

Massachusetts Bays 1996 Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan

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I. BASIC PLAN DATA

Plan name:

Massachusetts Bays 1996 Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan

Brief description of plan:

This plan will serve as the blueprint for coordinated action among all levels of government to restore and protect water quality and the diverse natural resources of the Massachusetts Bays estuary. The Massachusetts Bays region encompasses all of the coastal waters of Massachusetts Bay from the tip of Cape Cod to the New Hampshire border--an area of about 1650 square miles with a shoreline of more than 800 miles.

Region the plan is located within:

North Atlantic Region

Watershed(s) included within the plan:

N170w

Area plan covers (in square miles):

1,650.00 square miles

Plan scale:

Multi-state

Plan's lead organization(s):

Massachusetts Bays Program

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On-line version of plan:

Date of original plan:

1996

II. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Plan includes restoration goals: Y

Level of detail of the goals:

MS

Summary of the goals:

1) Set target values and acres for increased acreage of open shellfish beds over time; 2) Identify embayments at risk of eutrophication; 3) Monitor improvement in selected biological indicators; 4) Restore 12 coastal wetlands where restricted tidal flow has led to habitat degradation

Plan recommends restoration of specific project sites:

Y

Plan includes a discussion of funding sources:

Y

Plan addresses long-term protection of restored sites:

Y

Partners included in developing the plan:

Federal
State
Local
Business/Industry
Non-profit Organizations
Academia

Type(s) of public outreach included during plan development:

10/15/2004

Held public workshops, meetings, open house, or scoping meetings
Formed an advisory group(s)
Was subject to a public comment period

Plan includes public outreach as part of plan implementation (e.g. annual public meeting, local group participation):

Y

Plan discusses the application of innovative approaches to restoration:

N

Plan make use of GIS mapping capabilities:

N

Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for ecosystem level monitoring (baseline conditions) by:

S

Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for project level monitoring by:

S

The plan discusses or coordinates with other restoration plans covering the same geographic area:

N

Other plan names:

Plan contains detailed information on historic and/or current habitat size, rate of loss, acres restored or protected, etc.):

Y

Summary of this habitat information:

Massachusetts Bays encompasses 1650 square miles and includes 34,000 acres of salt marsh and 30,000-36,000 acres of tidal flats in Massachusetts and Cape Cod Bays.