## Acing the Aquifer:

Field Methods to Help Keep the Budget Under Par at the Bass River Golf Course



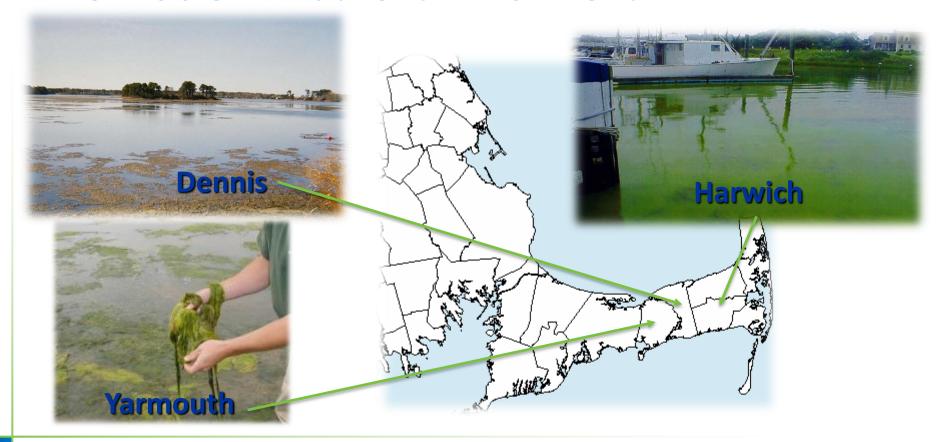
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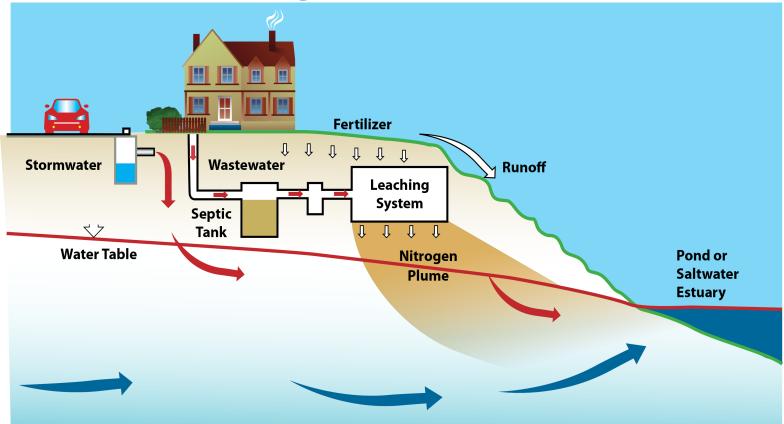




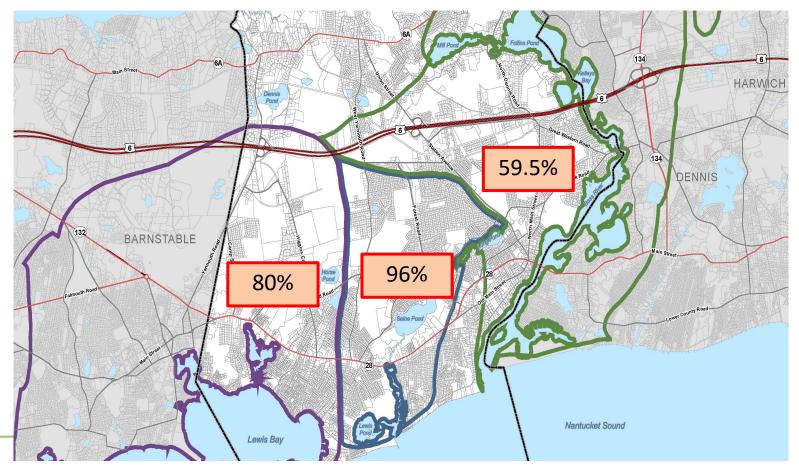
### The Problem: Nutrient Enrichment



## The Source: Nitrogen in Groundwater



#### Septic System Nitrogen Removal Required to Restore Water Quality



## Bass River Golf Course (BRGC)





### Field Methods











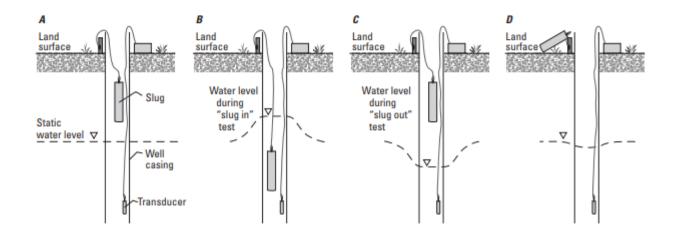


## **Grain Size Distribution Analysis**



Benefits	Cons	Distance/Influence	Cost
Easy to collect, analyze & interpret	<ul> <li>Limited spatial influence</li> </ul>	Wellbore	\$

## Slug Testing



Benefits	Cons	Distance/Influence	Cost
<ul><li>Few equipment needs</li><li>Quick</li></ul>	Requires wells	Wellbore	\$

## Hydraulic Test – Laban's Pond



Benefits	Cons	Distance/Influence	Cost
<ul><li>Few equipment needs</li><li>Large spatial influence</li></ul>	<ul><li>Time</li><li>Requires</li><li>waterbody</li></ul>	Partial Site	\$\$

## **Aquifer Pumping Test**



Benef	fits	Cons	Distance/Influence	Cost
Yields addi aquifer info		Equipment requirements	Partial Site	\$\$

## Long-Term Monitoring



Benefits	Cons	Distance/Influence	Cost
<ul><li>Low effort</li><li>Captures response to rain events</li></ul>	• Time	Site-wide	\$-\$\$

## **Small-Scale Load Test**



Benefits	Cons	Distance/Influence	Cost
<ul> <li>Wider scale of influence</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Space</li><li>Water Source</li></ul>	Partial Site	\$\$

# Summary

Method	Benefits	Distance/Influence	General Costs
Grain Size Distribution Analysis	<ul> <li>Easy to collect and analyze</li> </ul>	Wellbore	\$
Slug Test	Quick to perform	Wellbore	\$
Aquifer Pumping Test	<ul> <li>Yields additional information</li> </ul>	Partial site	\$\$
Pond Hydraulic Test	Large spatial influence	Partial site	\$\$
Long-term Monitoring	Low effort	Site-wide	\$ - \$\$
Small-Scale Load Test	Large spatial influence	Partial site	\$\$
Large-Scale Load Test	Large spatial influence	Site-wide	\$\$\$

## **Key Points**

- Start small
- Tailor methods to site
- Spatial coverage
- Variety of methods leads to greater confidence
- Emphasize long-term monitoring



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