Brandt Island Cove Runnel Site

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FACT SHEET

Site: Brandt Island Cove, Town of Mattapoisett, Plymouth County

Ownership and Protection of Marsh: Mattapoisett Land Trust, Protected Open Space

Ownership and Protection Adjacent Parcels: Mattapoisett Land Trust, Town of Mattapoisett, Protected Open Space

Access: Park side of road, walk down a low grade embankment to enter marsh.

Elevation: 1.78 ± 0.20 ft NAVD88

MHW: 1.85 ft NAVD88

Existing drainage considerations: The marsh is on the tidally restricted side of a road, connected through a culvert (photo). The culvert does not appear to be a problem (undersized). Ditches were unvegetated and draining well. There may be some freshwater runoff from the road.

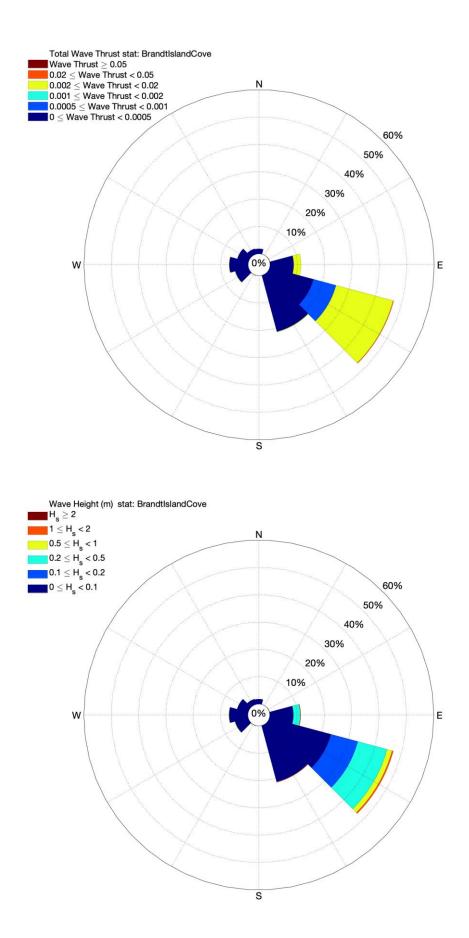
Peat condition: Peat firmness was patchy, becoming softer along the western side of the marsh where there was greater percent cover of standing water. Toward the culvert peat was firmer.

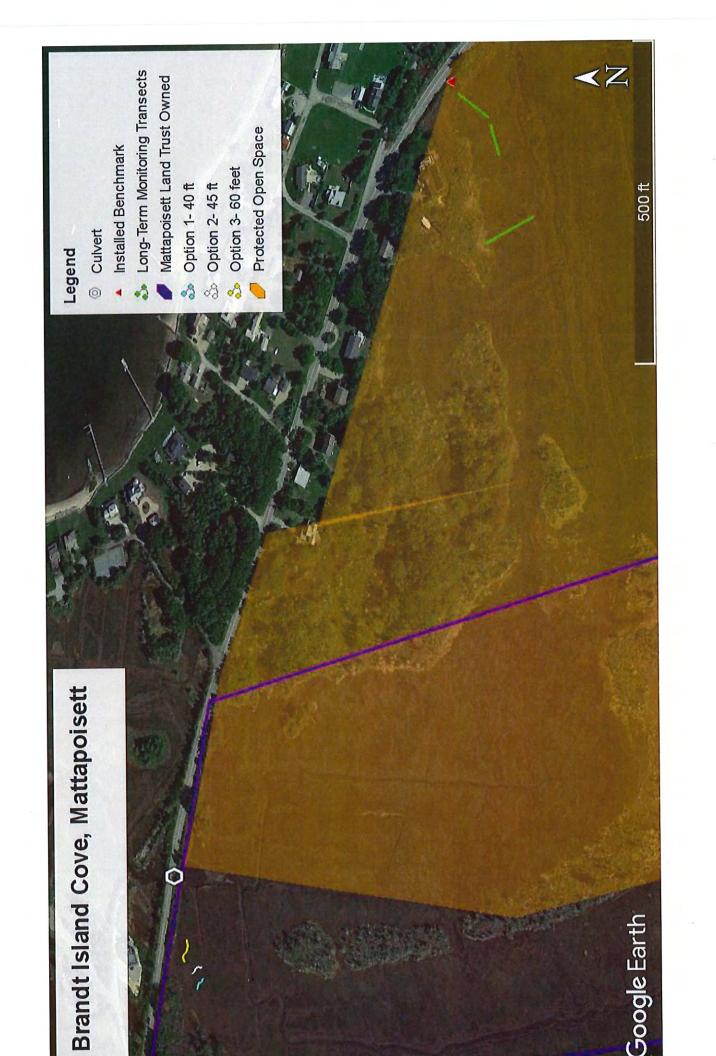
Close to existing salt marsh monitoring transects (BBC and BBNEP)?: Yes

Wind wave exposure: Low to moderate wave thrust from the southeast

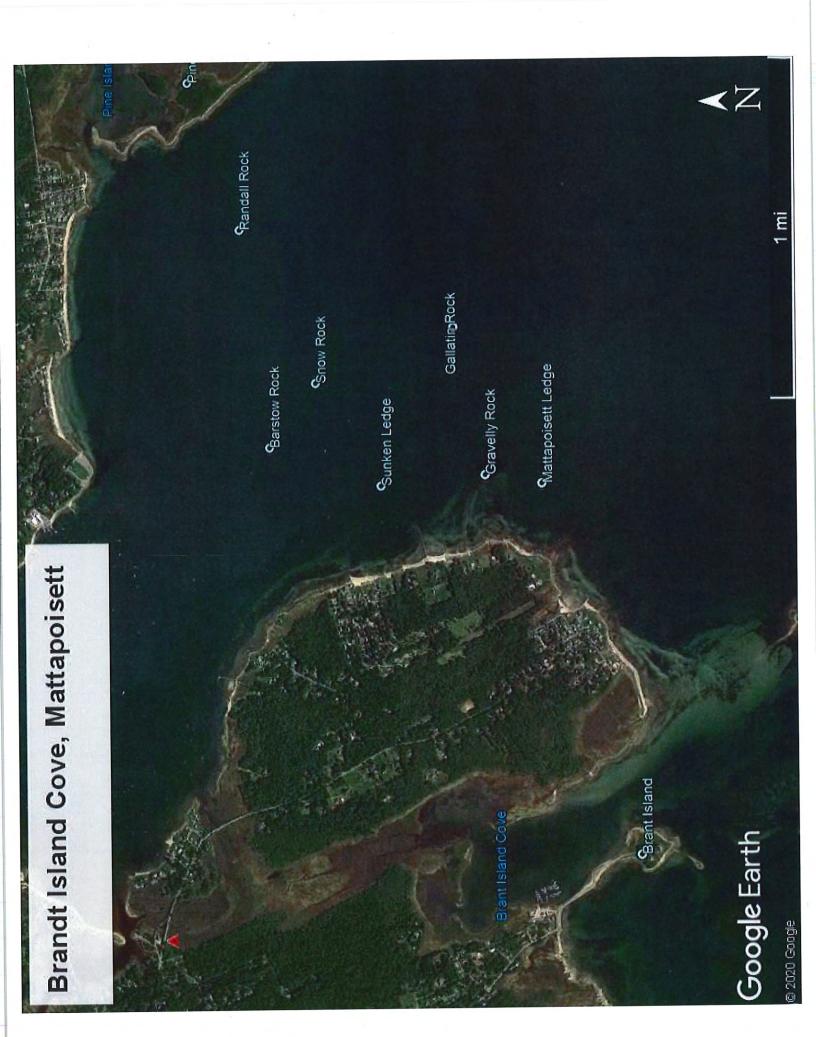
Proposal: Impoundments in the northwest corner of the marsh appear to have been present for some time. However, it appears this subsidence is spreading, with standing water beneath vegetation, and small patches of die-back, extending eastward. Along the edge of the embankment, the northern edge of the marsh, softer areas and small patches of die-back are present, possibly influenced by runoff from the road.

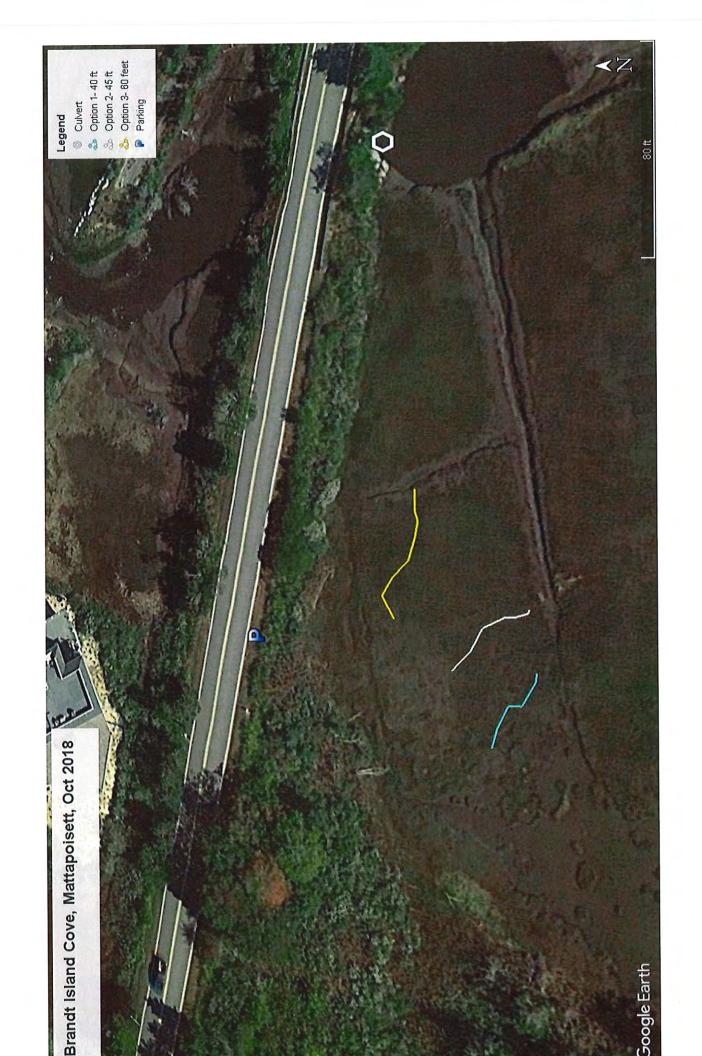
We propose to place one runnel at this site to address the northwest corner. The forested area west of the marsh is protected open space. A runnel here may facilitate marsh migration.

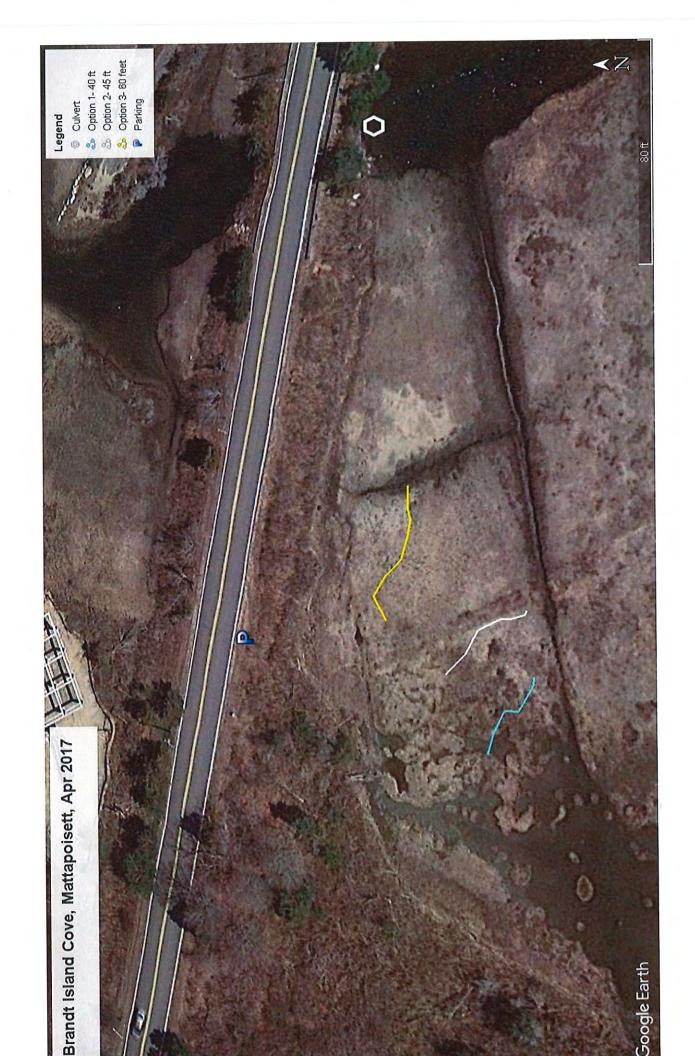


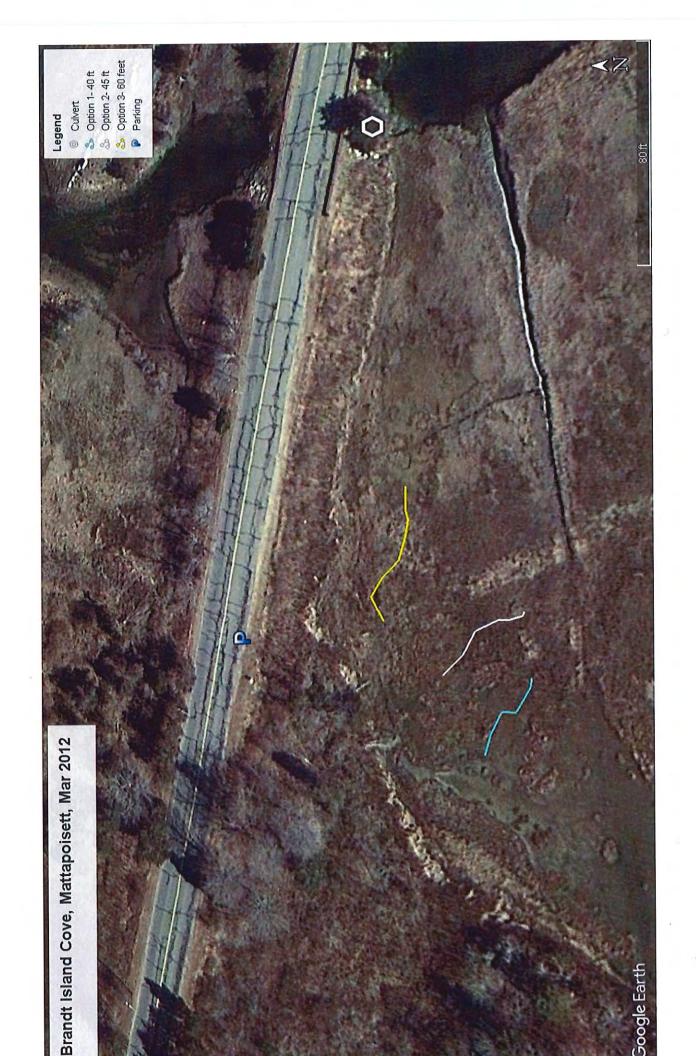


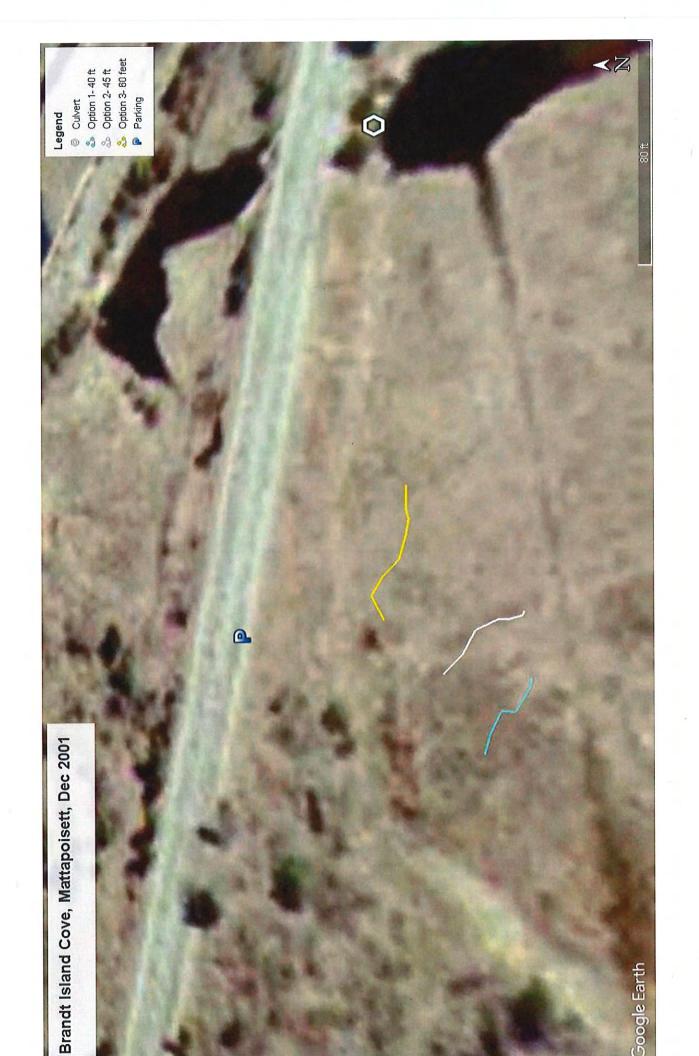












Field photographs from January/February 2020, within 3 hours of low tide.













