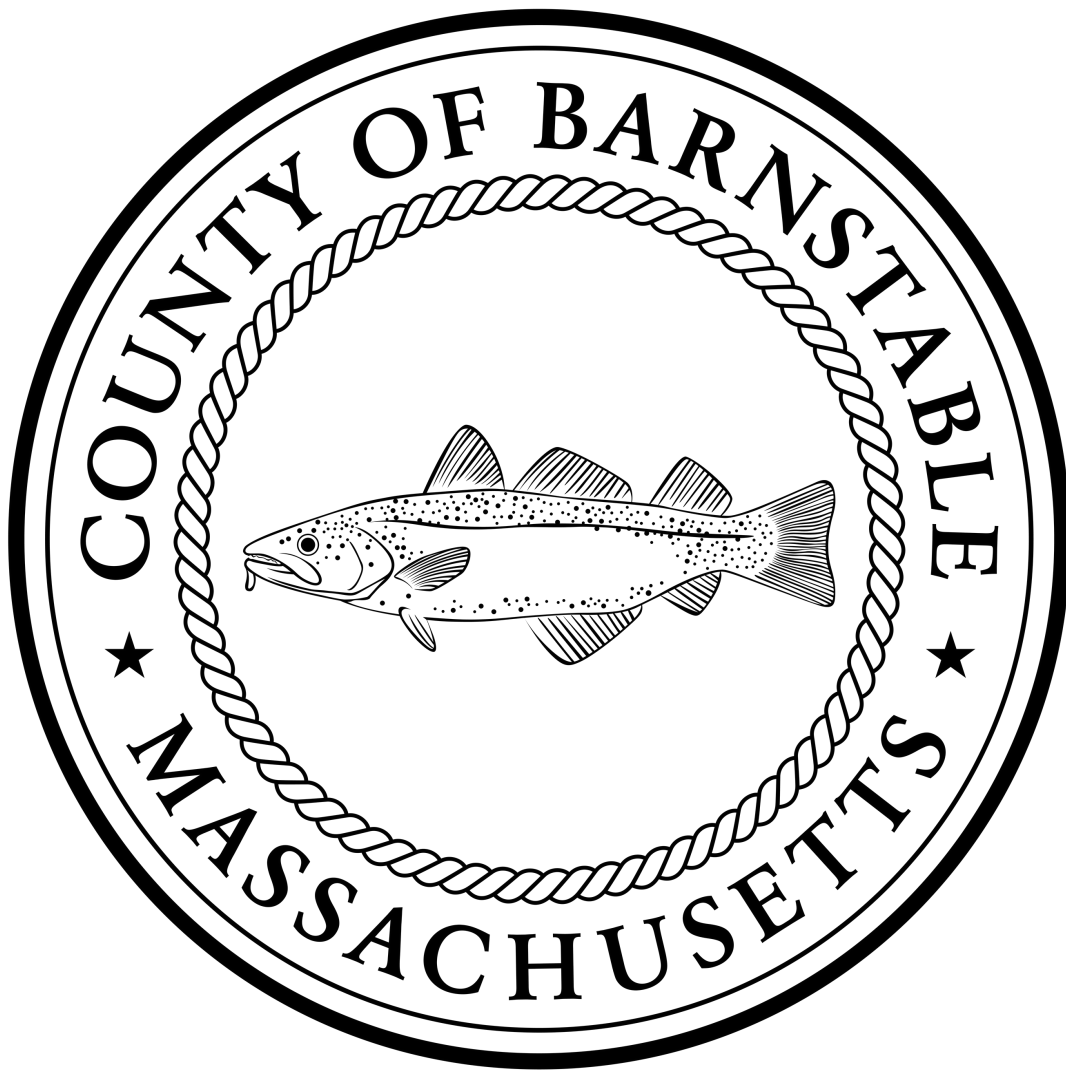


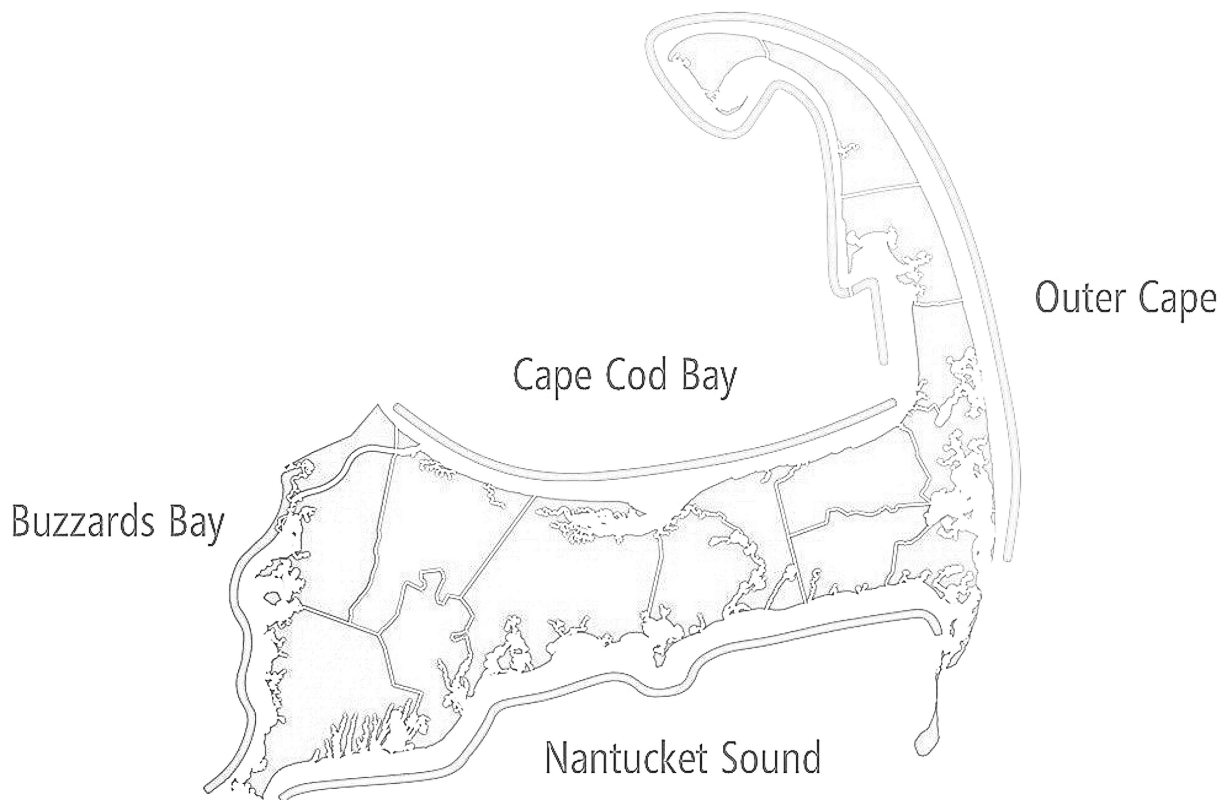
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CAPE COD



Did you know? Cape Cod is also called Barnstable County, which is the name for our local government that looks after the region. This area includes 15 towns. Around 231,735 people live here all year, but in summer, more people come to visit.

Cape Cod is our home, where we work and have fun. The main job of Barnstable County is to help all the towns and people here to make sure Cape Cod stays a safe and healthy place to enjoy.

