

Coastal Adaptation Efforts in Rhode Island



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NARRAGANSETT BAY

Adaptation Strategies

- Upland
 - Adopt activities that facilitate marsh migration
 - Change/move land use activities that inhibit marsh migration
 - Remove physical barriers
- In-Marsh
 - Drainage improvements (small creek excavation)
 - Elevation enhancement
 - Erosion control along marsh edge



Colt State Park, Bristol



Bike path in marsh area

Mowed marsh area

Image U.S. Geological Survey

1995

Google earth

Colt State Park, Bristol



Bike path relocated in late 1990s
and "mow line" moved inland

1996: marsh mowed



Marsh after path moved



City Park Beach shoreline regrading, Warwick



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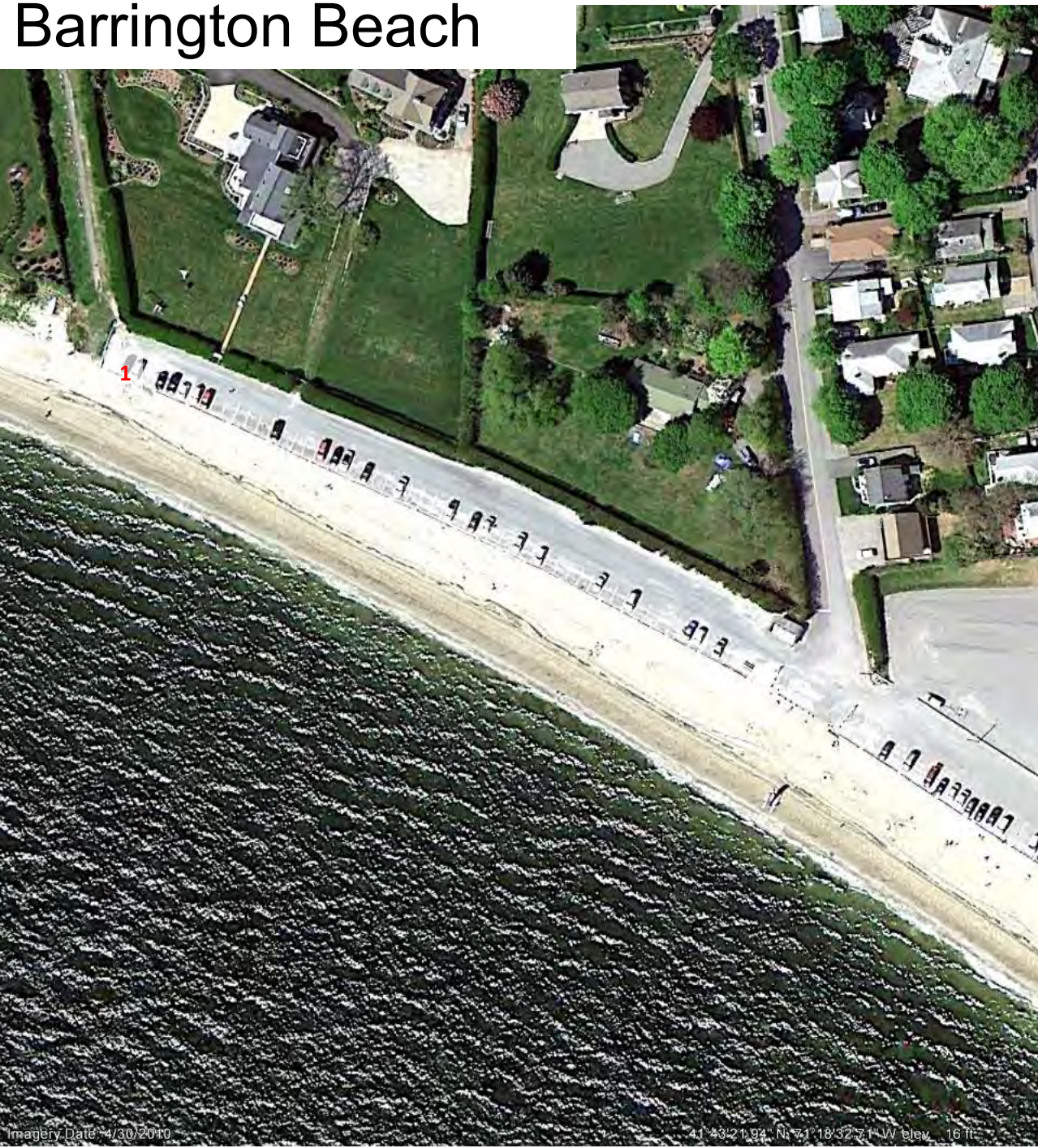