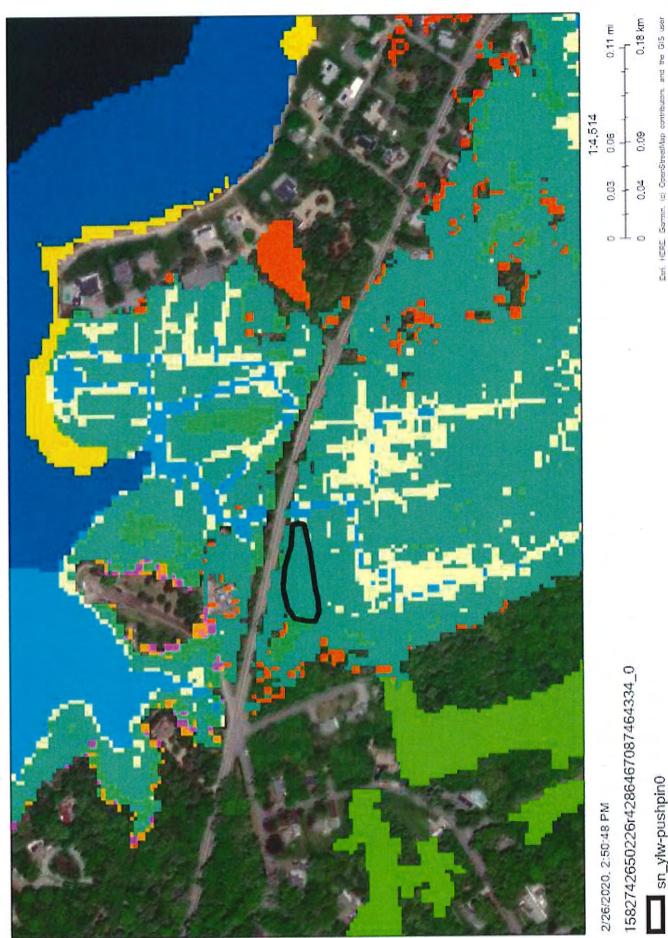
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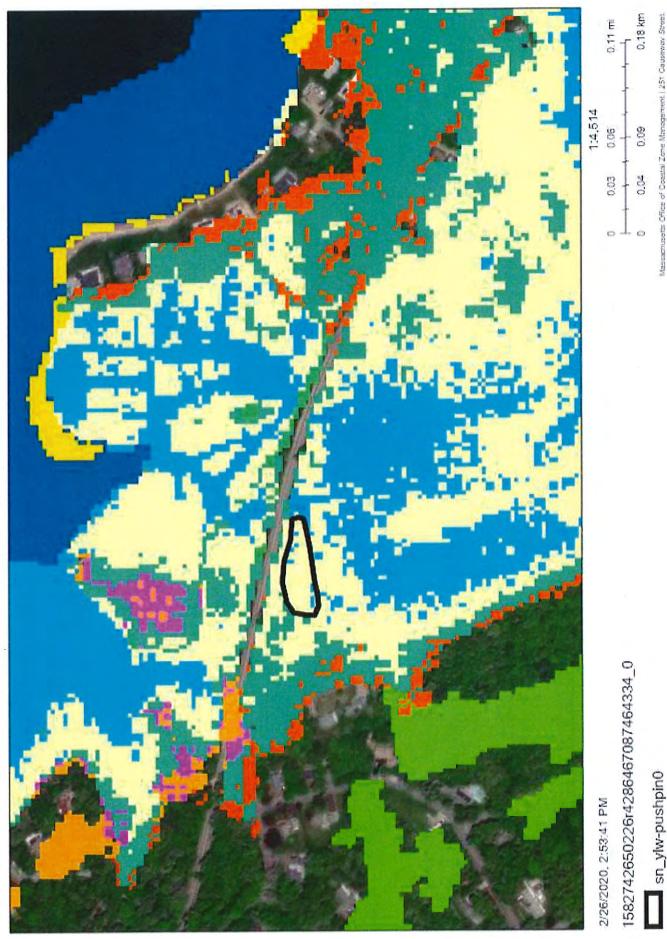
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Additional comments:

Suitability Ranking (1-5) ______

Briarwood Beach Runnel Site

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Site: Briarwood Beach, Town of Wareham, Plymouth County

Ownership and Protection of Marsh: Town of Wareham, Protected Open Space

Ownership and Protection Adjacent Parcels: Beach on western coast of peninsula is protected open space and town owned, otherwise private and not protected.

Access: Drive to the end of Madison St., turn left on the sand/gravel drive and park at the gate. To cross ditches easily need to walk to the southwest tip of the peninsula near the electrical pole, then turn back north and walk to the southeast lobe of the peninsula.

Elevation: 2.21 ± 0.11 ft NAVD88

MHW: 1.82 ft NAVD88

Existing drainage considerations: There is a high hummock of vegetation in the ditch draining the eastern side of the marsh. It was not clear if it was draining well (photo and map). A high ridge of ditch spoils along the southern side of the ditch is likely blocking drainage. It was vegetated with *Iva*. Sand eroding from the beach on the western coast washes around to the southern tip, and also is deposited on the marsh surface on the southwest lobe of marsh.

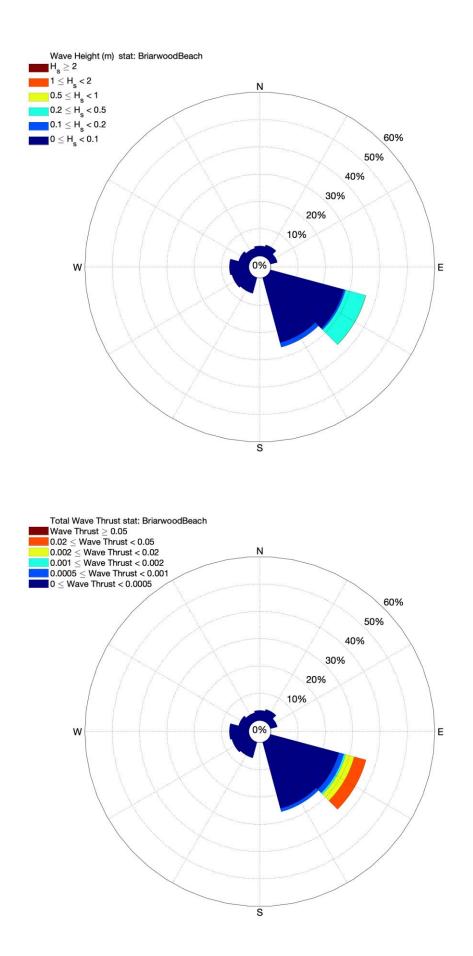
Peat condition: Peat on the northwest portion of the marsh was very soft and difficult to traverse. The southwest, central, and eastern portions were firm other than slightly softer peat in areas of die-back. Die-back appears recent, with many areas still vegetated.

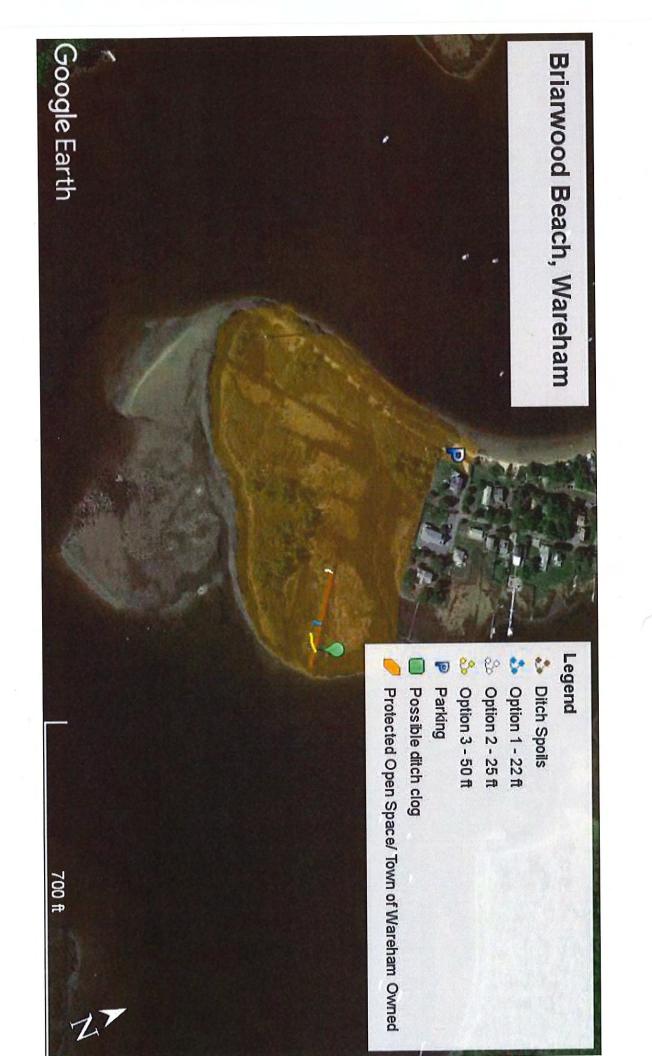
Close to existing salt marsh monitoring transects (BBC and BBNEP)?: No

Wind wave exposure: Relatively low, with highest waves and greatest wave thrust from the southeast (see wind rose figures)

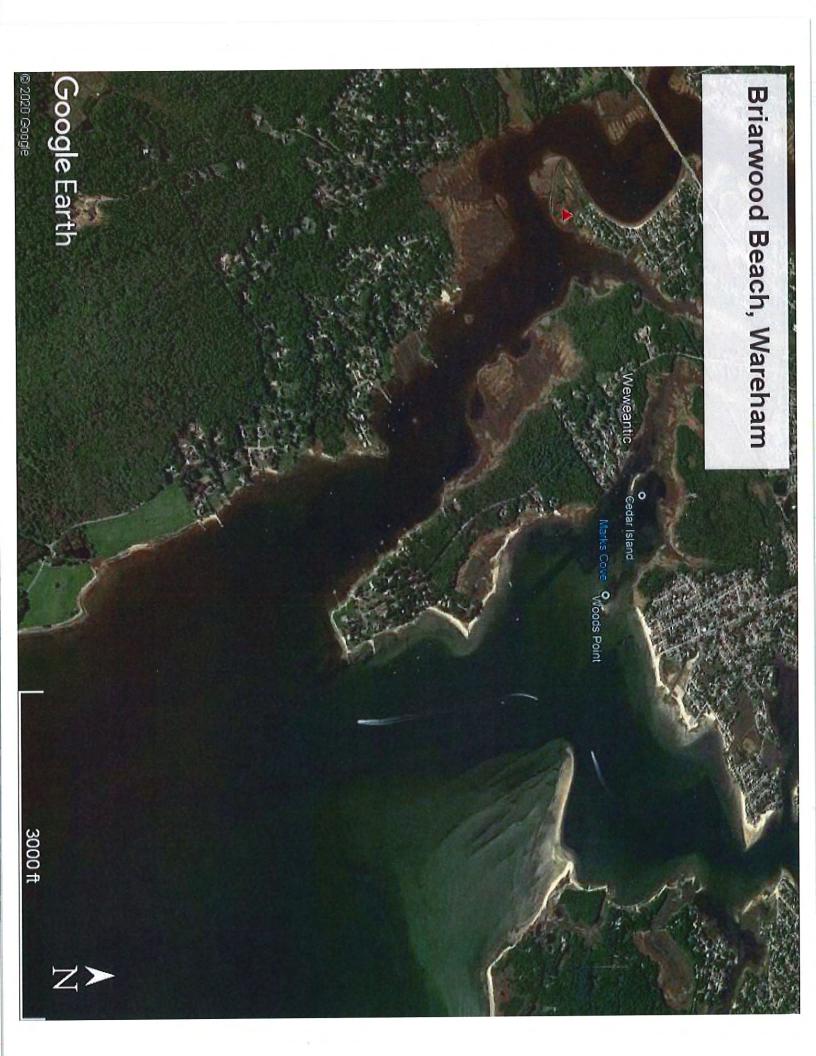
Proposal: Degradation of the platform on the eastern side is more recent, and less severe than the western side. The western side is very muddy, and much greater percent cover of bare sediment. On the eastern side it appears that small runnels through the ditch spoils would help drainage. Consider ending runnel east of the higher vegetation in the ditch. Alternatively, flow may be high enough for adequate flow through the ditch.

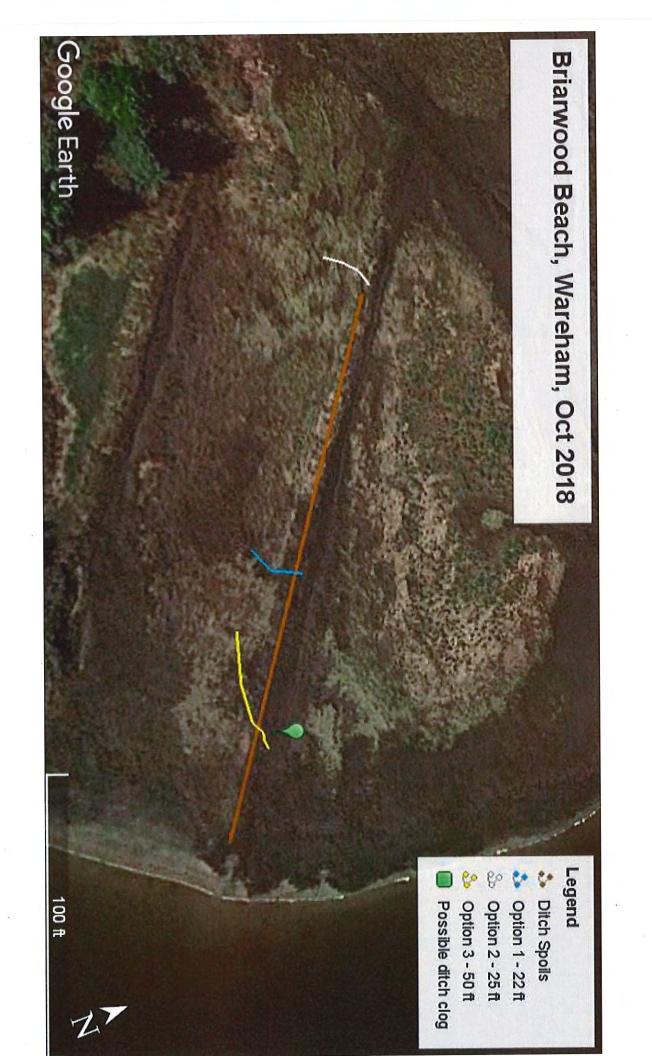
Three potential runnels are shown (lengths in legend), one ending seaward of the potential clog, and two shorter runnels landward of the potential clog. To connect the pools to the ditch below the clog that runnel would have to be longer.