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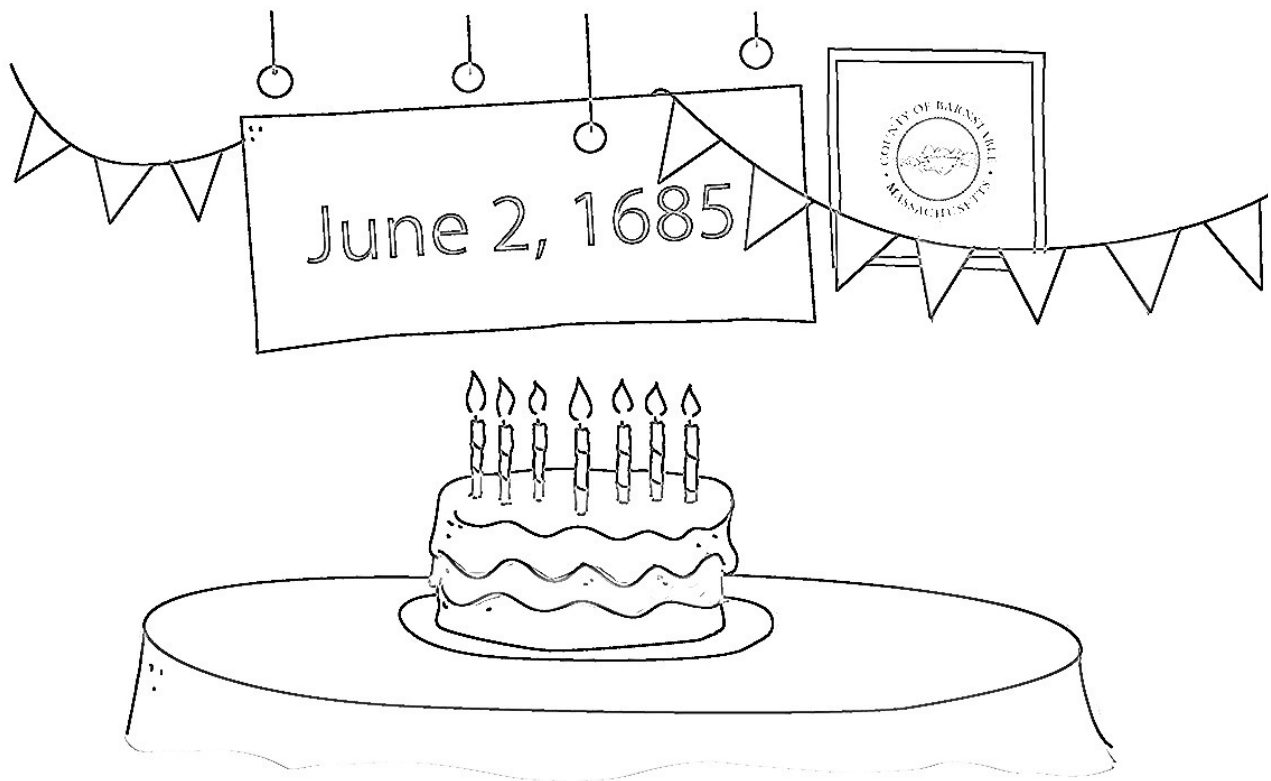
COUNTY OFFICES



Some of the Barnstable County offices are in the historic Superior Courthouse on Route 6A in Barnstable Village.

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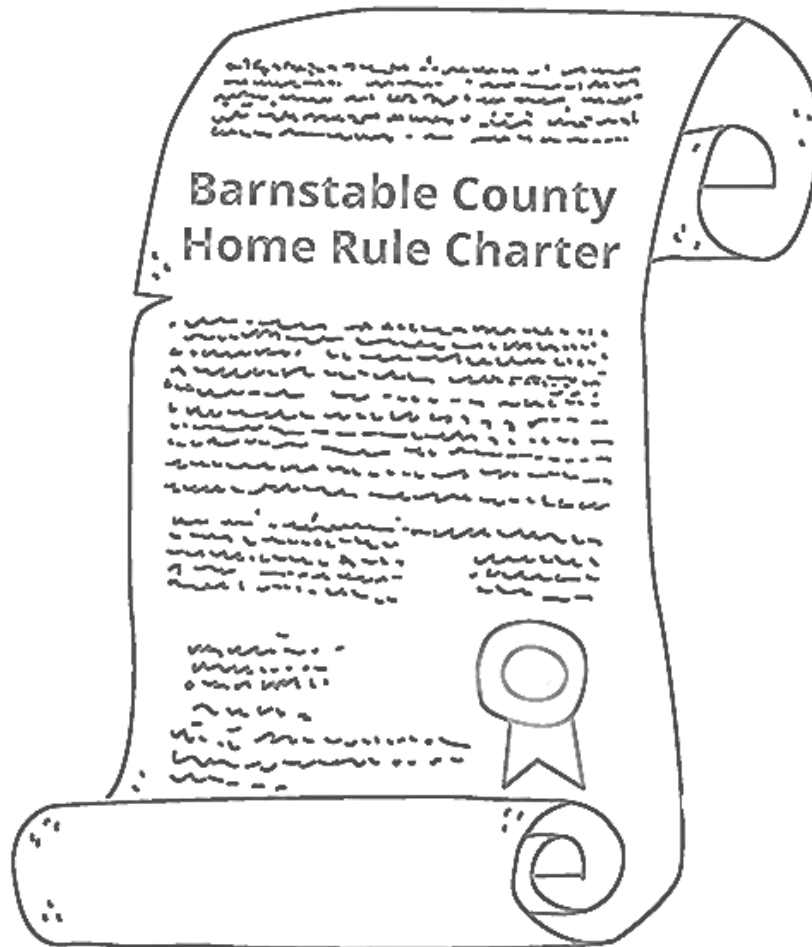
BARNSTABLE COUNTY'S BIRTHDAY



