville River Systems*.

**The meeting will be held on Monday August 31st
7 – 9 pm
Second Floor Hearing Room,
Town Hall, 367 Main Street, Hyannis**

The meeting will begin with a presentation of the draft plan, which encompasses the Three Bays (Cotuit, West and North Bays) and Centerville River systems, followed by an opportunity for questions and comments.

“The Three Bays and Centerville River are critical coastal resources to the Town,” said Robert Jones, Chairman of the Coastal Resource Committee, the group charged with developing the plan. “The Committee has worked diligently over the past 18 months to develop a balanced and comprehensive plan. Now we are eager to get feedback from folks who know and use these areas.”

The draft plan is intended to update a coastal resource plan for the areas developed in 1990. In 2008, the Town Council voted to establish the CRMC, with staff assistance from the Growth Management Department, to:

- o Provide an update on the status of recommendations in the 1990 plan;
- o Identify any new management issues or challenges;
- o Compile all relevant community planning information ongoing in the Town with respect to the Three Bays and Centerville River study area; and
- o Provide a template for approaching the management of other coastal resources in the Town.

The draft *Coastal Resource Management Plan: Three Bays and Centerville River Systems* is the product of the review and update planning process undertaken by the CRMC. The CRMC is expected to report to the Town Council in November with a final plan. The draft plan is open for public comment through September 21, 2009. Written comments should be mailed or postmarked by that date to:

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Beginning August 28th the draft plan will be available on the Town website at the following address: <http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us/GrowthManagement/CoastalResourceManagement> and hard copies will be available for review at the following locations:

- o Centerville, Osterville, Marstons Mills and Cotuit public libraries;
- o Growth Management Department, 3rd floor, Town Hall.

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