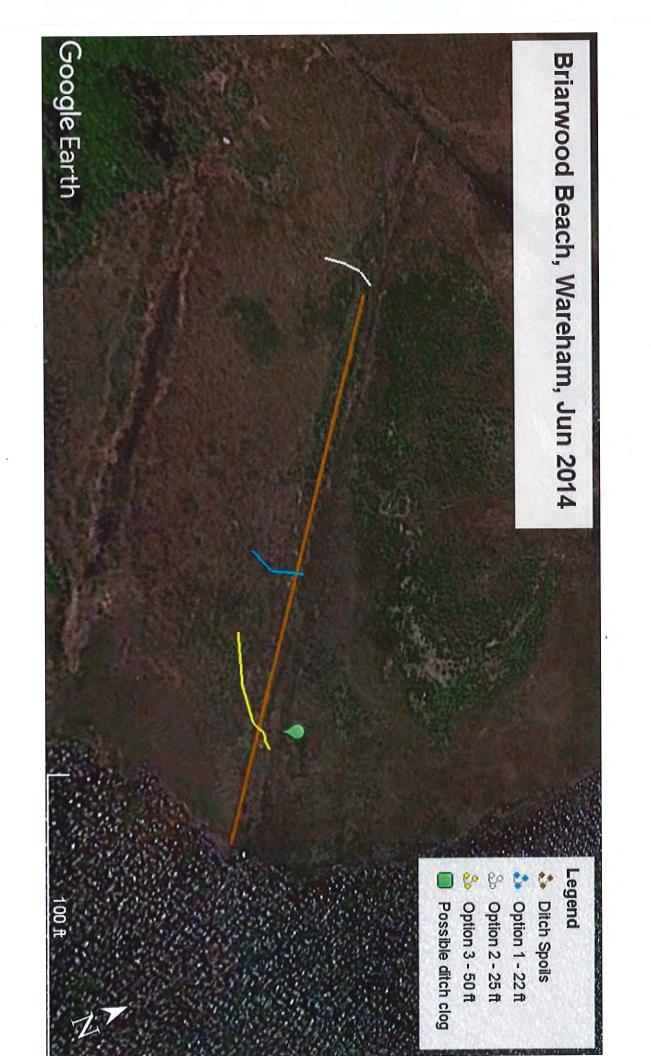




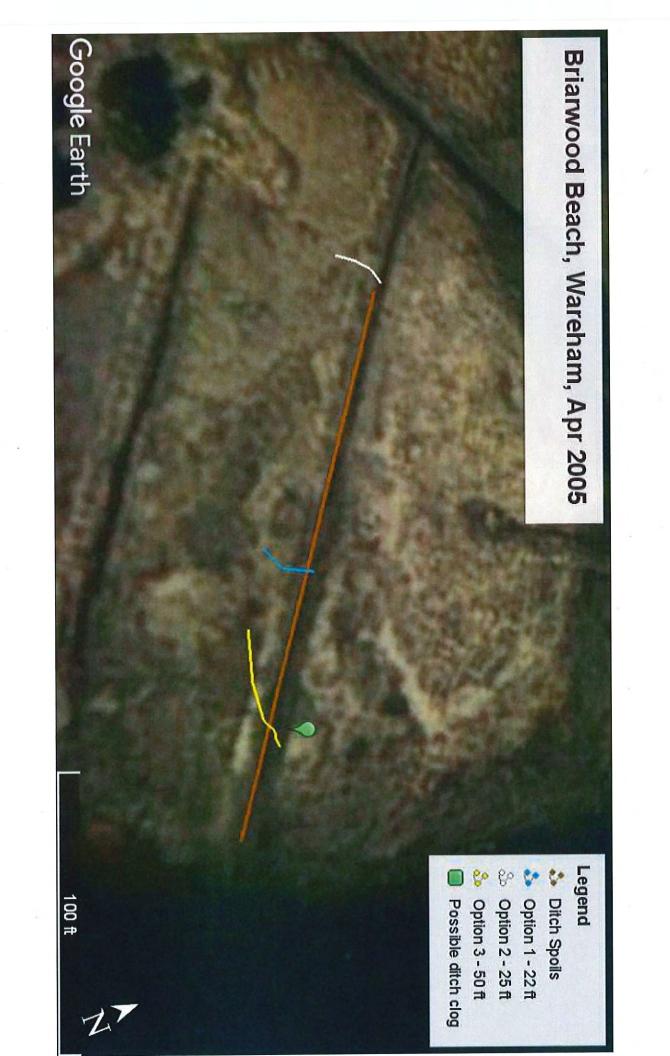












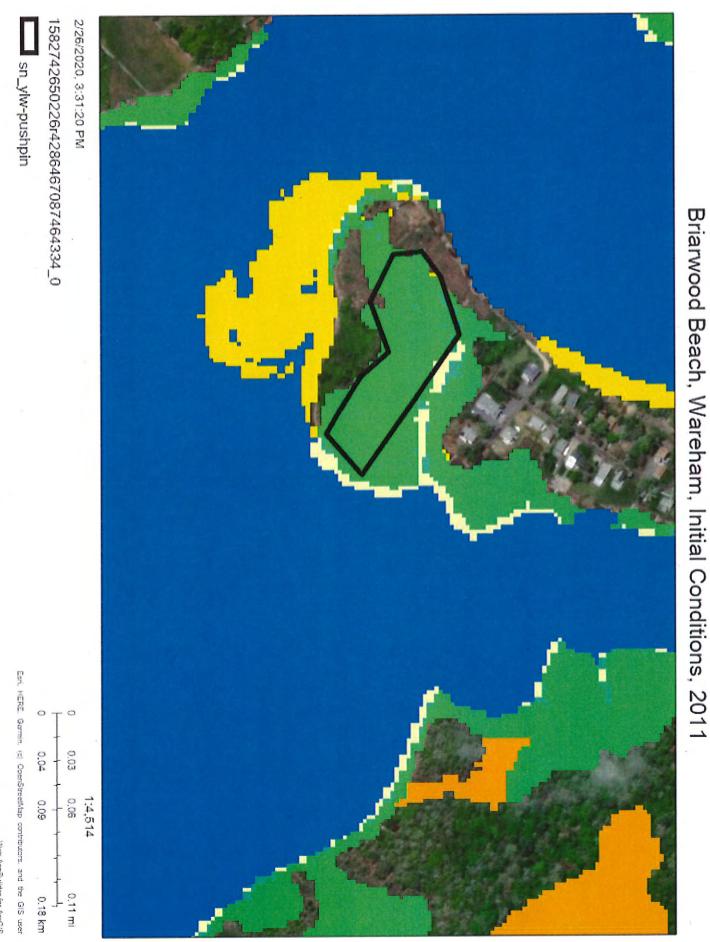
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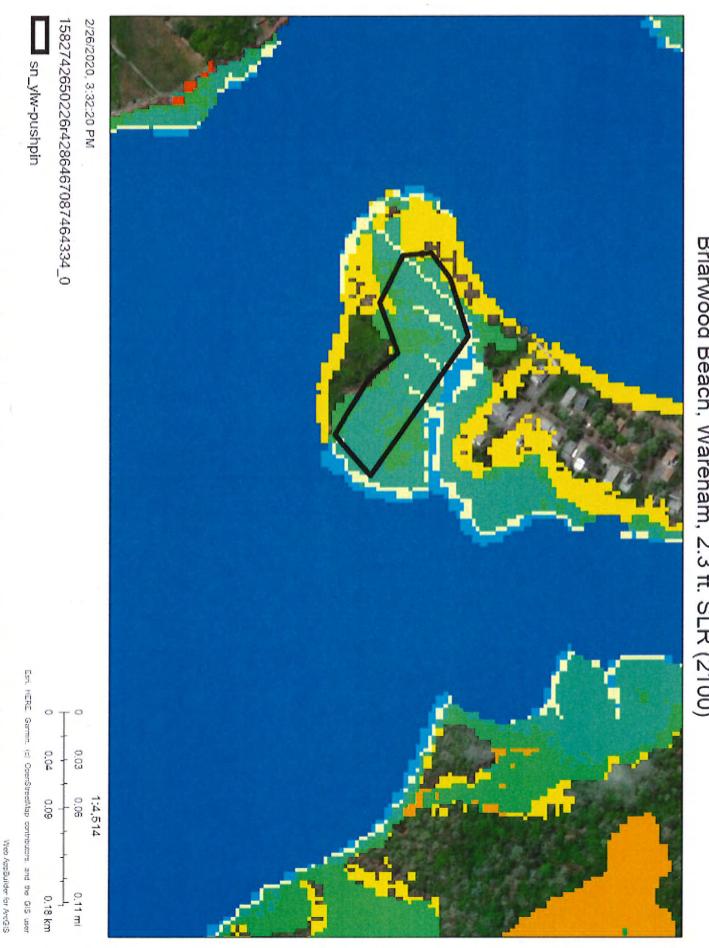






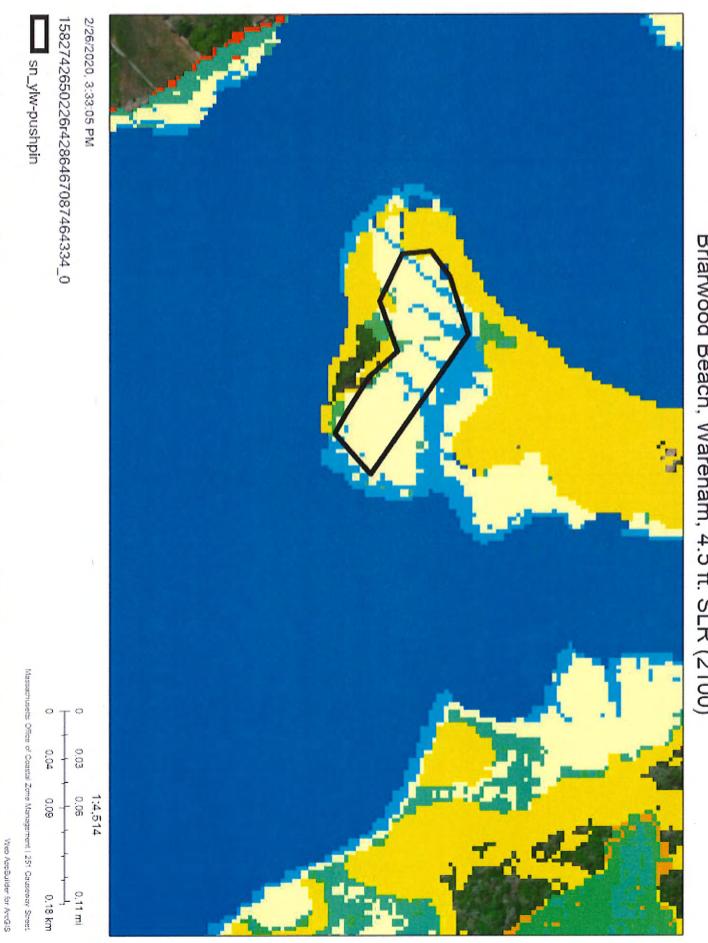


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Briarwood Beach, Wareham, 2.3 ft. SLR (2100)



Briarwood Beach, Wareham, 4.5 ft. SLR (2100)

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Cromesett Neck Runnel Site

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Site: Cromesett Neck, Town of Wareham, Plymouth County

Ownership and Protection of Marsh: Town of Wareham, Mass Audubon, Protected Open Space

Ownership and Protection Adjacent Parcels: Mass Audubon, Protected Open Space

Access: Park side of road, walk down a moderate grade embankment to enter marsh.

Elevation: 2.03 ± 0.24 ft NAVD88

MHW: 1.80 ft NAVD88

Existing drainage considerations: Freshwater input occurs through a storm drain emptying into the marsh (photo). Additional freshwater runoff from the road may occur. There was a high hummock of vegetation (map) potentially clogging drainage in the ditch seaward of the storm drain. Further examination required.

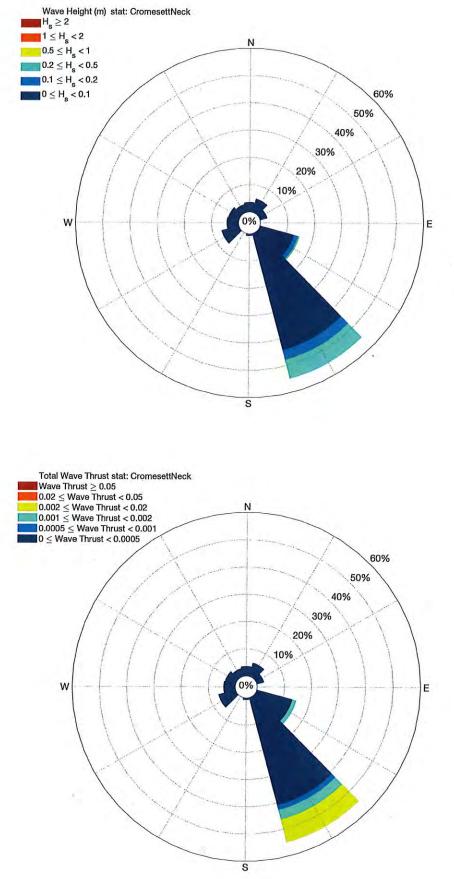
Peat condition: Peat was softer across the platform, especially in areas of die-off and along the ditch perimeters.

Close to existing salt marsh monitoring transects (BBC and BBNEP)?: No

Wind wave exposure: Mostly low with small amount of moderate wave thrust from the south-southeast.

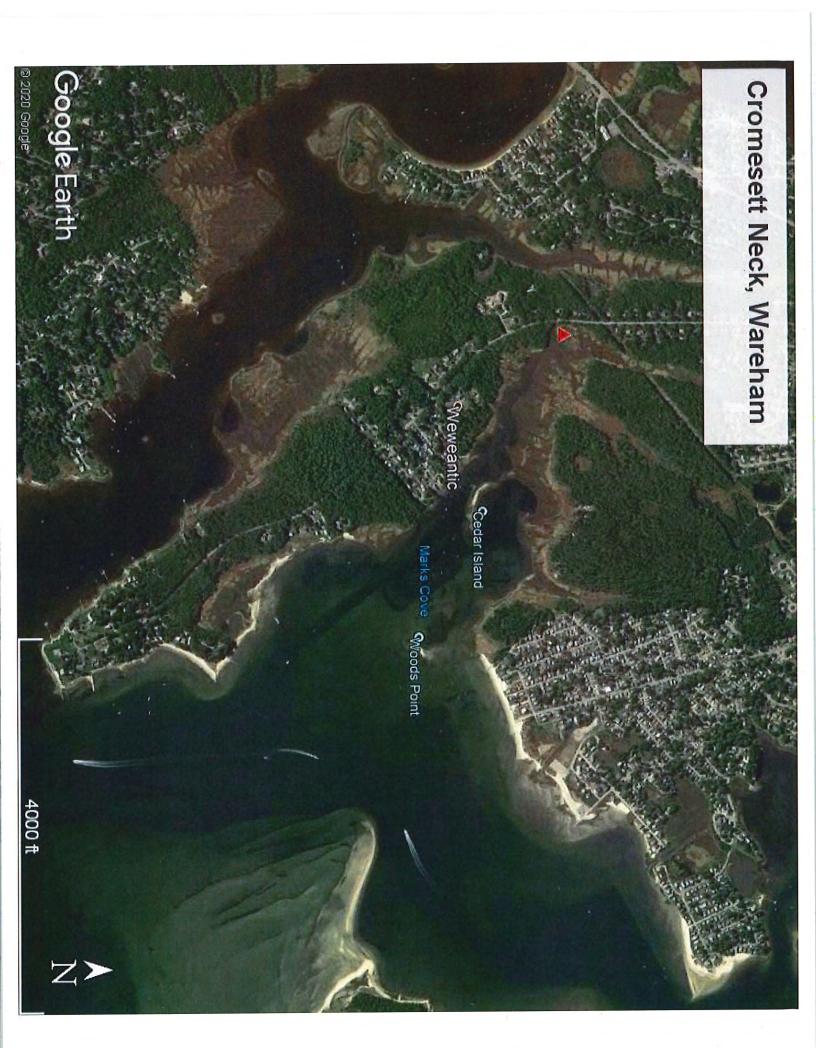
Proposal: The southwest corner of the marsh has a large area of die-off. Along the edge of the ditch separating the Mass Audubon and town-owned properties there are small areas of impounded water, and patches of die-off occur across the Mass Audubon-owned lobe.

We propose to place one runnel at this site to address either the patches along the ditch (map), or to treat the southwest corner that abuts the forest. The forest-edge treatment may facilitate marsh migration. The sites along the ditch would focus on preventing further erosion of the ditch. The Option 2 runnel would intersect the runnel below the possible ditch clog, while the Option 3 runnel would have to be very long, or empty into the ditch landward of the possible clog.



