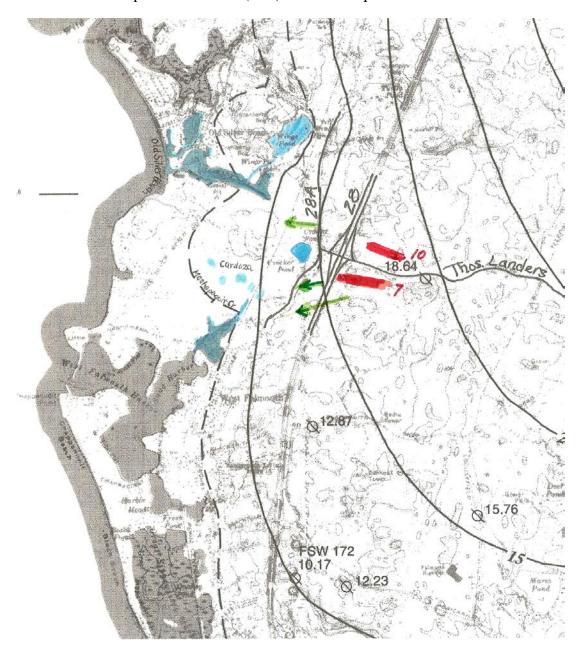
Friends, Neighbors, Town Meeting Members and Environmental Professionals,

The Town is planning to expand wastewater management to Falmouth's south coast estuaries to the east of Falmouth Heights. This presently includes the possibility of pumping the wastewater from that area to the treatment facility on Blacksmith Shop Road for the discharge of the effluent to Site 7 (south of Thomas Landers Road 400 yards from Crocker Pond) and Site 10 (north of Thomas Landers Road). The current estimate for development Phases 1 & 2 of sewer development is roughly 1.6 million gallons of effluent per day, per the plan for the sewer option only. Based on groundwater flow modeling, discharge to Site 7 has the likelihood of impacting West Falmouth Harbor, Crocker Pond and other surface waters and Buzzards Bay estuaries. Effluent discharge to Site 10 could impact Crocker Pond, Wings Pond, Herring Brook and other surface waters. The Buzzards Bay Coalition has also raised these concerns. An environmental impact assessment (EIA) has not been completed for effluent discharge to either of these sites. Ashumet Pond continues to be adversely impacted by the effluent discharge from the wastewater treatment facility at the Massachusetts Military Reservation.

We ask that, prior to taking any further action or expending public funds toward developing or evaluating Site 7 and Site 10 for wastewater effluent discharge capacity, the EIA of the plan be completed, posted on the Town's website with public notification of its posting and a public forum be held to discuss the findings of the EIA. Moreover, since nitrogen Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) have not been set for most of the downstream surface waters from Sites 7 and 10, this should not be a reason to proceed with the effluent discharge plan. The TMDLs for all of the downstream surface waters and whether these TMDLs would be exceeded by the plan should be included in the EIA. We do not want to trade or risk the fouling of clean surface waters in the West and North Falmouth areas as a result of the restoration of south coast estuaries.

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The aquifer in North and West Falmouth is being proposed, by our town, as a resource that is capable of absorbing 1.6 million gallons per day of treated wastewater at site 7 or 10. The fact that these waters are relatively well protected by surrounding conservation land is thought of as a good reason to place wastewater infiltration here. However before this is allowed a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)should be required.



Site 7 and 10 Proposed Infiltration Sites in red. Waters in blue from North to South include Wing's Pond and Herring Creek, Herring Marsh, Crocker Pond, cedar swamps and vernal pools at The 300 Committee Cardoza Land, Mashapaquit Creek and West Falmouth Harbor. Water flow generally is perpendicular to groundwater contour lines (green arrows).