Photo taken 6.10



Photo taken 9.11

Barrington Beach



1: Erosion of western parking area



2. Erosion from parking lot runoff



Google

Barrington Beach



1

Pkg
Lot removal

2

Parking lot edge moved inland
~10' along entire length of
parking lot

3

1-3: stormwater filtration areas

Asphalt being removed



Parking lot removal area post construction



Dune grass planting in former parking area



Allins Cove, Barrington



Eroded bank at base of Byway Rd



Coir envelope installation



Stillhouse Cove, Cranston



Hazard Beach/Ocean Drive, Newport



April 2013 aerial photo

Hazard Beach pre-Sandy aerial



Dune erosion area: cedar now at front of vegetated area



April 2012 aerial photo

King Park, Newport

Aerial image 4.2013



Coir envelope installation area

Erosion along boat ramp



Before

Shoreline looking east



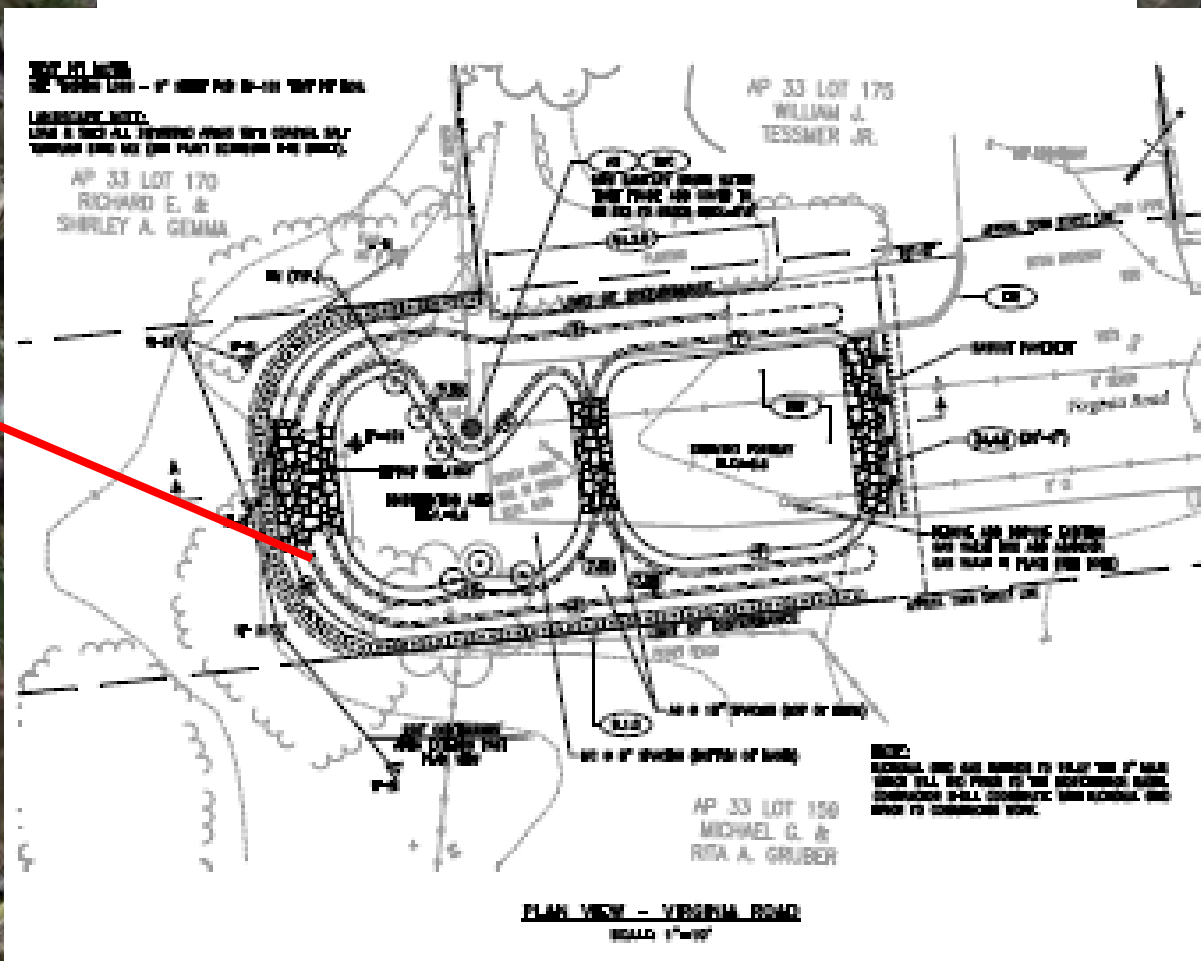
After

Shoreline looking east after 1st coir envelope installed and covered with sand