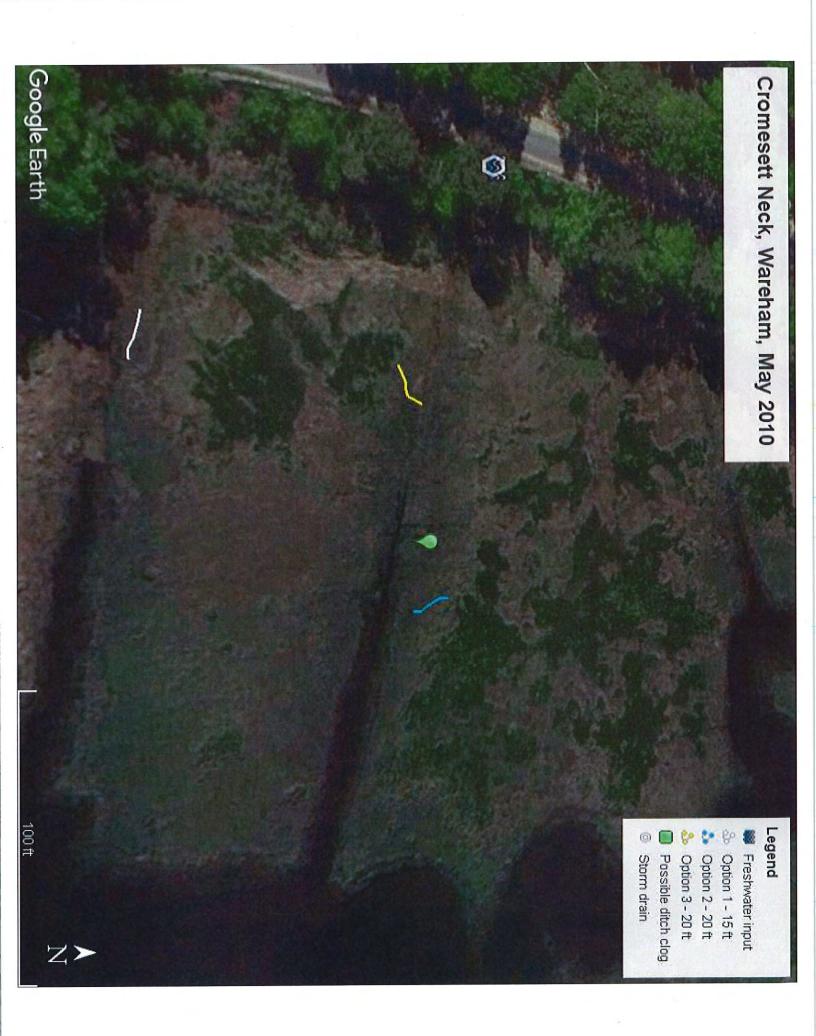


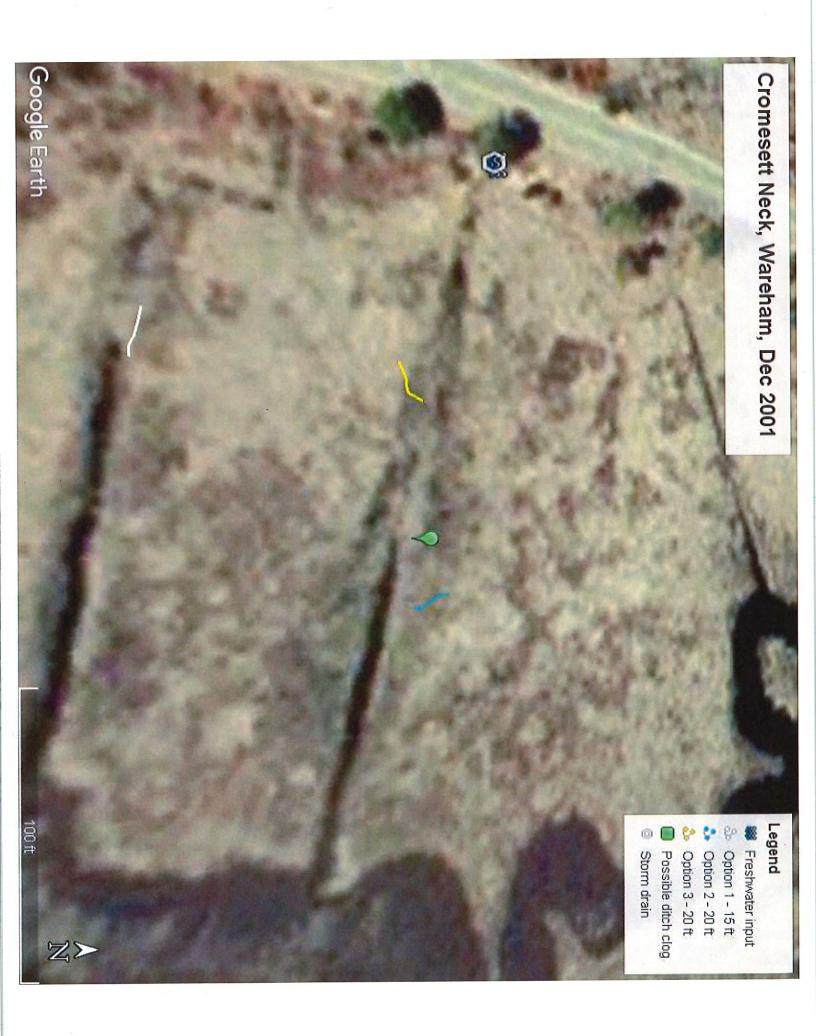












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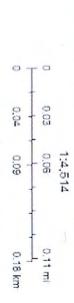






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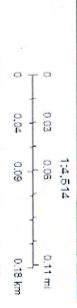
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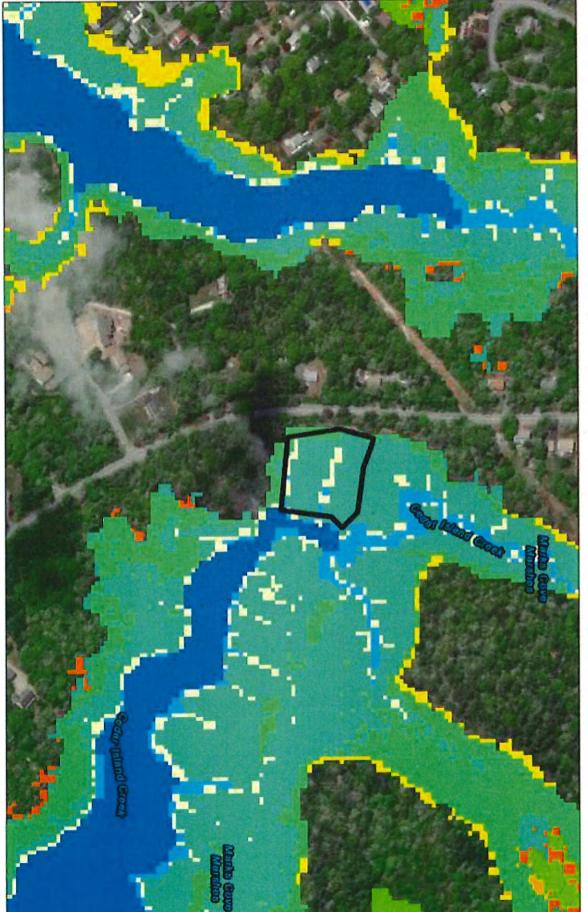
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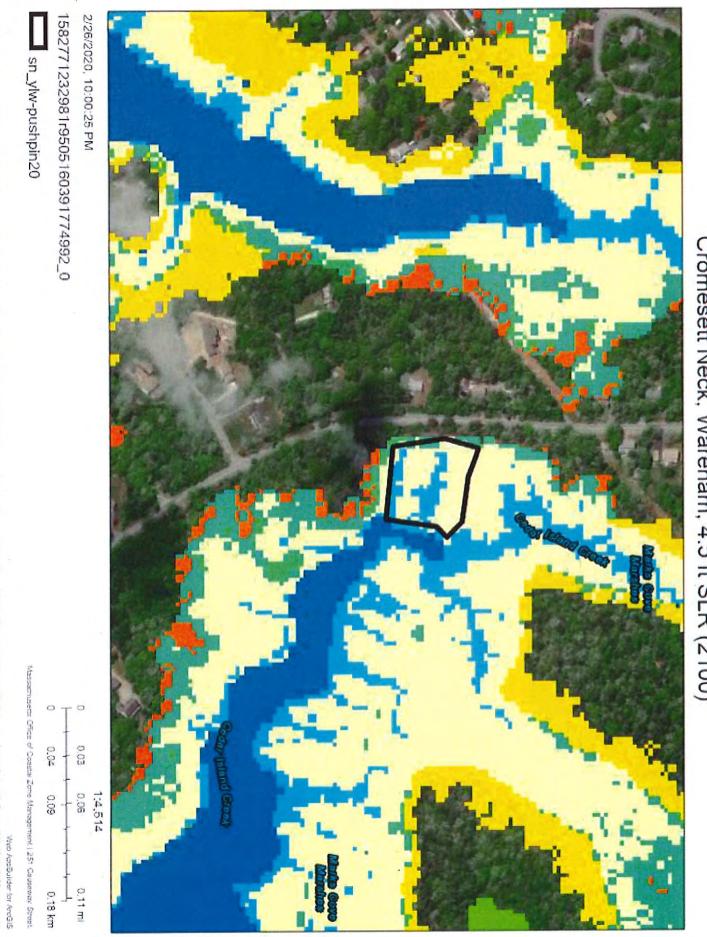
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Demarest Lloyd Runnel Site

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Site: Demarest Lloyd State Park, Town of Dartmouth, Bristol County

Ownership and Protection of Marsh: Dept. Conservation and Recreation, Protected Open Space

Ownership and Protection Adjacent Parcels: Dept. Conservation and Recreation, Protected Open Space

Access: Park in the parking lot and walk down existing path to marsh. Excavator access to the east side of the creek would be possible from this path. The western side of the creek would be more difficult, and would involve the excavator taking the path to its end (map), then traveling around the edge of the marsh off a path.

Elevation: 1.79 ± 0.14 ft NAVD88

MHW: 1.46 ft NAVD88

Existing drainage considerations: Freshwater input runs downslope to the western edge of the marsh from the forest. Pooling at this location was visible. There is a large, 2-pipe culvert system connecting the bay to the marshes beneath the road. In two places there were possible ditch clogs.

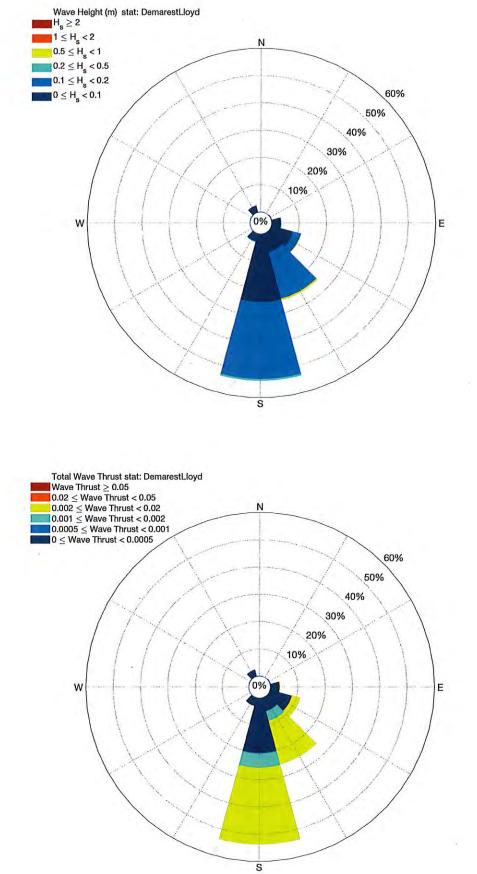
Peat condition: Peat was firm on the eastern side of the creek. On the western side the peat firmness changed with apparent elevation change. The "elevation boundary" on the map delineates a higher elevation, firm area to the north, and lower, softer marsh to the south.

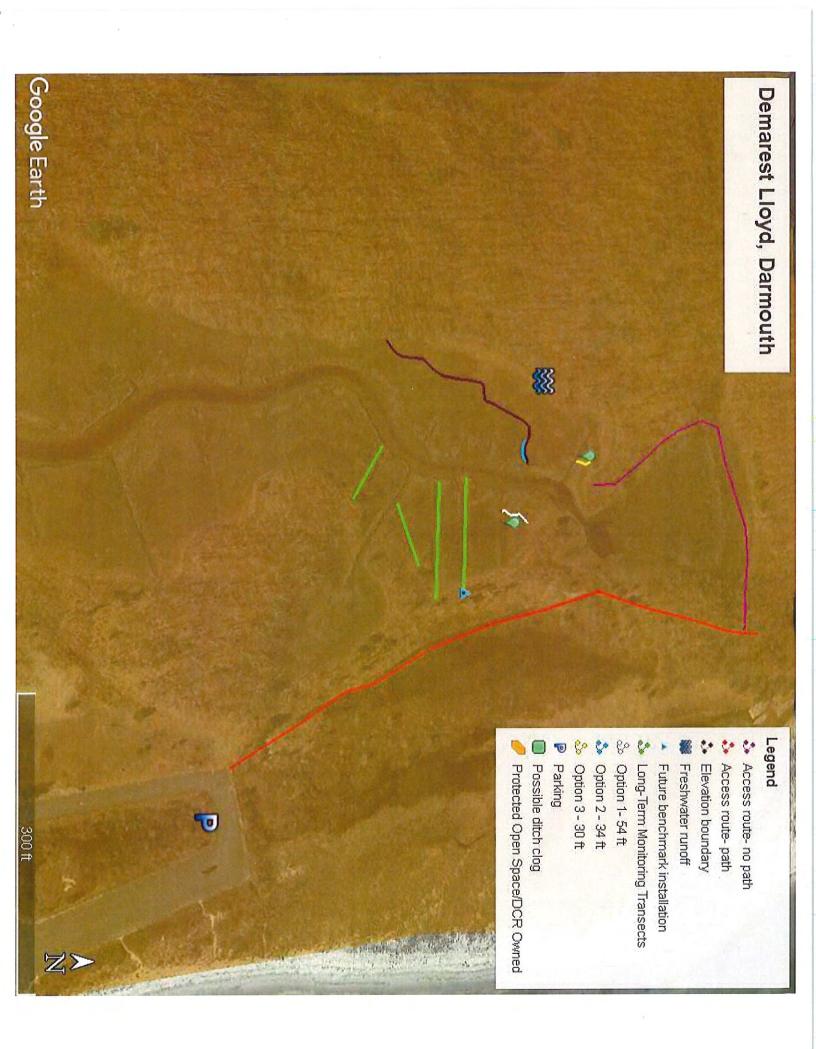
Close to existing salt marsh monitoring transects (BBC and BBNEP)? Yes

Wind wave exposure: Moderate from the south and southeast.

Proposal: Small die-off areas were present on the northern side of the elevation boundary, on the west side of the creek, as well as along the marsh edge on the eastern side of the creek. The area appearing to be at highest risk of degradation, with softest peat and most standing water (though still vegetated) was the marsh south of the elevation boundary on the west side of the creek.

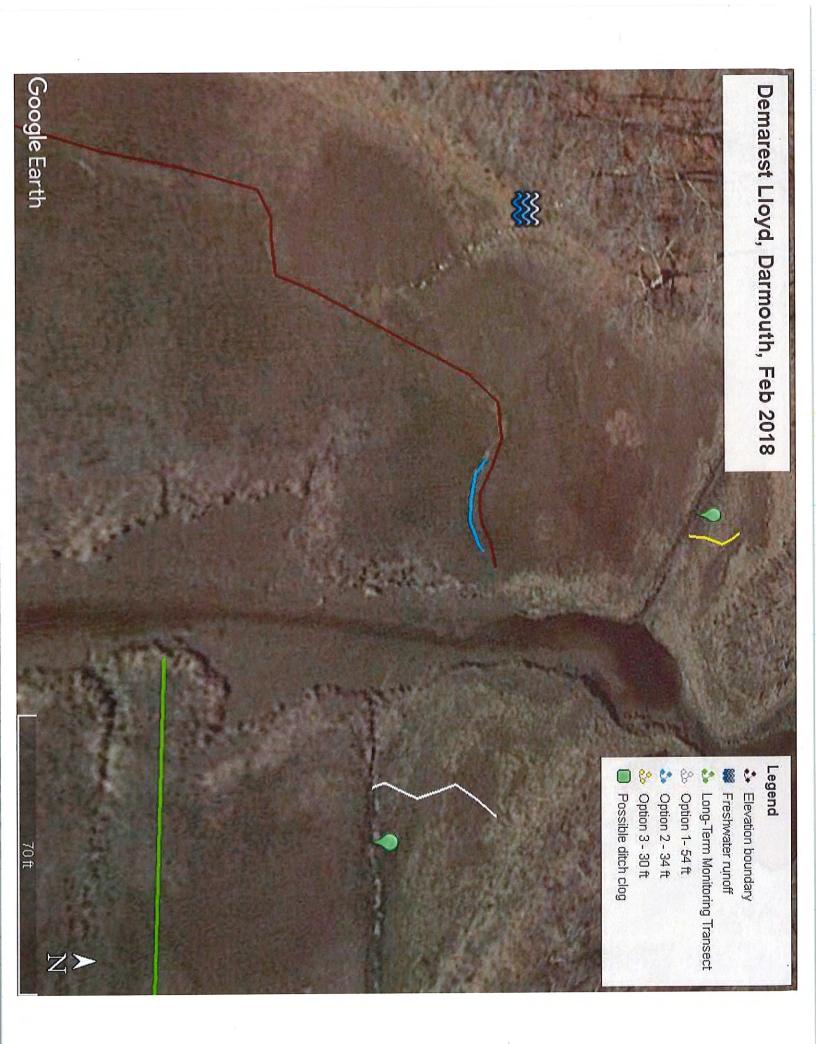
We proposed to put one runnel in one of three locations. Option 1 would treat very mild degradation on the east side of the creek, Option 3 would treat a low-moderate degraded area, and Option 2 would treat the subsiding, softer marsh area with more die-off.

