

Town of Nantucket
Coastal Management Principles
For Town-Owned/Operated Property

Coastal Erosion

The following principles define the Town of Nantucket's approach to dealing with coastal erosion:

1. That the Town of Nantucket identifies areas of concern that threaten public infrastructure or threaten critical habitat including but not limited to endangered species habitat, town roads and significant public infrastructure.
2. Any person(s) wishing to apply for a coastal erosion project permit on town-owned land must provide a public benefit statement to the Board of Selectmen for review prior to filing the application with any federal, state, or local agency. Public benefit statement is required for the Town of Nantucket to sign any application as the property owner.
3. Any erosion control measure being proposed on town owned land shall be permitted by all proper federal, state and local agencies and any proposed project shall contain the following components prior to the authorization of use for town owned land:
 - a. Demonstration of no adverse impact to surrounding properties.
 - b. Demonstration of how the project protects public infrastructure or areas of public concern.
 - c. A mitigation protocol for the removal of the erosion control structure including appropriate funds in perpetuity for removal of the permitted structure.
 - d. Permanent improvement of public access to the coastal area, such as permanent easements across private lands to the coastal area.
 - e. Construction protocols with contact information for all permit holders and contractors involved with the project.
 - f. A monitoring and reporting protocol including beach profiling, nourishment volumes and the integrity of the structure.
 - g. Presentation of the proposed project in a public hearing with the Board of Selectmen or County Commissioners.
4. Copies of all required federal, state and local permits are to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen a minimum of 1 month prior to the scheduled public hearing.
5. The Town of Nantucket shall not fund any erosion control structure unless significant public infrastructure is threatened.
6. No work on any coastal erosion structure shall take place in identified areas of protected species habitat during periods determined to be inappropriate in connection with the life cycles of such species.