End of Road Retrofits

Proposed end of road retrofit to remove pavement and infiltrate stormwater before entering marsh along 100 Acre Cove



Belvedere St. Palmer River, Barrington



100 ft to first driveway, *Phragmites* present, used as public shoreline access, some evidence of runoff impacts; tidal flooding of lower road to driveway; opportunity for pavement removal

Warren End of Road Assessment

- 1. Bridge St.
- 2. Beach St.
- 3. Maple St.
- 4. Riverview St.
- 5. Libby Ln.
- 6. Parker Ave.
- 7. Patterson Ave.
- 8. Lincoln St.
- 9. Harding Ave.
- 10. Laurel Ln.
- 11. Clark Rd.
- 12. Harris Ave.
- 13. Maple Rd.
- 14. Palmer Ave.
- 15. John Street



Mill Cove Road, Warwick



Mill Cove Rd

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104 ft

Imagery Date: 4/2/2012

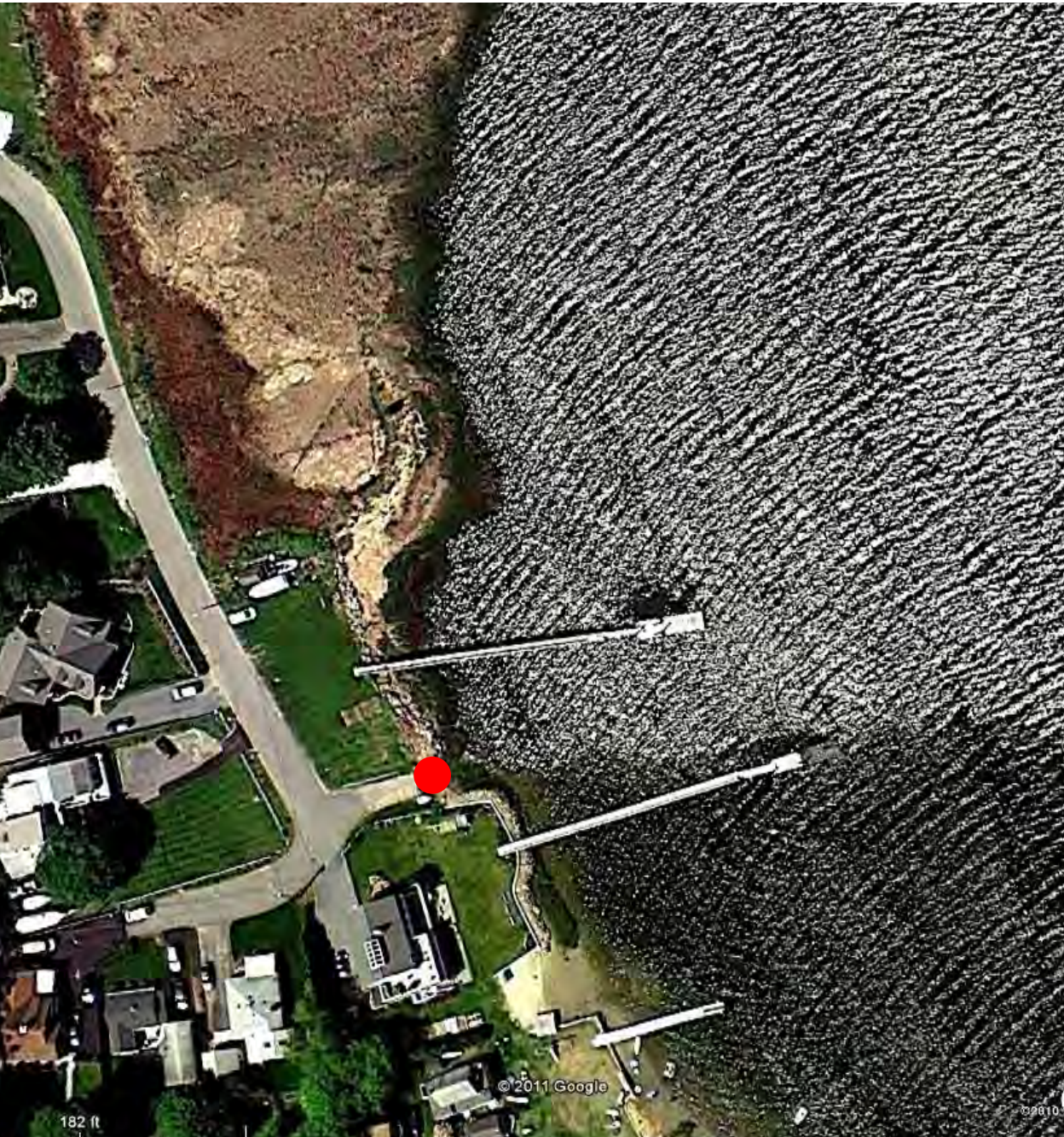
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Eye alt 466 ft