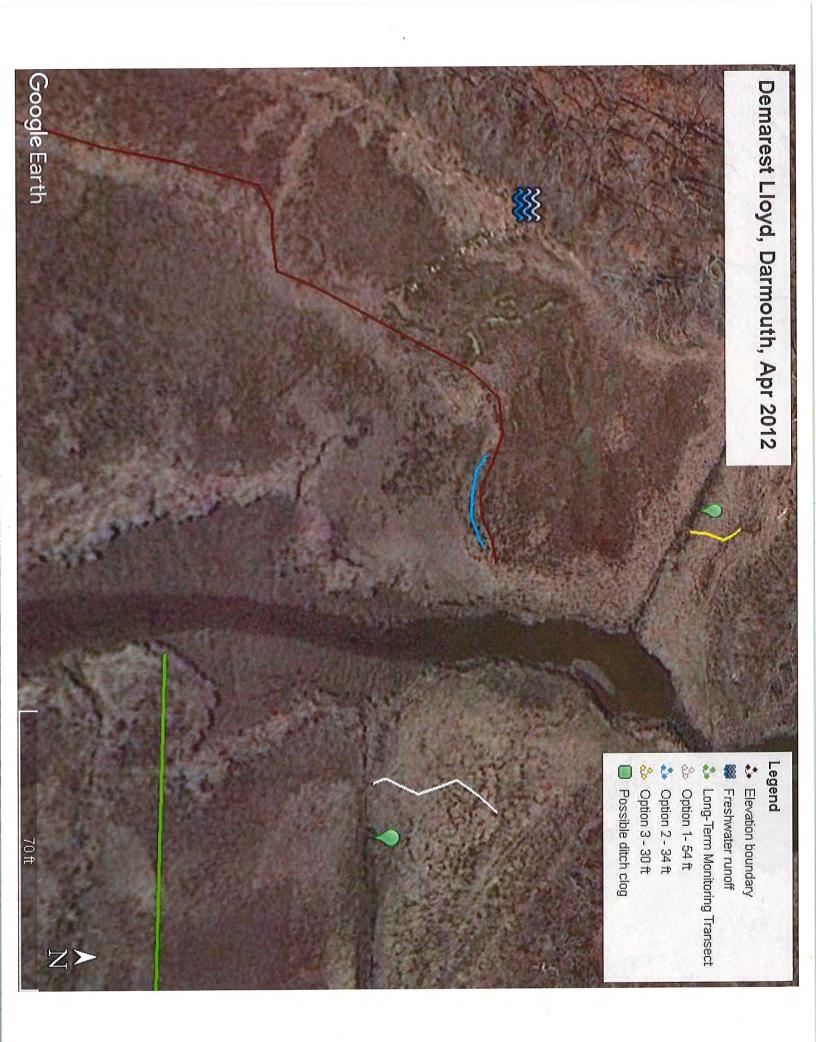


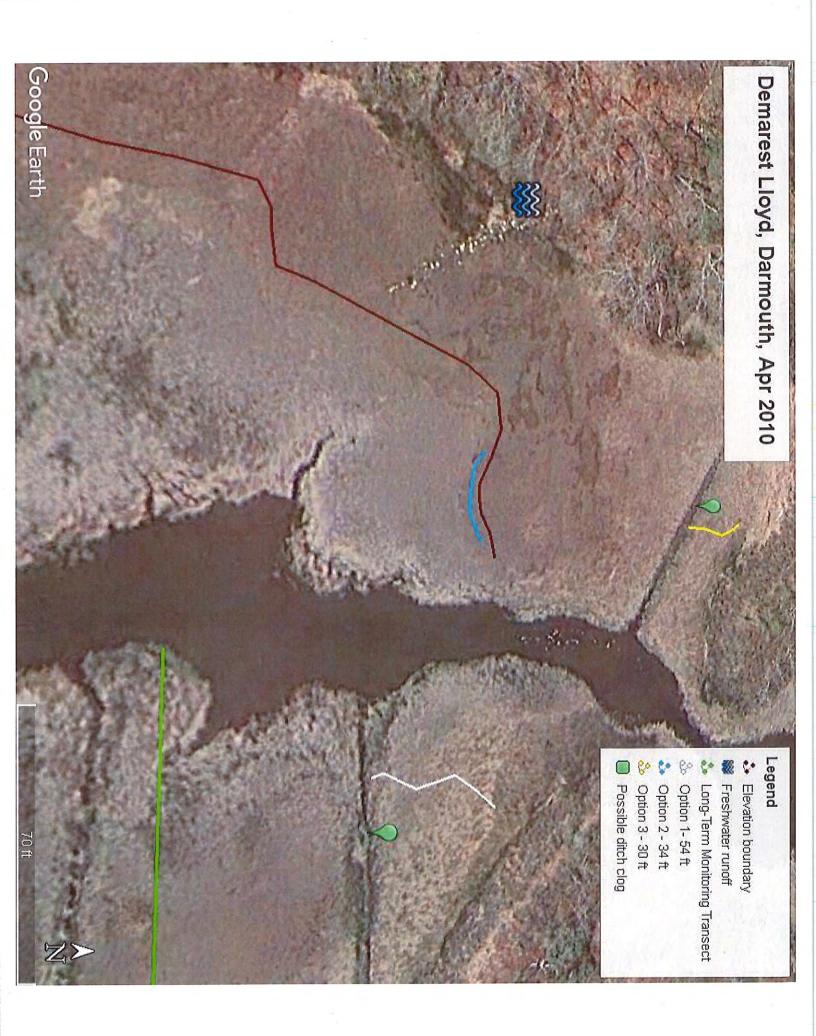












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Option 3 - 30 ft Legend & Option 1- 54 ft Long-Term Monitoring Transect Elevation boundary Freshwater runoff Possible ditch clog 100 ft 5



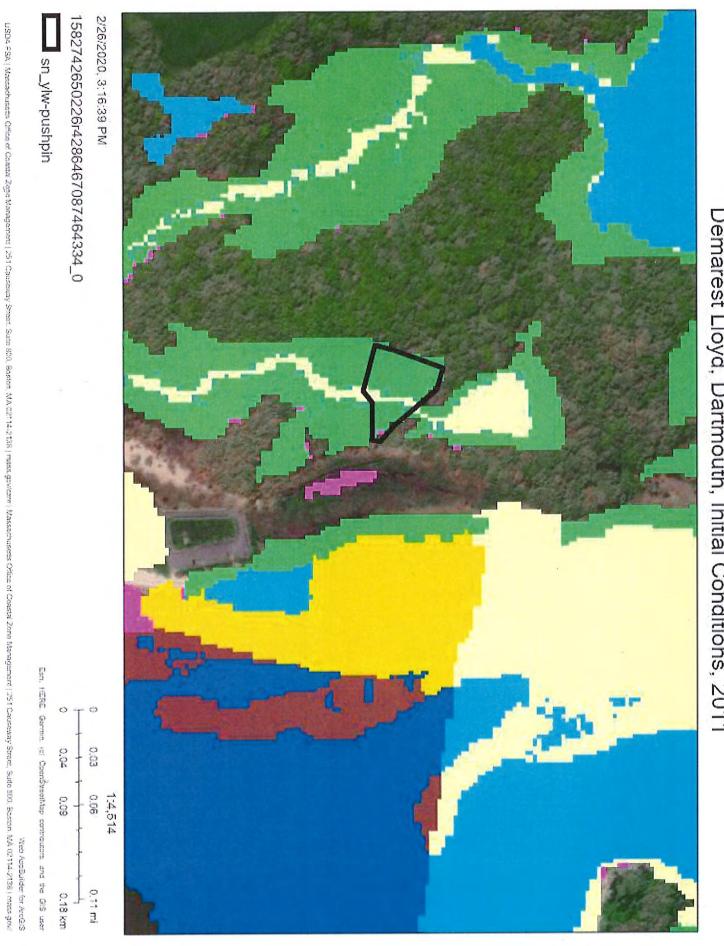




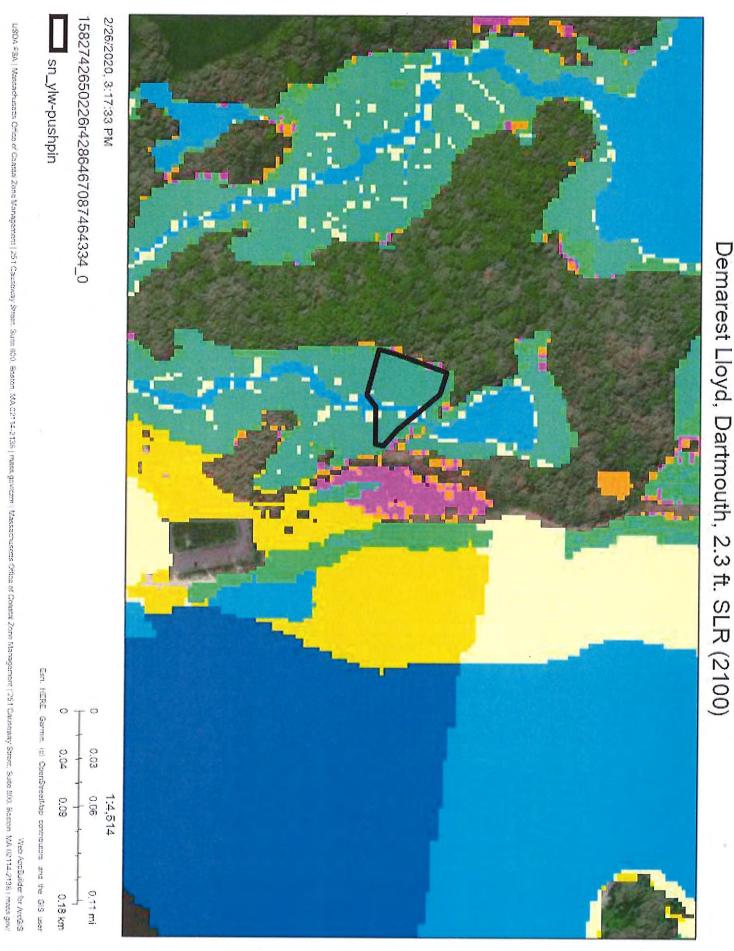


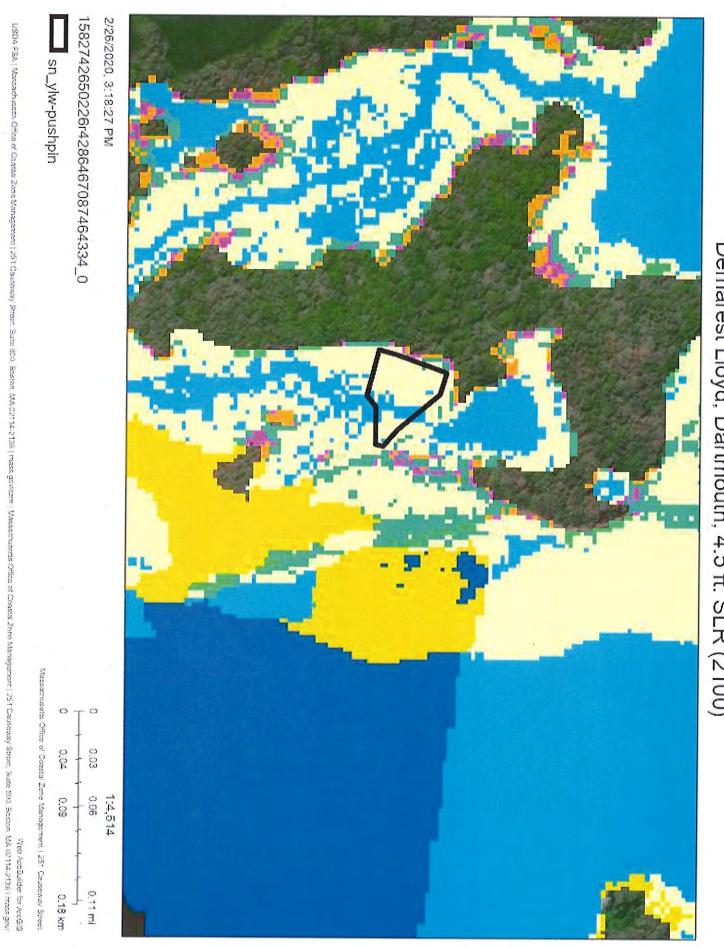






Demarest Lloyd, Dartmouth, Initial Conditions, 2011





Demarest Lloyd, Dartmouth, 4.5 ft. SLR (2100)

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Site: Field Family Farm, Town of Mattapoisett, Plymouth County

Ownership and Protection of Marsh: Field Family, Protected Open Space by Mattapoisett Land Trust

Ownership and Protection Adjacent Parcels: Town of Mattapoisett, Field Family, Protected Open Space

Access: Park along the road. Walk down a low-grade embankment.

Elevation: 2.0 ± 0.12 ft NAVD88

MHW: 1.87 ft NAVD88

Existing drainage considerations: Area restricted by a culvert that appears undersized. Ditches not clogged.

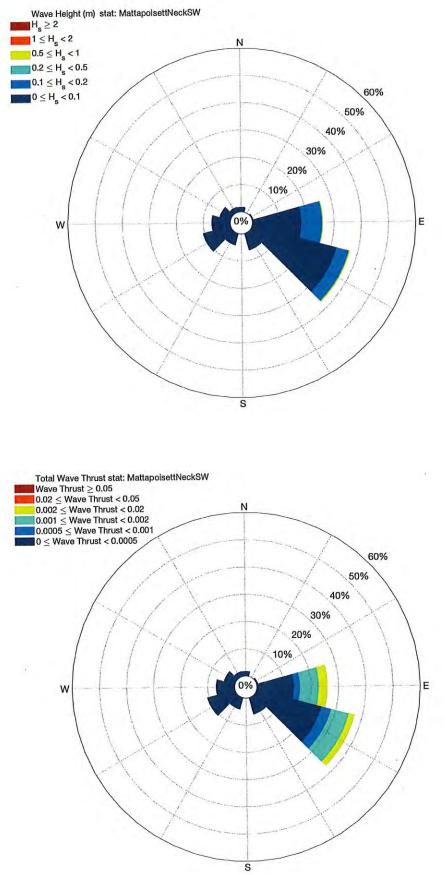
Peat condition: Peat was firmer in the northern areas of the Field Family property, though still soft areas. Peat was very soft further south on the marsh. Firm enough to traverse in some places, but many areas of subsidence were very soft, even while vegetated and without standing water. Extensive standing water and die-back evident in the southeastern lobe of marsh.

Close to existing salt marsh monitoring transects (BBC and BBNEP)?: Yes

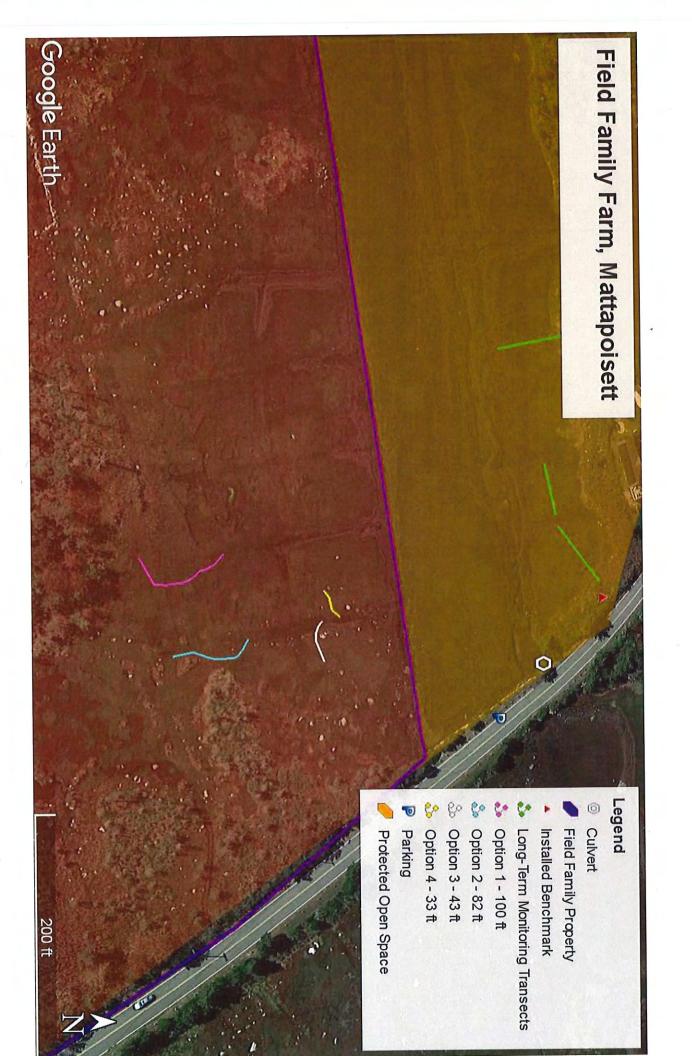
Wind wave exposure: Low from east-southeast. Wave energy not likely directly affecting this marsh area.

Proposal: Marsh platform still mostly vegetated but very soft with evidence of subsidence and pool-creep. Impounded areas in southern lobe were extremely soft, difficult to traverse. Edges of marsh had some dead standing trees.

