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Nantucket & Madaket Harbors Action Plan

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Nantucket, MA

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Client:

Town of Nantucket

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The institute developed the 2009 Nantucket and Madaket Harbors Action Plan with the Town of Nantucket's Harbors Plan Review Committee and Department of Marine and Coastal Resources.

The institute conducted an extensive data gathering and public participation process that resulted in a plan that details the history and current state of the environment and human uses of island's two main harbors and an identification of issues of primary concern to island residents. The plan addresses these issues through an integrated series of goals, objectives, recommendations, and an implementation framework to guide management actions and decision-making over the next five years

The plan's key objectives and strategies:

- manage existing and potential future conflicting uses of the waterfront and harbors;
- increase public access to the water;
- prioritize traditional and marine-dependent uses on the waterfront through policy and regulations;
- control the proliferation of docks and piers; and
- protect natural resources including water quality, eel-grass, and bay scallops that are important to the island's economy.

The plan was adopted by the Nantucket Board of Selectmen in May 2007 and was approved by the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs in December 2009.

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