Mill Cove Road, Warwick



Clark Road, Kickemuit River, Warren



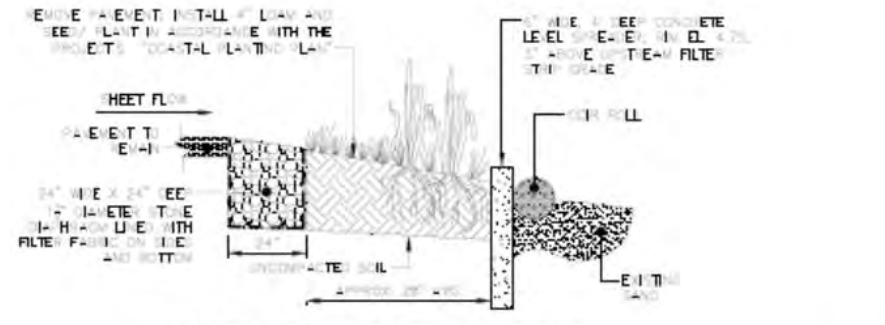
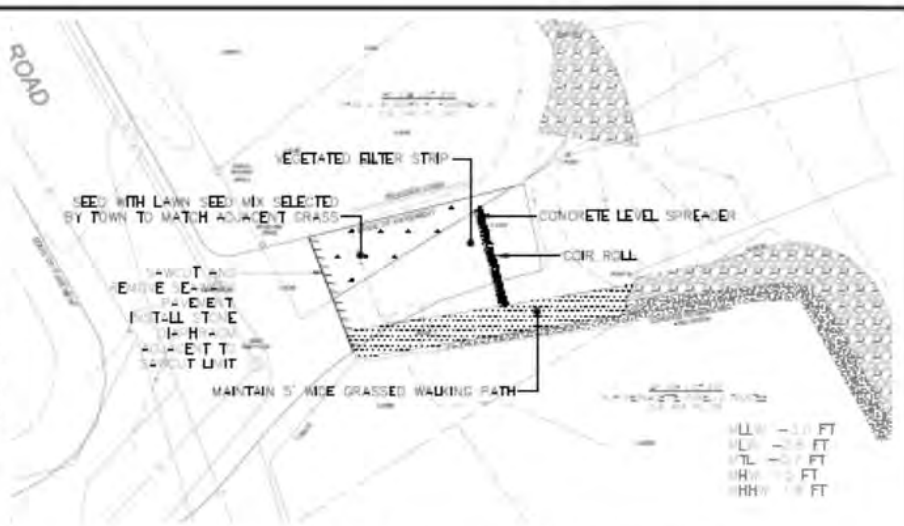
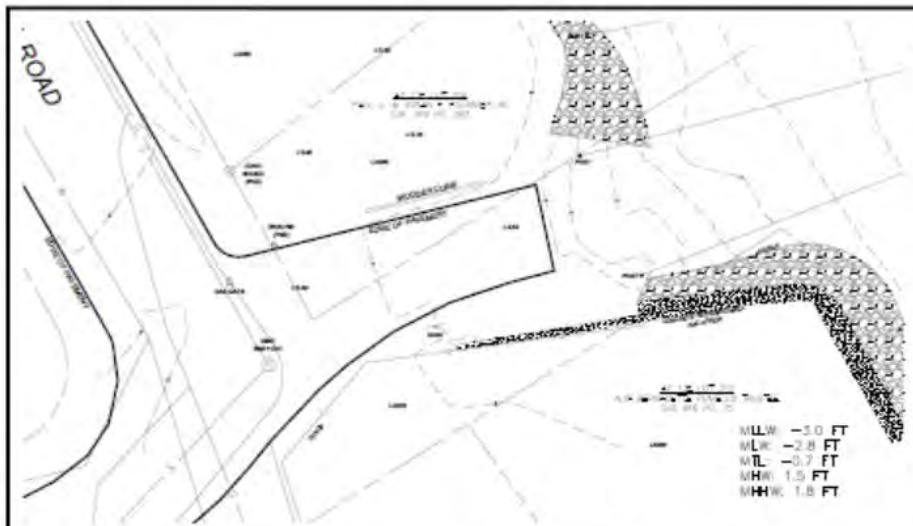
Road removal area



