

2005 Update of The Harpswell Comprehensive Plan

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A. Vision Statement (2002)

**On file at Town Office*

Cundy's Harbor Working Waterfront Study (2004)

Harpswell Housing Report (2003)

Land-Use Planning: Some Hydrogeologic Consideration (2002)

2002 Update of the Harpswell Comprehensive Plan, Marine Resources (2002)

Wright-Pierce Drinking Water and Sanitary Septic Study – Phase 1 (2001)

Town of Harpswell Fishing Industry Profile (1999)

Gerber-Rand Groundwater Resource analysis, Harpswell Maine (1982)

Large Format Comprehensive Planning Maps

- Future Land Use
- Existing Land Use
- Development Constraints
- Remaining Subdividable Parcels
- New Residential Permits, 1998-2003
- Water Resources
- Drainage Basins Analysis
- Natural and Marine Resources