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Woods Hole Group awarded estuary contract with Town of Falmouth

Woods Hole Group has been awarded a contract by The Town of Falmouth for the town's Shellfish Propagation Demonstration Project. Falmouth-based Woods Hole Group was selected among three companies that responded to the town's Request for Proposals.

Through the project, Woods Hole Group will provide Nitrogen Reduction Management consulting services to the Town through municipal shellfish culture and public propagation. The primary goal is to study and demonstrate the extent to which shellfish cultivation can contribute to estuarine environmental remediation by removing nitrogen from Little Pond, located along the Vineyard Sound coast. The delivery of excess nitrogen from coastal watersheds is responsible for over fertilization of coastal embayments, causing large, sustained blooms of algae that ultimately result in significant changes to coastal ecosystems. Examples include the increase in frequency and severity of fish kills and the loss of eelgrass habitat. The culture of shellfish, particularly oysters, within nutrient-enriched estuaries has been demonstrated to improve water quality by removing excess nitrogen.

"We're thrilled that we were selected to partner with the Town of Falmouth on this important endeavor," said Woods Hole Group Vice President Bob Hamilton. "The town's estuaries and ponds are vital resources both for residents and visitors. It's refreshing to see the town taking such a proactive approach to protecting its marine ecosystems."

Woods Hole Group is a world leader in environmental sciences and engineering with significant experience and interest in beach nourishment and protection. For more information on Woods Hole Group, visit www.woodsholegroup.com

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