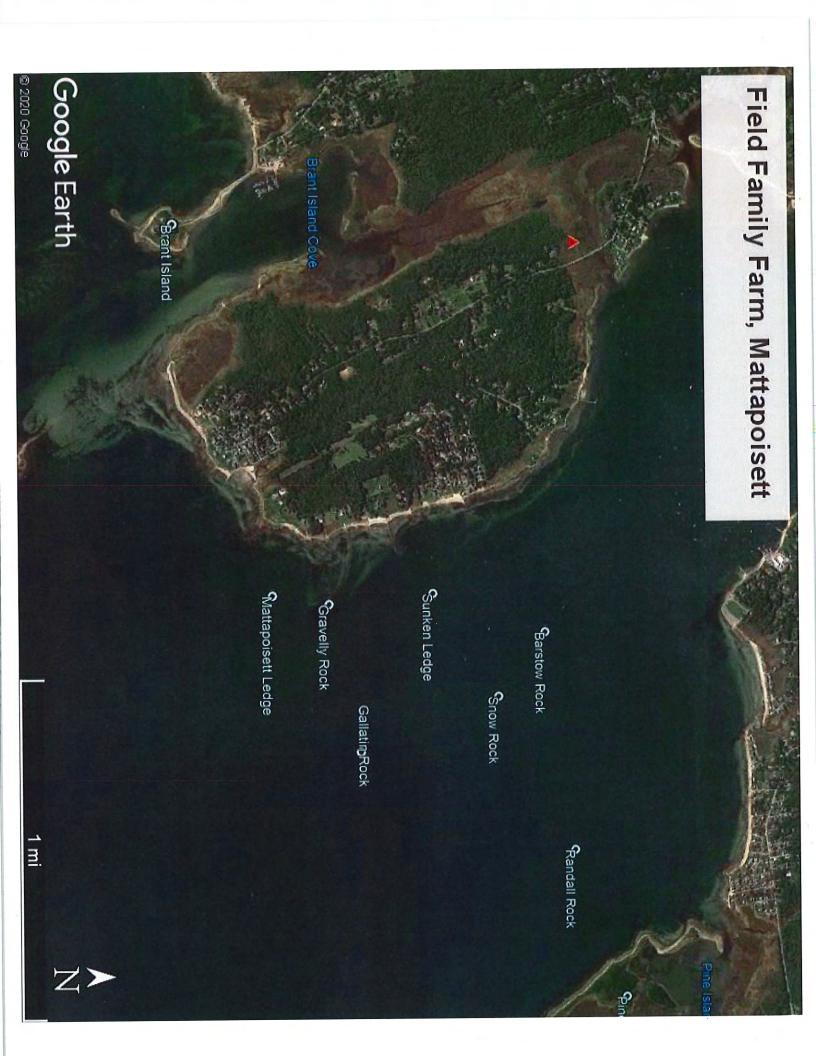
We proposed to put one runnel in one of four locations. Options 1 and 2 would facilitate marsh migration, and more directly treat the subsiding southeastern lobe. Options 3 and 4 would treat smaller areas of die-back closer to the main ditches.

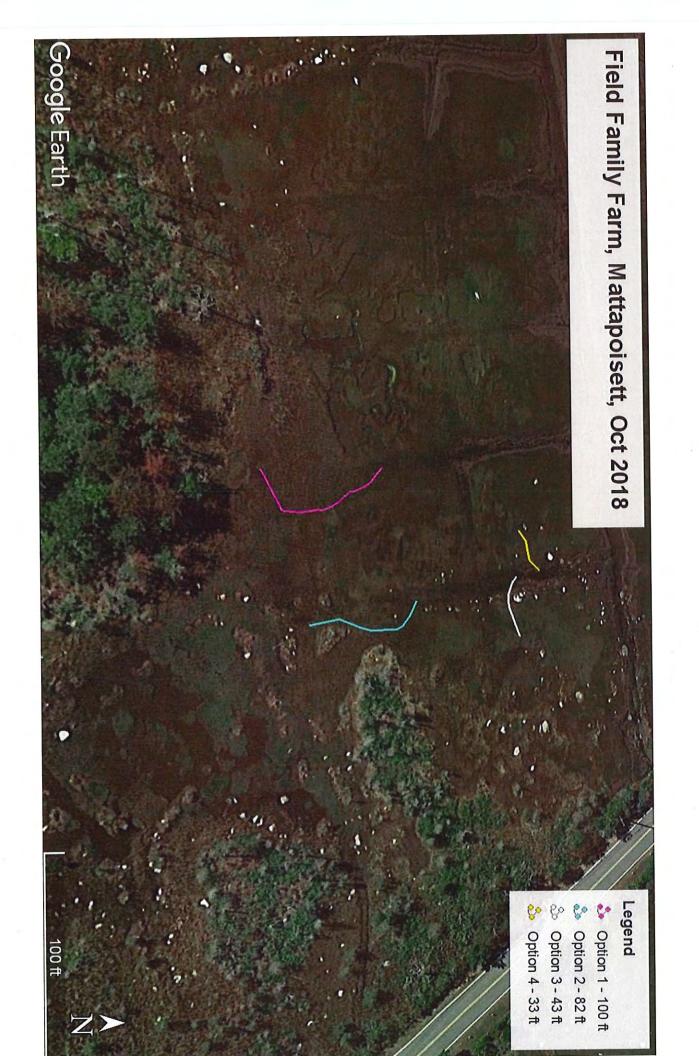


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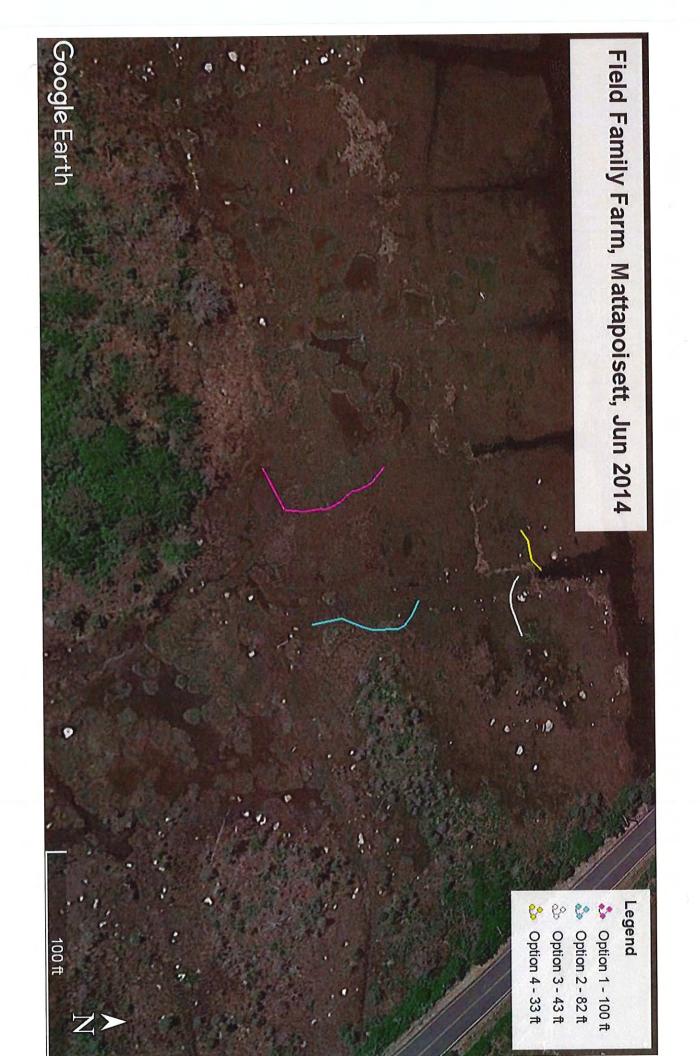














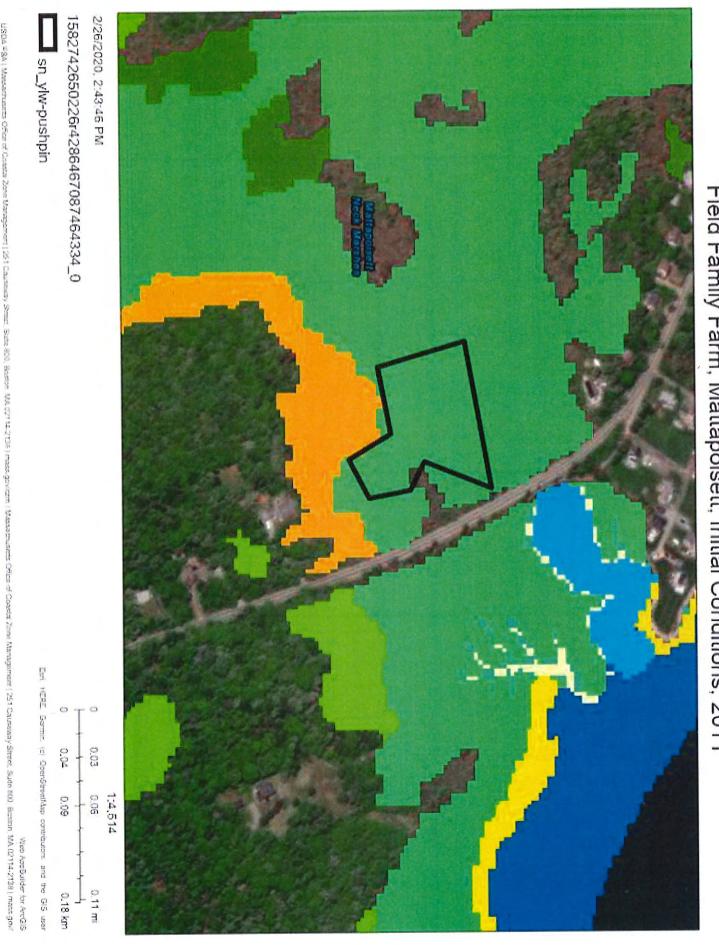
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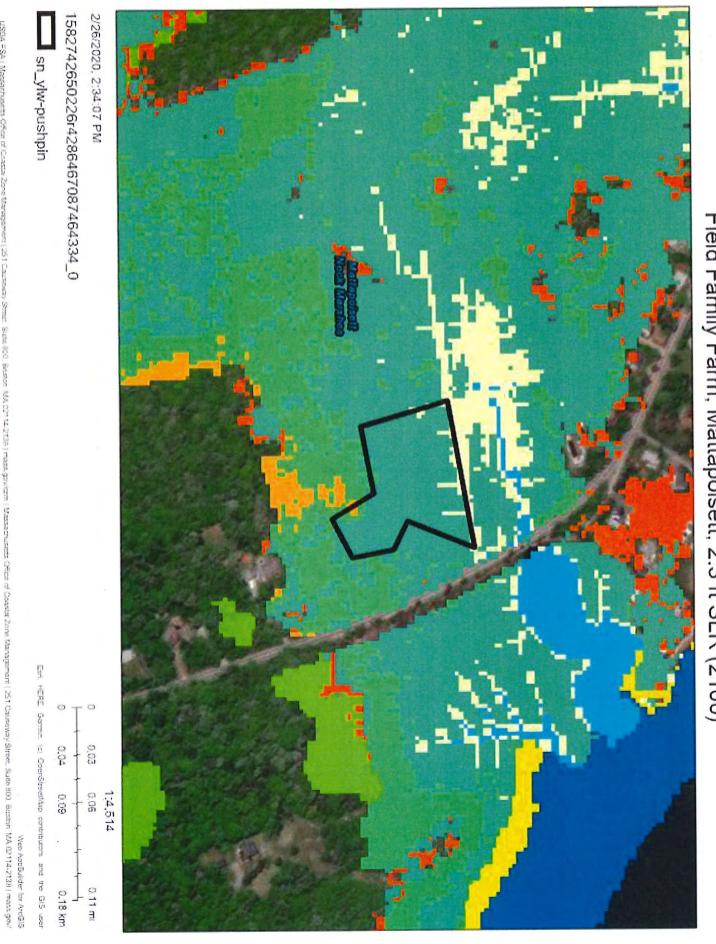






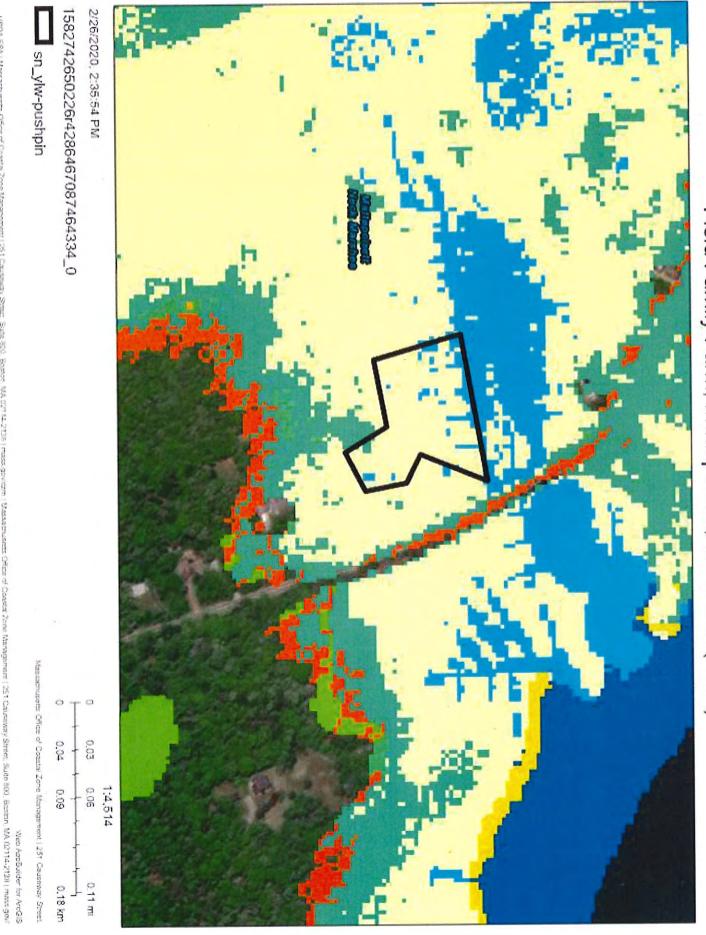
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Hammett's Cove Runnel Site

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Site: Hammett's Cove, Town of Marion, Plymouth County

Ownership and Protection of Marsh: Sippican Land Trust, Protected Open Space

Ownership and Protection Adjacent Parcels: Town of Marion, Sippican Land Trust, Protected Open Space

Access: Pull-off to park on the south side of the road. To access marsh must climb down a steep rocky embankment.

Elevation: 2.05 ± 0.35 ft NAVD88

MHW: 1.80 ft NAVD88

Existing drainage considerations: Area restricted by a culvert. Ditches not clogged. Freshwater input from road possible.

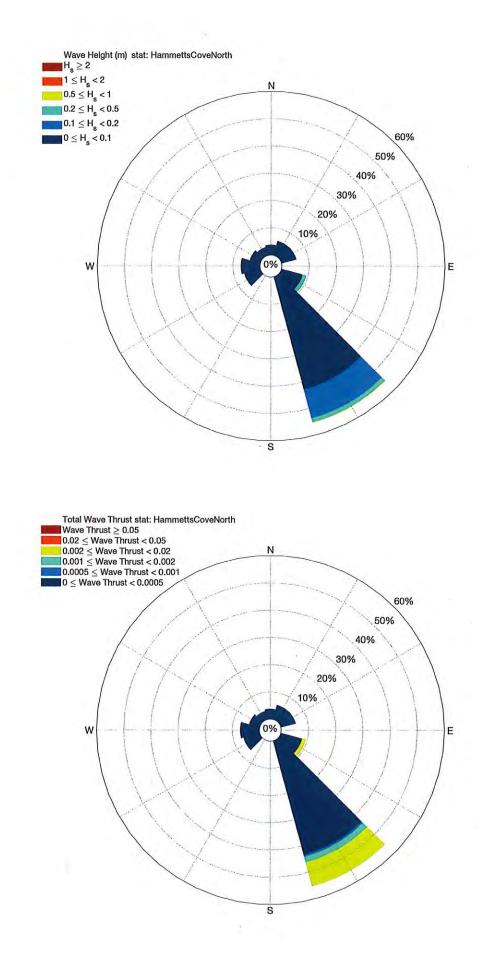
Peat condition: Peat was relatively firm.

Close to existing salt marsh monitoring transects (BBC and BBNEP)?: Yes

Wind wave exposure: Low from south-southeast. Wave energy not likely directly affecting this marsh area.

Proposal: Marsh platform still mostly vegetated, with some areas of die-back. Die-back did not have standing water, and was note very soft.

We propose to treat one of the smaller areas of marsh die-back with a runnel in one of the potential locations indicated on the map. These would be small runnels, intended to facilitate marsh migration into forest area to eastern side of marsh.





