



Town of Nantucket Capital Program Committee September 18, 2025

Attending Members:	Jill Vieth, Chair, Christy Kickham, Dawn Hill, Caroline Baltzer, Liza Hatton
Staff:	Susan Carmel, Deputy Finance Director, Jeff Carlson, Natural Resources Director, Vince Murphy Sustainability Programs Manager
Absent	Howard Matz, Peter Kaizer

The 9/18/25 Capital Program Committee meeting discussed the Coastal Resiliency Plan (CRP) and its long-term projects, emphasizing the need for flexibility and adaptability. Key projects include wastewater treatment facility resiliency, long pond hardening, and stormwater management. The meeting also covered the importance of public involvement in project design and the need for better air quality monitoring. The CRP projects are planned out to 2070, with updates every 10 years. The discussion highlighted the challenges of funding, regulatory compliance, and the need for ongoing public communication and education.

Action Items

- Provide a written breakdown of coastal resiliency annual appropriation spending showing which projects received funds and how they were allocated (summary suitable for the committee to review).
- Send additional information and supporting documents on the Hulbert Avenue / Easton Street stormwater 'rain garden' design options and community engagement materials for committee and Brandt Point stakeholders to review.
- Provide a detailed plan and breakdown for the fertilizer education/licensing program including proposed course content, testing approach, fee/licensing structure, and projected maintenance funding options.
- Prepare and present a detailed briefing on an air quality monitoring program for Nantucket (recommended pollutants to measure, siting options, equipment and hut requirements, broadband/power needs, accreditation path, costs, and public health notification plan) at a future meeting.

Roll Call and Meeting Introduction

- Jill Vieth initiates the meeting, confirming the presence of committee members: Christy, Caroline, Liza, and Dawn.
- Christy Kickham moves to approve the agenda, and Dawn Hill seconds it.

- Roll call vote: Christy aye, Caroline aye, Liza aye, Dawn aye, Jill aye. Passes unanimously.
- The meeting is opened to public comment, but no public participants are present.

Overview of Coastal Resiliency and Project Timeline

- Jeff Carlson discusses the Coastal Resiliency Plan (CRP) and its updates from 2020 to 2025.
- The CRP includes various projects with flexible timelines, adaptable to real-time conditions.
- Projects are planned out to 2070, but actual implementation may vary.
- The importance of having a roadmap for long-term projects is emphasized.

Discussion on Long-term Planning and Data Utilization

- Jill Vieth and Vince Murphy discuss the challenges of long-term planning and the reliability of data.
- The CRP uses data intervals of 2030, 2050, and 2070 for planning.
- Projects are designed to be adaptable, with updates every 10 years.
- The need for a balance between long-term planning and short-term flexibility is highlighted.

Waterfront and Erosion Concerns

- Jeff Carlson and Vince Murphy discuss the erosion issues at the wastewater treatment facility.
- The need for resilient options for the facility due to erosion and flooding is emphasized.
- The importance of public involvement in the design process is discussed.
- The potential for using local sand for beach nourishment projects is mentioned.

Flooding and Stormwater Management

- The project at the corner of Hulbert Avenue and Easton Street is discussed.
- The goal is to manage stormwater and improve access while maintaining a public park.
- The challenges of balancing historical aesthetics with functional design are discussed.
- The importance of public consultation and input is emphasized.

Fertilizer Regulation and Education

- Jeff Carlson discusses the challenges of regulating fertilizer use and the need for better education.
- The goal is to create a formal education program for landscapers and homeowners.
- The importance of making information available online and in multiple formats is emphasized.
- The potential for using local regulations to improve environmental outcomes is discussed.

Air Quality Monitoring and Public Health

- The need for local air quality monitoring is discussed.
- The importance of measuring fine particulate matter and ozone levels is emphasized.
- The potential for using local data to provide health warnings to the public is discussed.
- The challenges of getting local data and the need for public health benefits are highlighted.

Meeting Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting is made by Caroline Baltzer and seconded by Liza Hatton.
- Roll call vote: Caroline aye, Liza aye, Christy aye, Dawn aye, Jill aye. Passes unanimously.