Barnstable County, also known as Cape Cod, officially started as a regional government on June 2, 1685.

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HOME RULE CHARTER



In 1989, Barnstable County created a new set of rules called the Home Rule Charter. The Home Rule Charter let the county decide on many things by itself and helped the county solve many of its own problems without relying as much on the state government.

On Cape Cod, each of the 15 towns has its own government and leaders, and county's job as a regional government is to assist all the towns with tasks they might find difficult to accomplish on their own.

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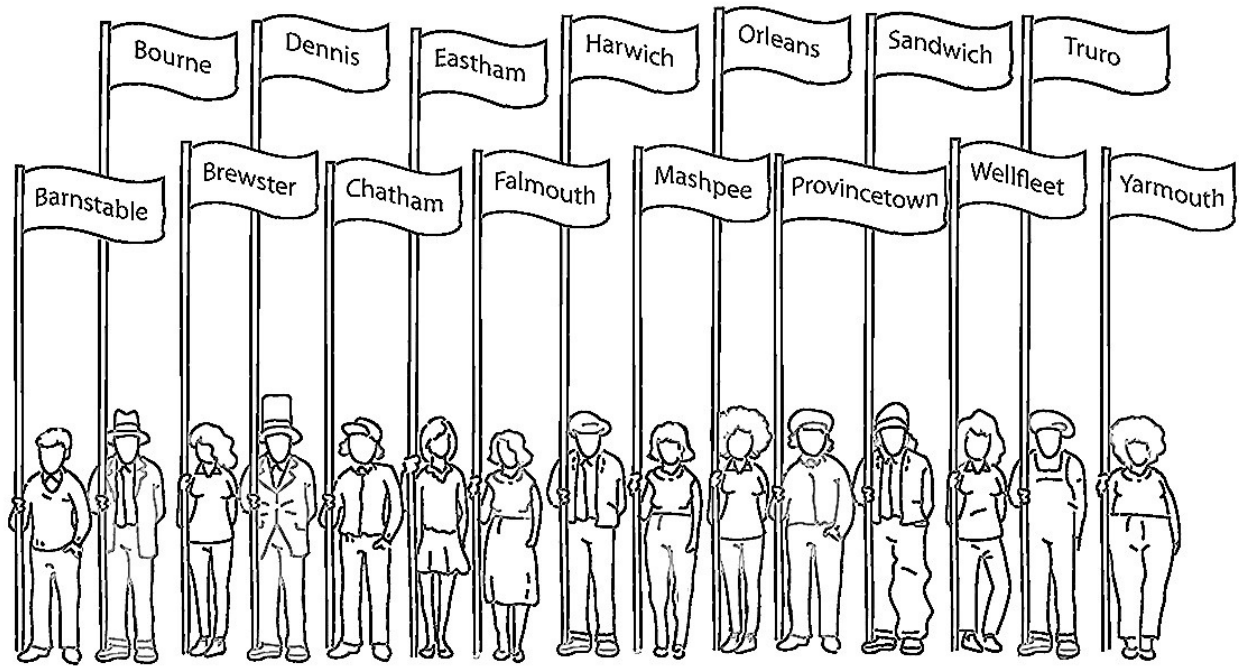
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



The Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners, a team of three elected leaders, makes important decisions for our community. They manage the county's money and services, and they choose the County Administrator, who helps run things every day.

