

# Technical Assistance to Update the Buzzards Bay Watershed Management Plan

## Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts

The Horsley Witten Group, Inc. (HW) assisted the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program (BBNEP) in updating its Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan, which was last completed and approved by the USEPA in 1992. HW was tasked with addressing six key topics, including managing stormwater runoff, promoting low impact development, promoting smart growth, managing water withdrawals, managing ocean-based activities and reducing toxic pollution, and developing detailed action plans for each.

HW developed these action plans by working with the BBNEP staff, meeting with representatives of the watershed communities via the Buzzards Bay Action Committee, and meeting with state and federal agency staff to gather feedback and discuss possible action items, responsible parties, timeframes and level of priority.

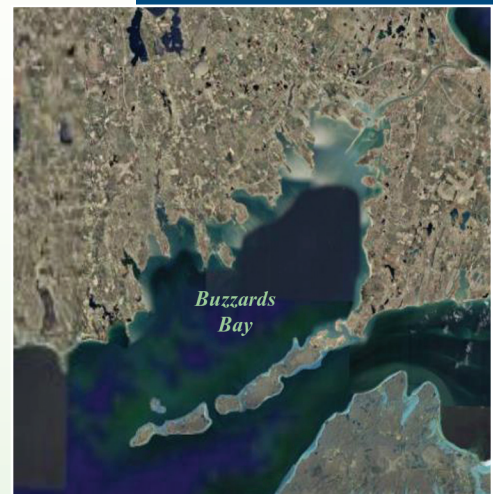
HW provided background information about the issues as they relate to the watershed in each Action Plan, and drafted innovative and effective Action Items that the BBNEP will work to foster throughout the watershed over the next 5-10 years. In addition, HW updated Chapter 3 of the Plan, which provides an overview of the environmental conditions in the Buzzards Bay Watershed, and compiled a draft Five-Year Watershed Action Plan to meet the watershed planning requirements of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

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