

Nantucket's Twenty-Seven Year Case Study: The Surfside Treatment Facility: A Chronology

1980: Town article for \$21,000,000 (of which \$4,200,000 was the local share) to build Surfside Wastewater Treatment Facility (SWTF), providing for primary treatment.

1989: SWTF appropriation increased to \$25,000,000 and the local share to \$8,500,000.

- April 1999: ATMTown appropriates \$700,000 for Earth Tech to prepare a **Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan** (CWMP).
- October 2003: Administrative Consent Order signed limiting connections until SWTF upgraded and expanded.

March 2004: CWMP completed.

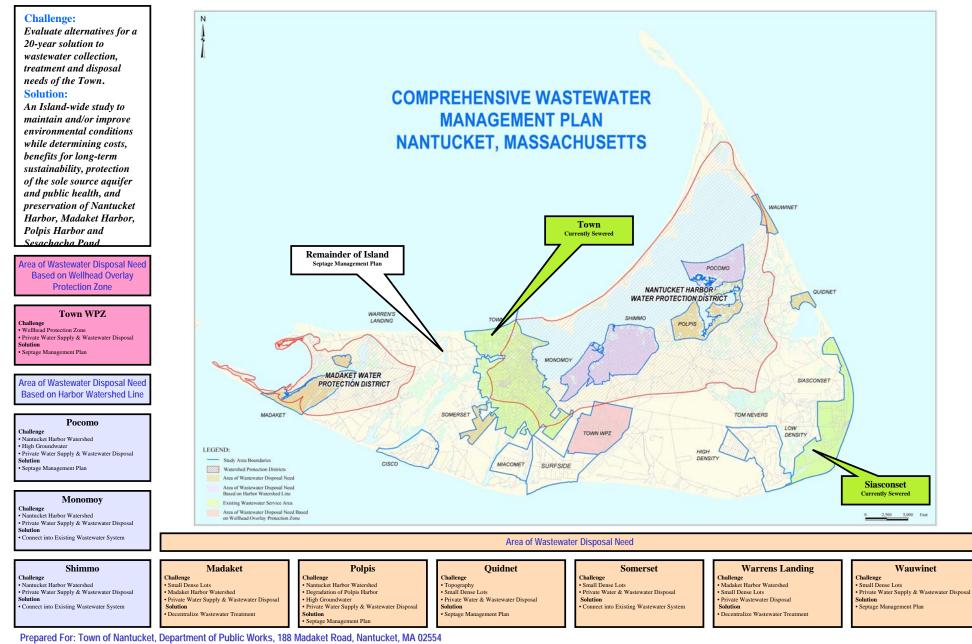
- April 2004: ATMAppropriated \$3,430,000 for **I&I** to be paid by the Sewer Fund and \$2,250,000 for **design of an upgrade** to the SWTF. Both passed. A By-law amendment established sewer districts and privilege fees. No article presented for the full Surfside upgrade.
- October 2004: STMBOS adopted Warrant with an Article to appropriate \$35,530,000 for full upgrade and expansion, with no recommendation other than 100% from the tax base. The Finance Committee recommended a 50% Sewer-Fund and 50% tax-base allocation. The Article was soundly defeated.
- March 2005: BOS adopts April ATM 2005 Warrant with **no** funding for Surfside upgrade.
- March 2005: Citizen petition submitted to call a STM to deal with CWMP and Surfside upgrade. BOS agrees to have the STM during the ATM.

April 2005: ATM\$3,135,000 appropriated for I&I.

- April 2005: STMSTM passed a home rule petition to impose a ½% real-estate transfer tax to pay for the CWMP. Also, **STM overwhelmingly approved \$35,530,000** as a debt-service override on a 2/3 Sewer Fund and 1/3 real-estate tax basis
- April 2006: ATMTransfer-tax home rule petition approved at April 2005 STM was **not** renewed and allowed to die. \$3 million appropriated for **I&I**.
- October 2006: STMSurfside cost increased to \$45 million on same funding arrangement.

December 2006: The Sewer Advisory Committee Report is issued.

April 2007: ATM\$5 million appropriated for **I&I**. Home rule petition "to designate additional authority for sewer-related matters" was **passed** overwhelmingly.



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