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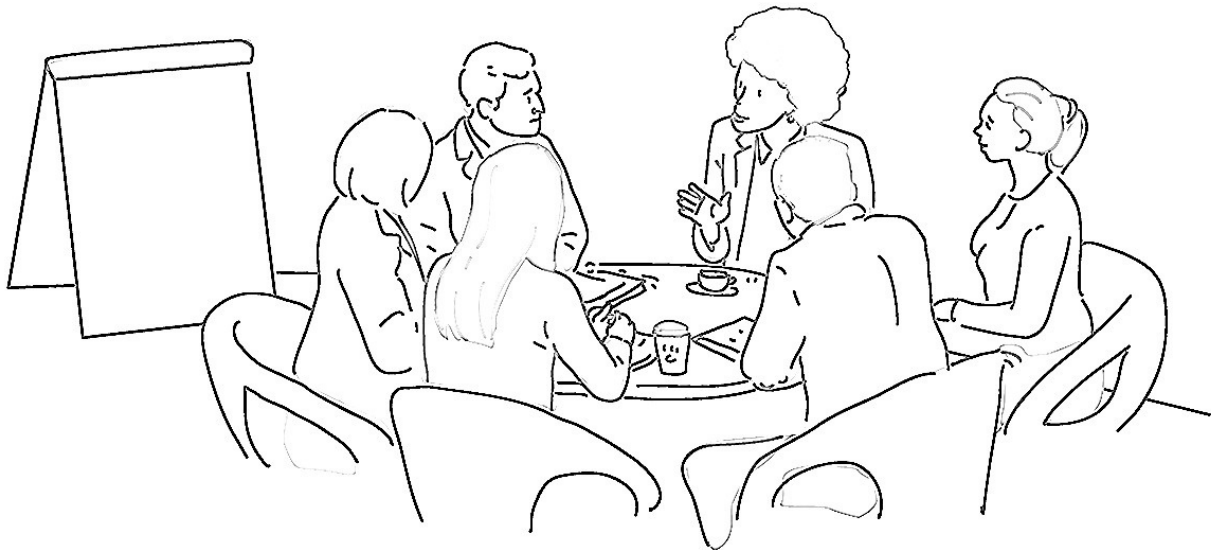
ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES



The Assembly of Delegates, with 15 representatives from our county's towns, works together, making important decisions on how to spend county money. Each delegate's vote is powerful in its own way, depending on how many people live in their town, ensuring that every town on Cape Cod gets a say in our county's future.

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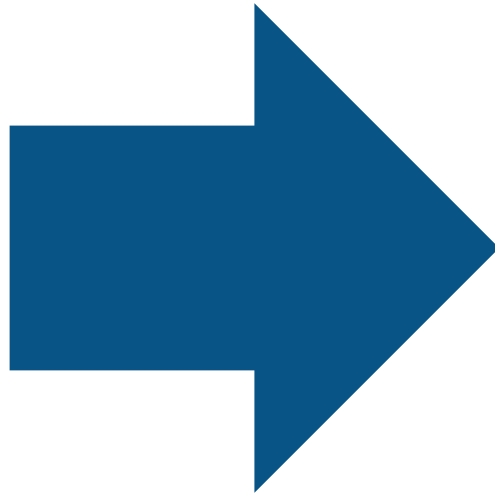
CAPE COD COMMISSION



On Cape Cod, we also have the Cape Cod Commission, a special agency created in 1990. They help plan how land is used, support businesses to grow, and make sure rules are followed, all to keep Cape Cod's special places safe and healthy for the future.