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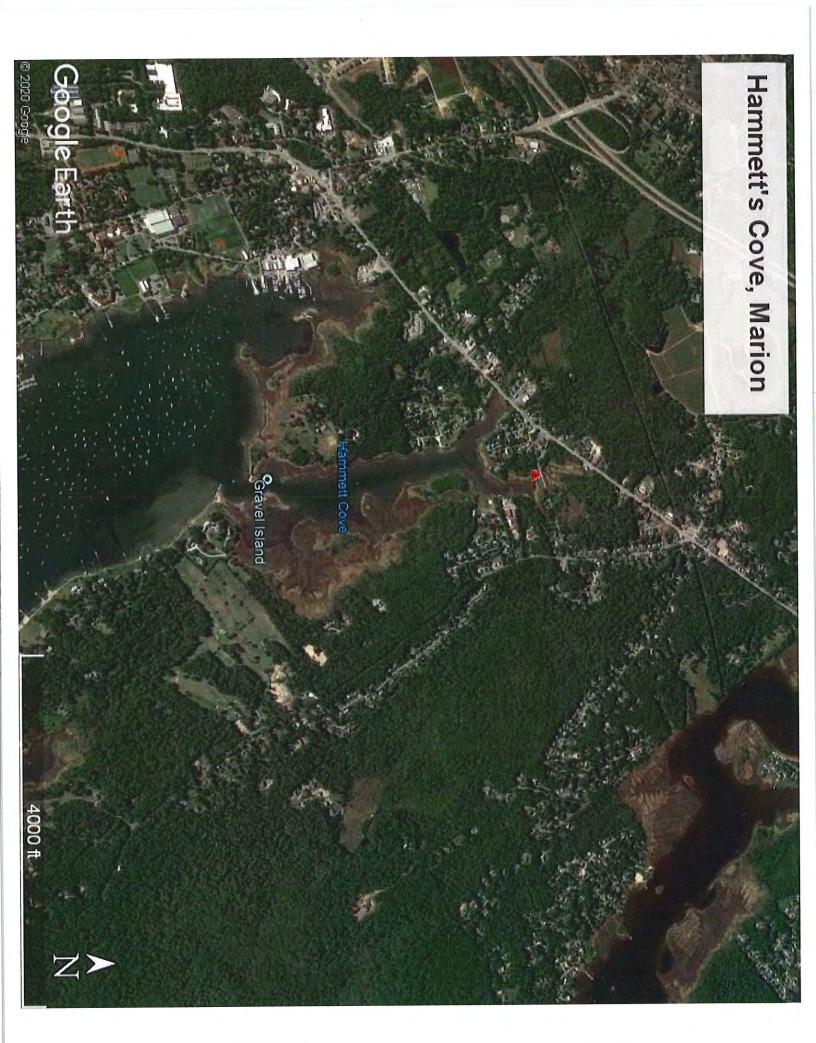
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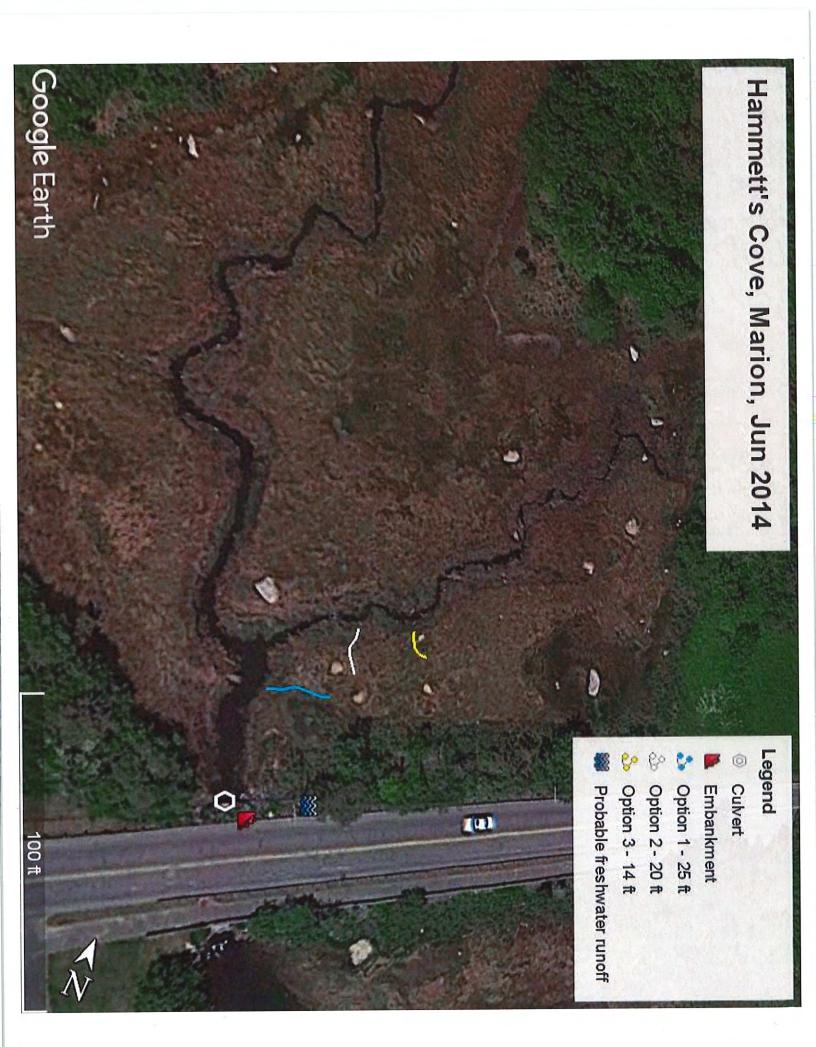
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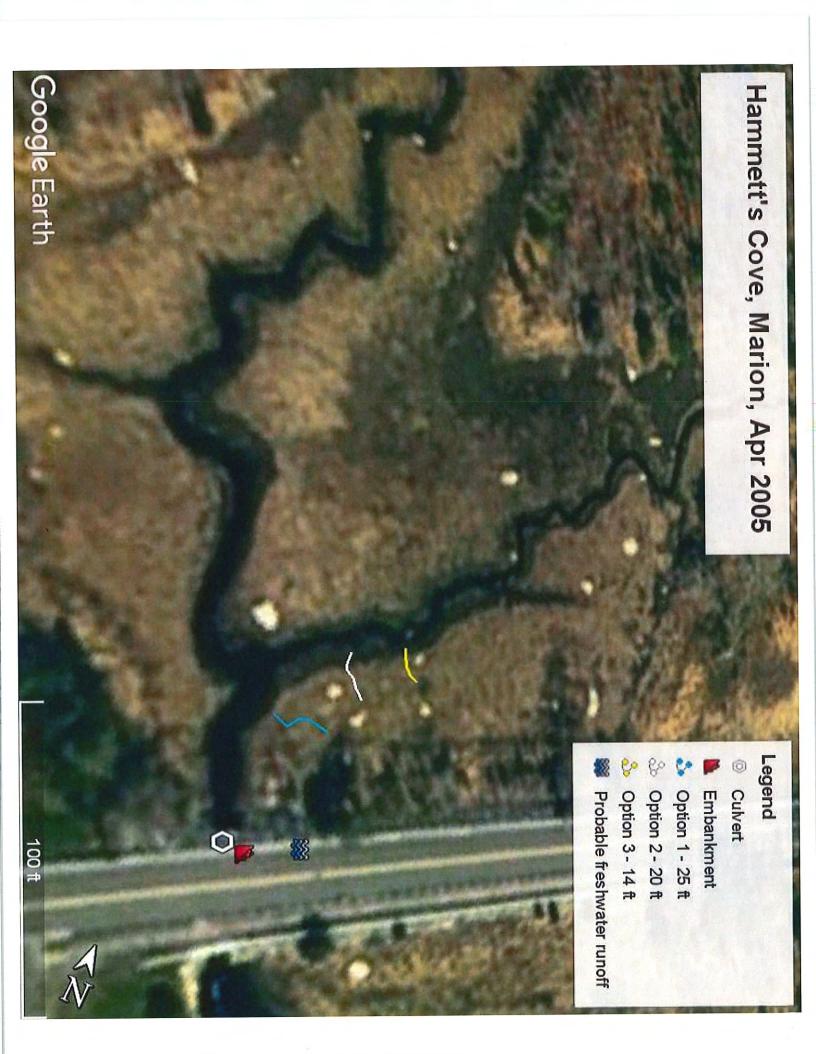












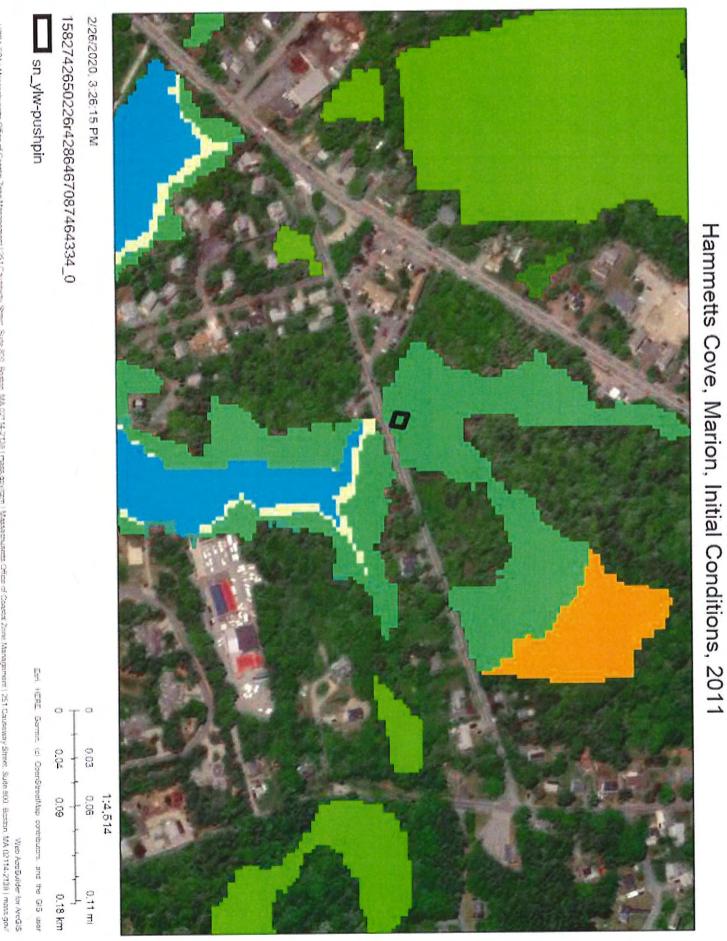
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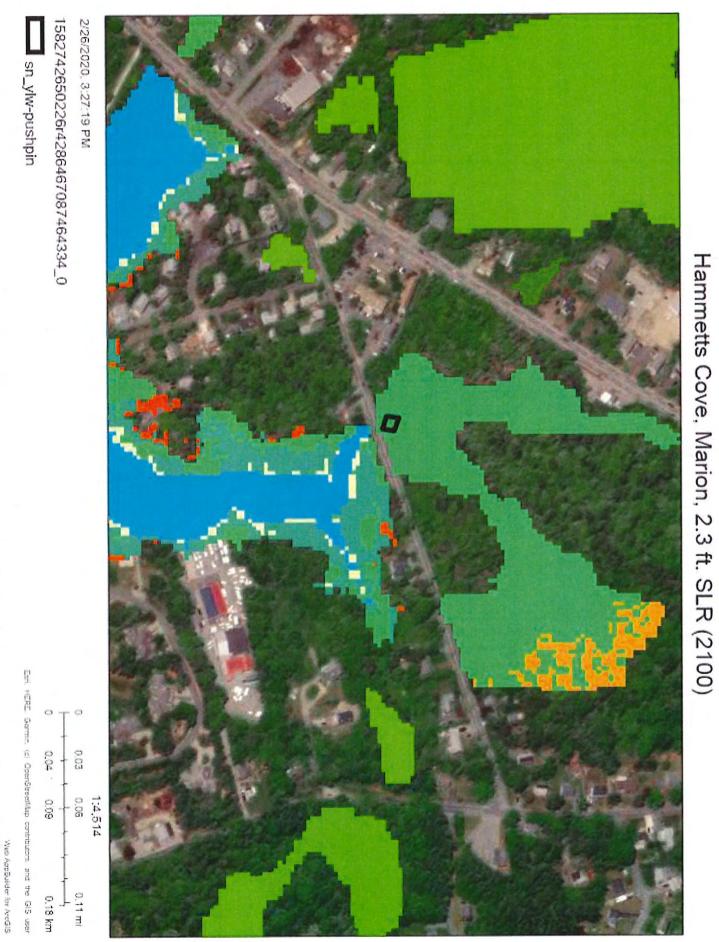




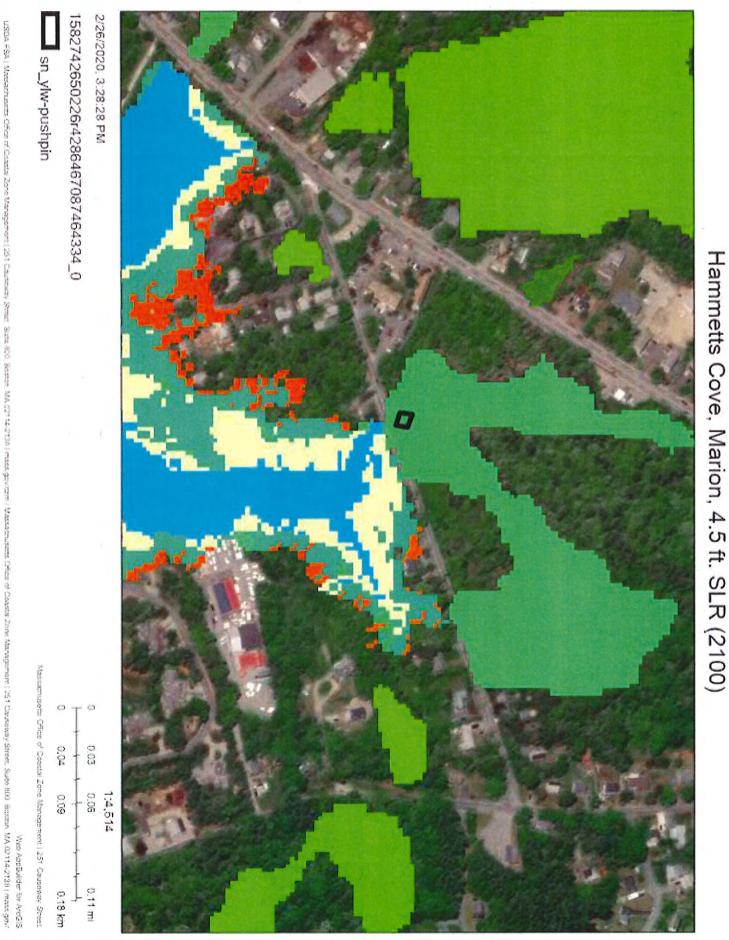




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Site: Little Bay, Town of Fairhaven, Bristol County

Ownership and Protection of Marsh: Town of Fairhaven, Protected Open Space

Ownership and Protection Adjacent Parcels: Town of Fairhaven, Protected Open Space

Access: Park in town owned parking lot. Walk 0.12 miles down bike path (approximately 5 feet wide), then enter marsh from concrete pier. Alternate access may be possible adjacent to the path on ground.

Elevation: 2.29 ± 0.09 ft NAVD88

MHW: 1.85 ft NAVD88

Existing drainage considerations: Ditches appear to be draining (no clogging vegetation). Small elevation ridge (4-6") along the ditch edge from ditch spoils. No issues with undersized culvert/tidal restriction. No apparent issues with high volume road run-off or other freshwater inputs.

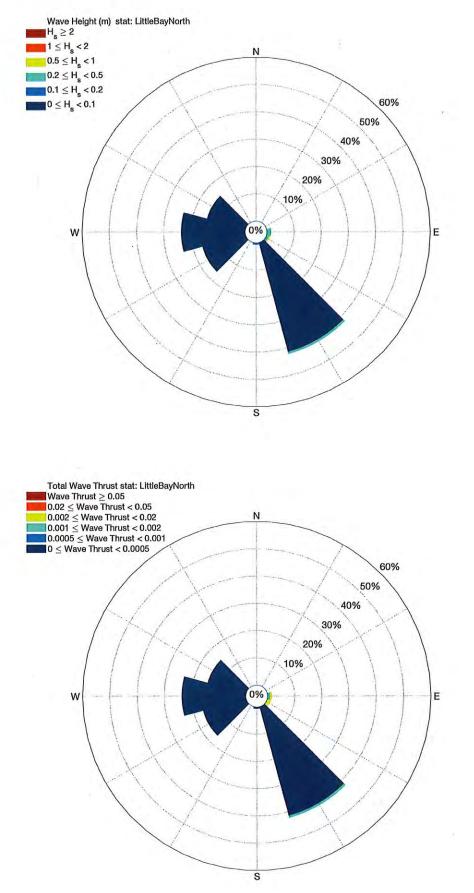
Peat condition: Marsh was firm other than in depressions and die-back areas. Much of the platform appeared firm and healthy.

