



Pocasset Water Quality Coalition

March 2021

We have been working with the Town of Bourne Conservation Agent and the Department of Natural Resources to restore the Hen Cove Beach. The Shore & Harbor Committee contributed as well. As many of you know, in 2011 Hen Cove was dredged (see photo). The spoils from the dredging were placed in a giant hole that was created in the beach. To restore the beach, sand was brought in to rebuild the surface. This sand, that currently covers the beach, is far inferior to the sand that was removed for this 2011 project. Now the dredge material has started to seep out onto the surface of the beach.

Beginning in the week of March 29, 2021 the Town will begin removing the inferior sand and the dredge spoils from the beach. Once the poor materials are removed new sand will be brought in to bring the beach back as close to 2010 quality as possible. This entire process should take just 1 week. During this construction there will be large trucks and construction equipment traffic. Please be patient with driving delays that may occur while our beach is being restored. This is the first step in addressing the situation in Hen Cove.

Recently a new underground drainage container was installed at the east end of the beach. This was done to alleviate the flooding during heavy rain. During this project 2 more containers will be added to further improve drainage.

Also, this spring there will be samplings of shellfish taken from Hen Cove, Barlow's Landing as well as the northern side of Wings Neck Road. These shellfish will be compared to shellfish taken from Wellfleet and sent to a laboratory for analysis. The data will be compared to establish a baseline of quality. This is only the beginning of engineering studies that have and will be conducted around Hen Cove and Wings Neck Road.

We want to thank all who have joined the Pocasset Water Quality Coalition (PWQC). We will update you as more information becomes available. Reminder, your 2021 annual PWQC dues, \$20, and contributions can be mailed to P.O. Box 852, Pocasset, MA 02559. You can also pay or donate at www.PocassetWaterQuality.org

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