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**A FEW EXAMPLES OF HOW
BARNSTABLE COUNTY
HELPS CAPE COD!**



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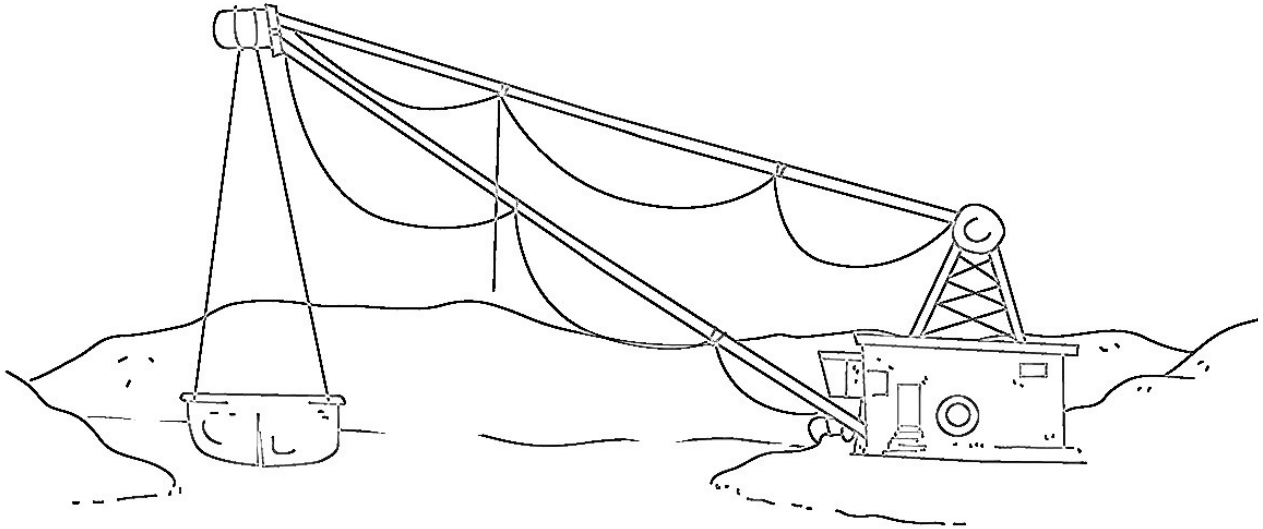
PROTECTING CAPE COD'S WATER



One of Barnstable County's important tasks for all of Cape Cod is making sure the water at our beaches and ponds is clean and safe, so everyone can enjoy them.

NAME: _____

DREDGING OUR WATERWAYS



Dredging is when we clean and fix the waterways on Cape Cod to keep them healthy and safe. It helps the water stay clear for fish, boats, and keeps the beaches nice for us. All the towns except Brewster use this helpful service because Brewster doesn't have any big waterways that need it.

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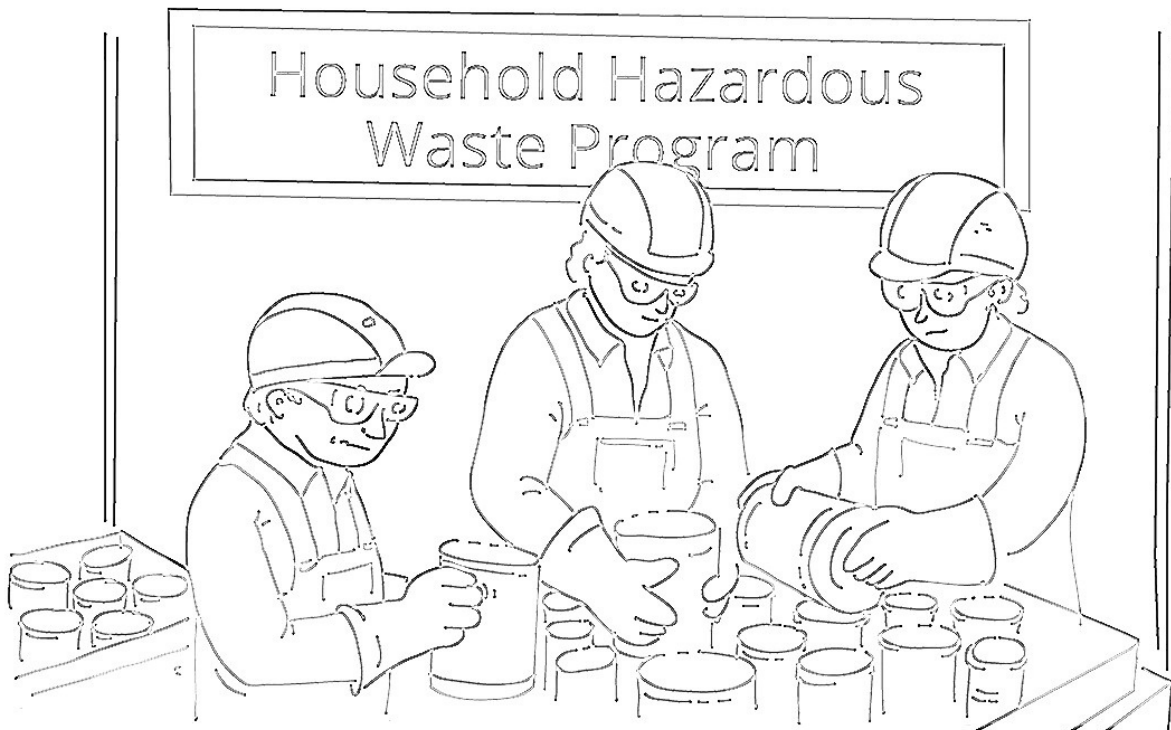
HELPING IN WEATHER EMERGENCIES



