

## Response to Stakeholder Questions

### Questions asked by Nantucket Coastal Conservancy and responses in blue from the Project Team.

**About the Arcadis Baxter Road Project:** Would it be possible to obtain an organizational chart (noting areas of responsibilities) for this project, similar to the one that has been developed for the overall Coastal Resilience Plan?

*This item has been provided to Vince Murphy and is available at: <https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/2122/Baxter-Road-Engineering-Feasibility-Asse>*

**About the fifth alternative listed in the Scope of Services:** Please explain what the fifth alternative means. Here is the wording for the fifth alternative: Homeowner/Community Outreach on SOP (Standards of Practice) and BMP (Best Management Practices.)

*We provided explanation of this item at the stakeholder sessions, including the update to the Select Board and the public workshop held with the Select Board and town departments. To clarify, Arcadis will provide short guidance documents on best practices that homeowners and property owners can implement to help mitigate over-bluff erosion from stormwater runoff, etc. We will be building upon existing guidance available at the State level and directing property owners to best practices and strategies most relevant for Nantucket.*

**About the assessment of impacts to the tax base for one selected alternative:** We note that under Task 1 in the Scope of Services, an assessment of impacts to the tax base for one of the selected alternatives will be conducted. (The alternatives are bluff stabilization, nourishment, retreat/relocate road, no action, and Homeowner/Community Outreach on SOP and BMP.) Our question is: Which alternative will be selected? Or has been selected? What criteria will be used to make the selection? Who will decide which alternative will be selected?

*The retreat/relocate scenario is most likely to have the highest impact to the tax base. At this time, no alternative has been selected, but it is likely that the retreat/relocate alternative will be selected for assessment of impacts to the tax base, based on the criteria of assessing the scenario with the likely highest impact.*

**About the public-policy implications:** What public-policy precedent would be set by allowing private property owners on Baxter Road, in an attempt to protect their houses, to use (degrade, and eventually destroy) beach property owned by the inhabitants of Nantucket? Is this a policy Town officials want to establish for the entire island? As we said during our stakeholder discussion, the **Arcadis team needs to consider the matter of Baxter Road in the overall context of the island.**

*Ultimately, policy decisions will be made by the Town. Arcadis is considering the matter of Baxter Road in the overall context of the island and is evaluating alternatives on both a feasibility basis and societal/environmental basis. We will provide information that can be used by stakeholders and Town leadership to make decisions in the near- and long-term for Baxter Road.*