



Natural Resource Area Nitrogen Sensitive Areas

Status as of November 2022

OVERVIEW

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Natural Resource Area Nitrogen Sensitive Area (NSA) map identifies watersheds or coastal drainage areas to embayments or sub-embayments that will or may be designated as Natural Resource Area NSAs if the proposed revisions to MassDEP's Title 5 regulations (310 CMR 15.000), relating to septic systems, are promulgated. Information and draft regulations concerning how that NSA designation process and MassDEP's complementary draft Watershed Permit Regulations (314 CMR 21.00) will work can be found at: [310 CMR 15.000: Septic Systems \("Title 5"\) | Mass.gov](#)

This preliminary map is provided for general, informational purposes only and is not a legally binding document. Coastal watersheds that are depicted as gray have either not yet been evaluated for nitrogen impacts, but may be in the future, or have been evaluated and determined to-date not to be nitrogen impacted.

LEGEND

- Watersheds with final total nitrogen TMDLs that MassDEP will automatically designate as Natural Resource Area NSAs upon promulgation of the proposed Title 5 amendments
- Watersheds with final total nitrogen TMDLs that MassDEP may designate as Natural Resource Area NSAs in the future, after promulgation of the proposed Title 5 amendments
- Watersheds with currently accepted MEP reports, but not final total nitrogen TMDLs, that MassDEP may designate as Natural Resource Area NSAs in the future, after promulgation of the proposed Title 5 amendments