When big storms or weather events happen, Barnstable County's Emergency Planning team works fast with other local and state groups to make sure everyone stays safe. They set up special places where people can go to be protected from the storm.

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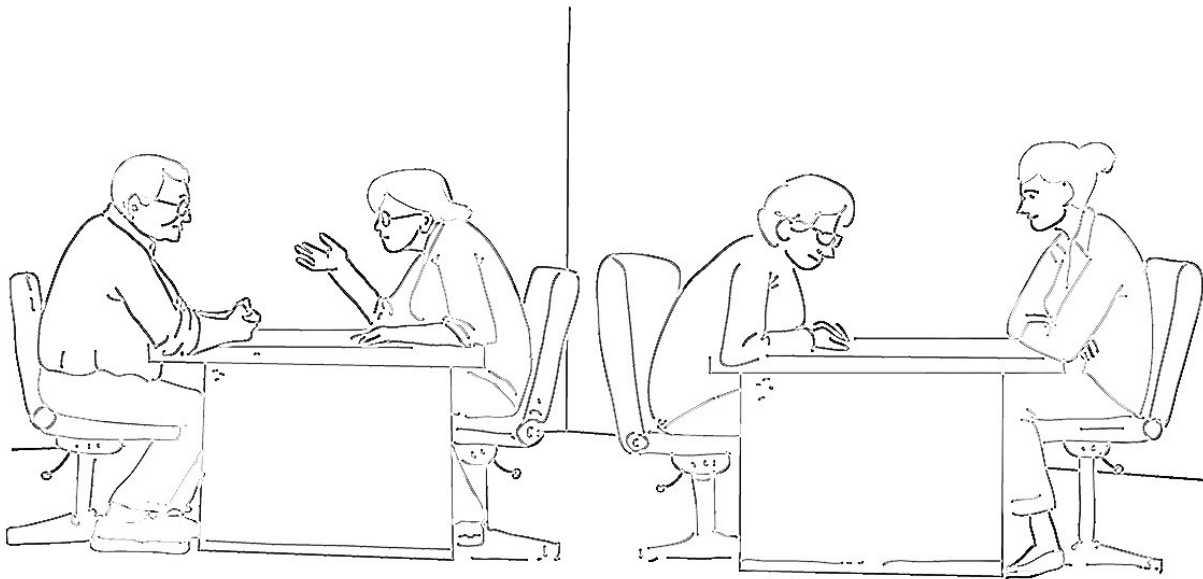
COLLECTING HAZARDOUS WASTE



Barnstable County helps protect our environment and our health by safely collecting dangerous chemicals, like mercury and lead paints, from our homes so they don't harm our earth or water.

NAME: _____

HELPING OLDER ADULTS



Medicare is like a special program that helps older people pay for their doctor visits and medicine, so they can stay healthy without spending lots of money. At Barnstable County, we have helpers who explain how this program works to our older adults, making it easy for them to get the care they need.

NAME: _____

WORKING TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE



We want to make sure kids on Cape Cod feel safe. At Barnstable County, we have a department called Children's Cove. Children's Cove helps kids feel safe by listening to them and making sure their voices are heard so they can live healthy and happy lives.

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AMERICORPS CAPE COD



AmeriCorps is a big team of volunteers from all over the country. They join different programs, like the one at Barnstable County, to help with the environment, teach people, and keep everyone safe during emergencies on Cape Cod.