

TIMELINE OF PROGRESS TO PROTECT NANTUCKET SOUND



2018	Defeated Cape Wind Industrial Scale Wind Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Drafted federal legislation to secure National Historic Landmark (NHL) designation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Met regularly with federal delegation in Washington DC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2019	Built core coalition of 30 stakeholder groups to support the Nantucket Sound NHL Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2020	Increased coalition support to over 80 organizations through more than 50 bill revisions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2021	Secured National Congress of American Indians resolution endorsing protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Conducted grassroots campaign to generate over 1,200 letters of support to elected officials	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2022	Initiated administrative process through U.S. Department of Interior to secure NHL designation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Develop NHL nomination application for expedited review by Interior	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pursue state nomination to include Nantucket Sound in National Estuary Program (NEP)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2023	Attain NHL designation by Secretary of Interior pursuant to Landmark committee review	<input type="checkbox"/>
2024	Introduce and pass Nantucket Sound NHL Act including NEP inclusion	<input type="checkbox"/>



Alliance staff - summer 2022

An Important Message from Audra Parker, President & CEO Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound

Nantucket Sound needs your help! This exceptional body of water remains unprotected, available for leasing, and vulnerable to industrial development, as well as to algae blooms, coastal erosion, and other environmental threats. Unlike other regional bodies of water, the Sound is split between federal and state authority, is not fully protected by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act, and is not included in the National Estuary Program (NEP). Our mission will end these threats and protect Nantucket Sound in perpetuity. We have made strong progress along multiple pathways (see reverse) to achieve this goal, but we need your support to succeed.

First, since 2018, we have been developing and pursuing the enactment of federal legislation - the **Nantucket Sound National Historic Landmark Act (NSNHLA)**. Once enacted, this legislation will:

- establish Nantucket Sound as a National Historic Landmark (NHL) – the highest level of historic protection possible;
- prevent harmful industrial development in the federal waters of Nantucket Sound consistent with protections existing today under state law;
- address diminished water quality, coastal erosion, and other environmental threats; and
- provide critical federal funding for the Cape and Islands through inclusion in the NEP.

Second, this year, jointly with the local Wampanoag tribes, we have begun to pursue federal administrative action through the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) to designate the Sound as an NHL. This process, which involves multiple federal offices and committees, leverages DOI's 2010 decision recognizing the Sound's rich tribal history and determining it is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Alliance is currently assembling a strong team of historical and legal experts to successfully achieve designation of Nantucket Sound as an NHL.

Third, we are working at the state level to request that the Governor nominate Nantucket Sound as an estuary of national significance. Inclusion in the NEP would provide millions in critical funding annually for the Cape and Islands to support water quality improvement projects and other environmental efforts in and around Nantucket Sound.

The Alliance is the only organization dedicated to preserving this special body of water, and we rely on the generosity of our community to succeed. Please help us complete our mission with a tax-deductible gift today. **Your support is vital to the future of Nantucket Sound.**

Thank you!