Marsh at end of road



Clark Road, Warren



EXISTING STREET VIEW

PROPOSED STREET VIEW

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114 1"=1" SCALE

WARREN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
 CLARK ROAD EXISTING CONDITIONS
 END-OF-ROAD PAVEMENT REMOVAL AND STORMWATER BMP DESIGN

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FIG. 1

Clark Road, Warren



Kickemuit Ave., Bristol





Elgin Ave./Lexington Ave, North Kingstown



Ash St. South Kingstown



Opportunity for pavement removal and creation of area for runoff infiltration



Atlantic Avenue, Westerly, Winnapaug Pond



Area of pavement removal to create
sediment forebay and filter strip

Edgewater Drive, Apponaug Cove, Warwick

Flooding during a moon tide



1

Ponded water at low tide



2

Potential area to limit vehicular access

2

1



Rocky Point: Warwick



Potential shoreline regrading site by removing cement seawall to provide room for inland migration of beach

NARRAGANSETT BAY, RHODE ISLAND:

Warwick, Rocky Point

SHORELINE CHANGE 1939-2003




Rachel E. Hahre and Jon C. Boothroyd

EXPLANATION

DIGITAL SHORELINE ANALYSIS

-  DSAS Transect
-  Baseline

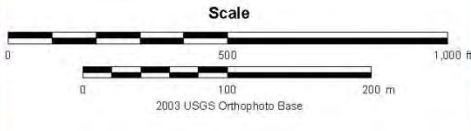
SHORELINE

- High Water Lines
-  1939
 -  1975
 -  2003

SHORELINE CHANGE

End Point Distance **27.5 ft**
8.4 m

End Point Rate **0.4 ft**
0.13 m



Erosion rate between 20-29' between 1930 and 2003

India Point Park Shoreline Adaptation



Proposed path relocation
Phase 2

Proposed path relocation
Phase 1

Edge eroding behind the
seawall



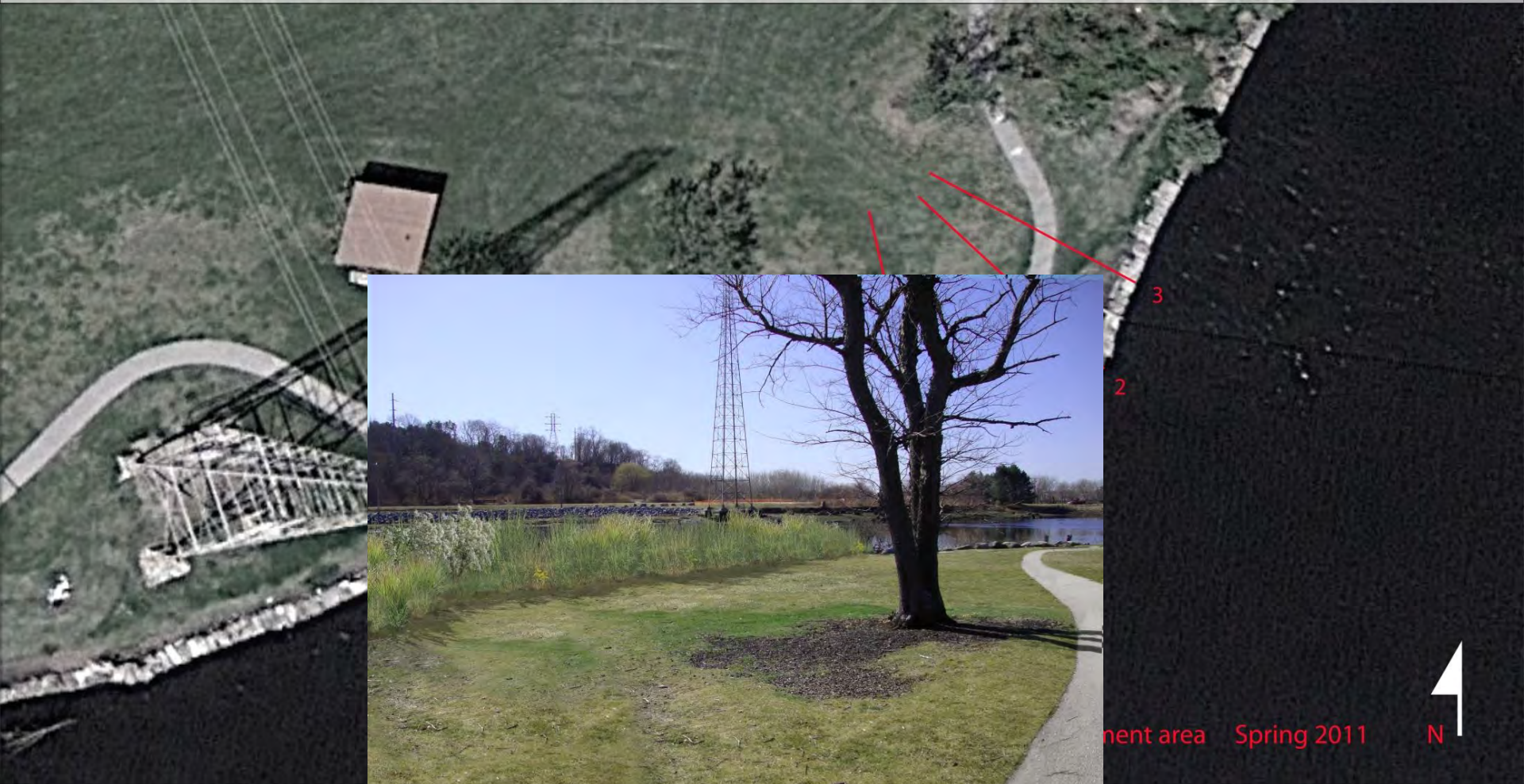
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ment area Spring 2011



