



**Media Advisory:
Public Informational Meeting on Muddy Creek Restoration Bridge**

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For Immediate Release (Chatham, MA) - The Towns of Chatham and Harwich are hosting a public informational meeting to present design plans for the Muddy Creek Restoration Bridge. The project is currently undergoing review by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and local, state and federal environmental permitting agencies.

The presentation will review the restoration benefits associated with the project, including significantly improved water quality in Muddy Creek, restoration of 55 acres of salt marsh and other wetland resources, and enhanced wildlife and fisheries habitat. The presentation on bridge design also will touch on traffic management during construction, and the anticipated project timeline.

Muddy Creek is a tidal river within the Pleasant Bay Area of Critical Environmental Concern. The restoration bridge project is the culmination of more than a decade of study undertaken by the Towns, Pleasant Bay Alliance, Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration (MassDER), and Cape Cod Conservation District. Funding for the project is being provided by the Towns, MassDER, the US Department of the Interior through the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act (Hurricane Sandy Resiliency Funding) and the US Fish & Wildlife Service Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program.

Who: Hosted by the Towns of Harwich and Chatham
Presentation by Town officials and design engineer, CDR Maguire

What: Brief presentation of design plans and review of restoration benefits. Design plans will be on display. Local officials and members of the project design team will be on hand to answer questions.

When: 7 p.m., Thursday, April 2, 2015

Where: Chatham Community Center (large meeting room)
702 Main Street
Chatham, MA 02633

