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**Woods Hole Group Partners with Barnstable to Ensure the Long-Term Health of Lake Wequaquet**

**(Falmouth, MA)** — Cape Cod-based Woods Hole Group ([woodsholegroup.com](http://woodsholegroup.com)) today announced a new partnership with the town of Barnstable, MA to protect the long-term future of Lake Wequaquet. Woods Hole Group, an environmental science and engineering firm headquartered in Falmouth, will be monitoring Lake Wequaquet to inventory Phosphorous sources, and to develop a long-term management plan to help the Town address multiple uses and the sustainability of the lake for years to come.

“This project gives us a chance to work cooperatively with the Town and stakeholders to foresee and plan for possible future water quality concerns on the Lake. There are questions related to the Phosphorous balance, possible proliferation of invasive vegetation, and sometimes competing uses of this valuable Lake resource,” says Bob Hamilton, V.P. and Coastal Engineer with Woods Hole Group since 1994. “Planning now, will help to preserve the lake as an environmental and economic resource, and will conserve Town resources in the long-run.”

Wequaquet, the largest lake in Barnstable at over 600 acres, is renowned for its beauty and recreational opportunities. A 2009 water quality study of Lake Wequaquet in Barnstable indicated that while water at Wequaquet was healthy, there was a need for supplemental information and data regarding sediment chemistry and other factors that affect the future health of the lake.