Seapowet Point, Tiverton



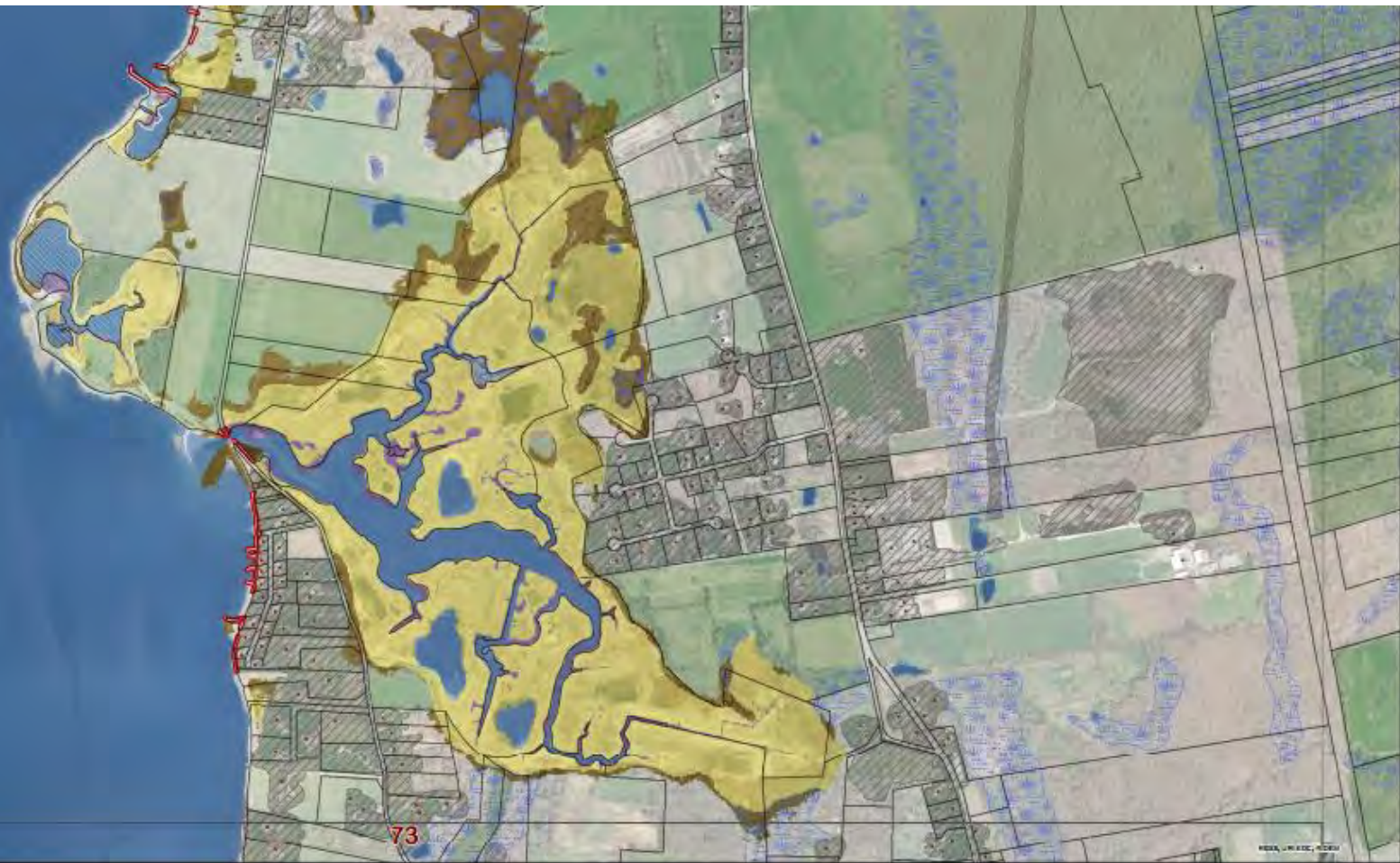
Opportunity to move mow line inland to allow wetland forming behind beach to migrate inland



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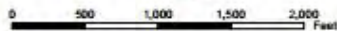
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Map 68



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- Potential Marsh Zone
- Persistent Marsh Zone
- Potential Marsh Loss
- Open Water and Tidal Flat
- Current Fresh Wetlands
- Protected Open Space
- Hardened Shores
- Buildings
- Parcel Boundaries
- Developed Land
- CRMC Coastal Barriers

Tidal Marsh Vulnerability Analysis: One Foot Sea Level Rise Model

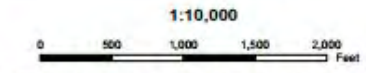


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Tidal Marsh Vulnerability Analysis: Five Foot Sea Level Rise Model



Thank You