Close to existing salt marsh monitoring transects (BBC and BBNEP)?: Yes

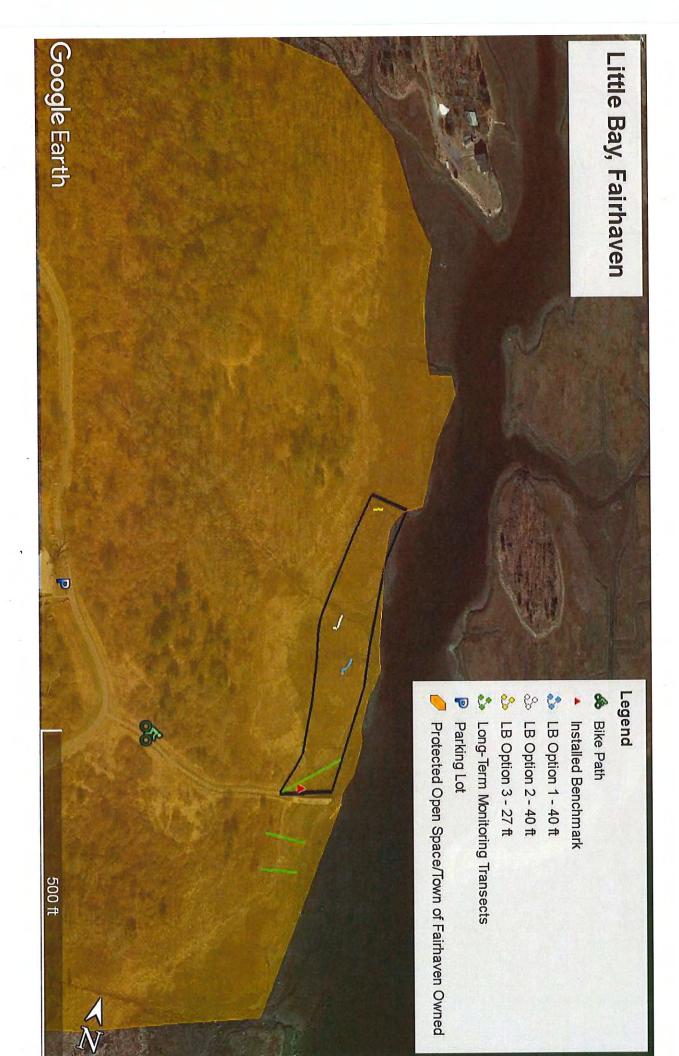
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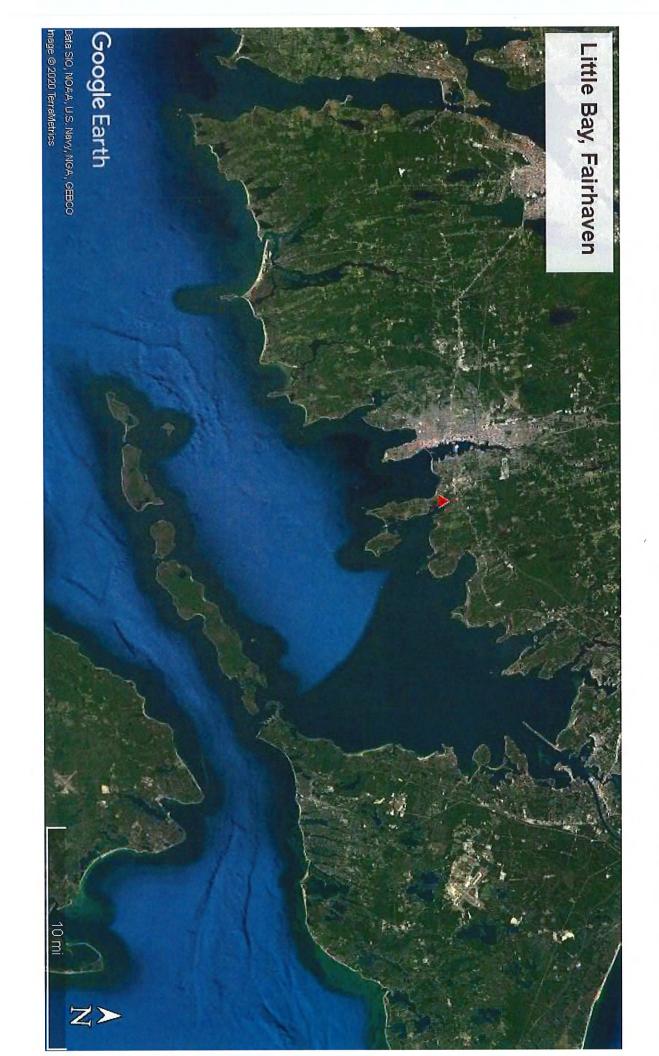
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Three potential runnel locations are indicated in blue, white, and yellow. These runnels would be approximately 40 ft, 40 ft, and 25 ft in length. The location of existing long-term marsh monitoring transects are indicated in green, and the red triangle indicates the location of the installed benchmark.

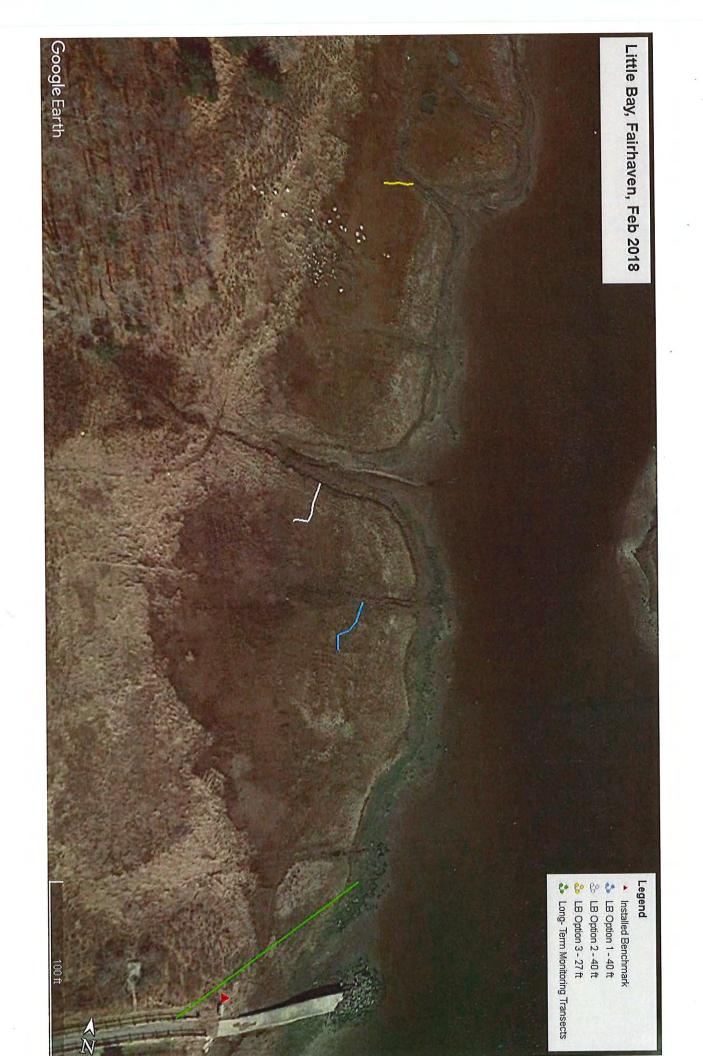


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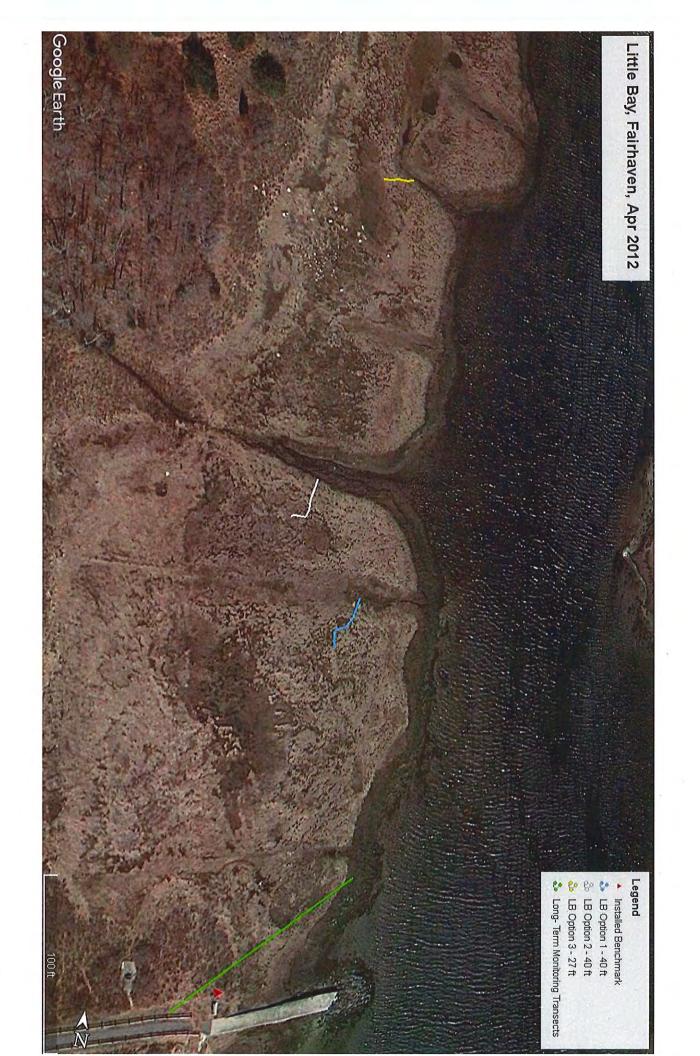


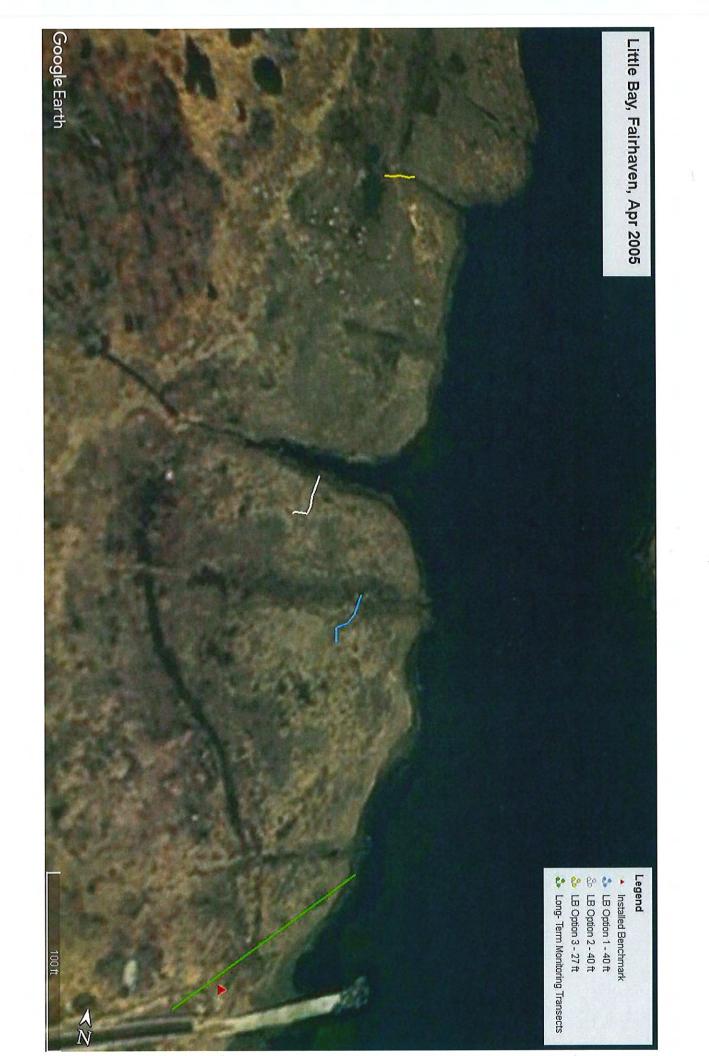


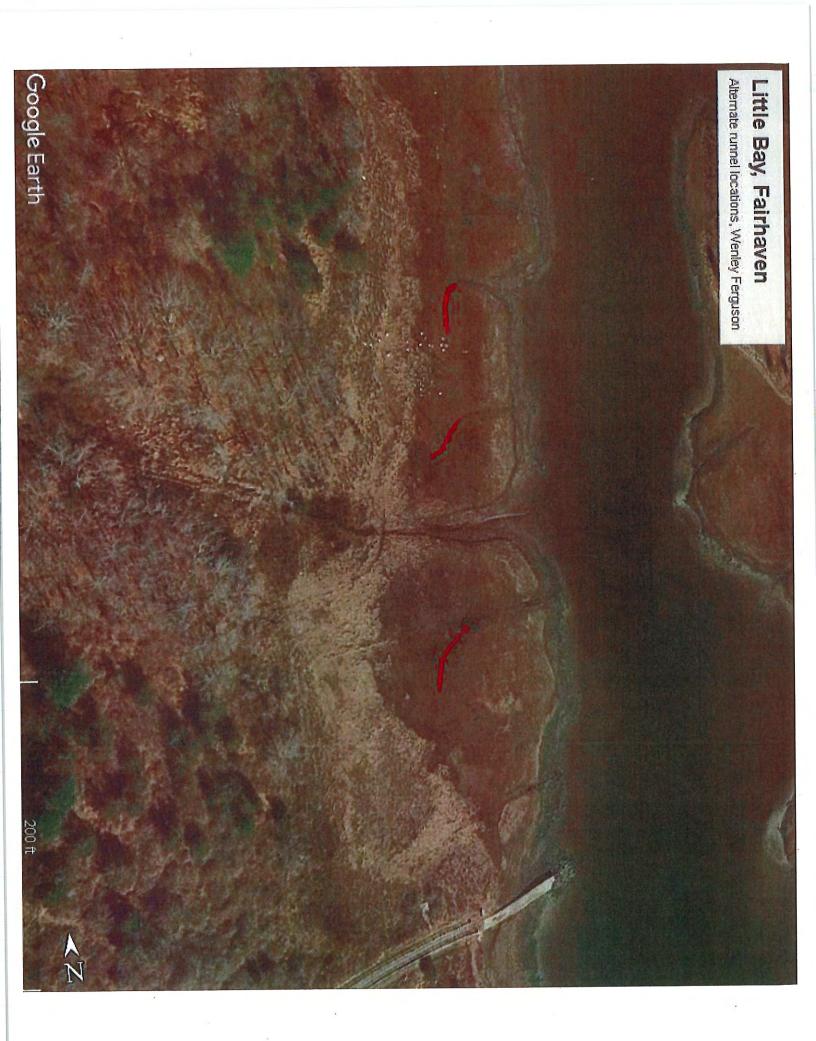








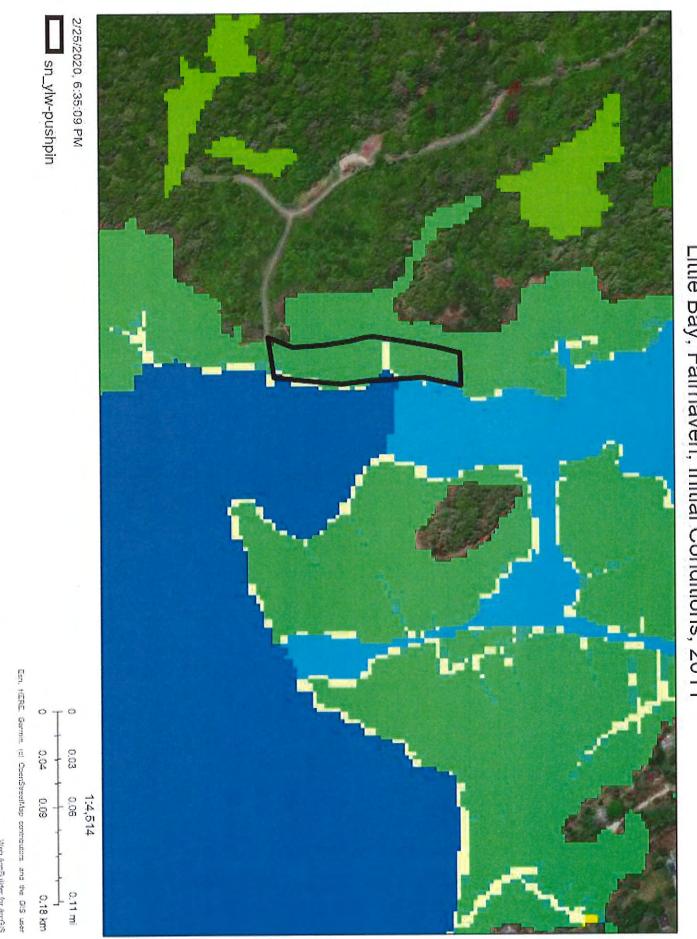




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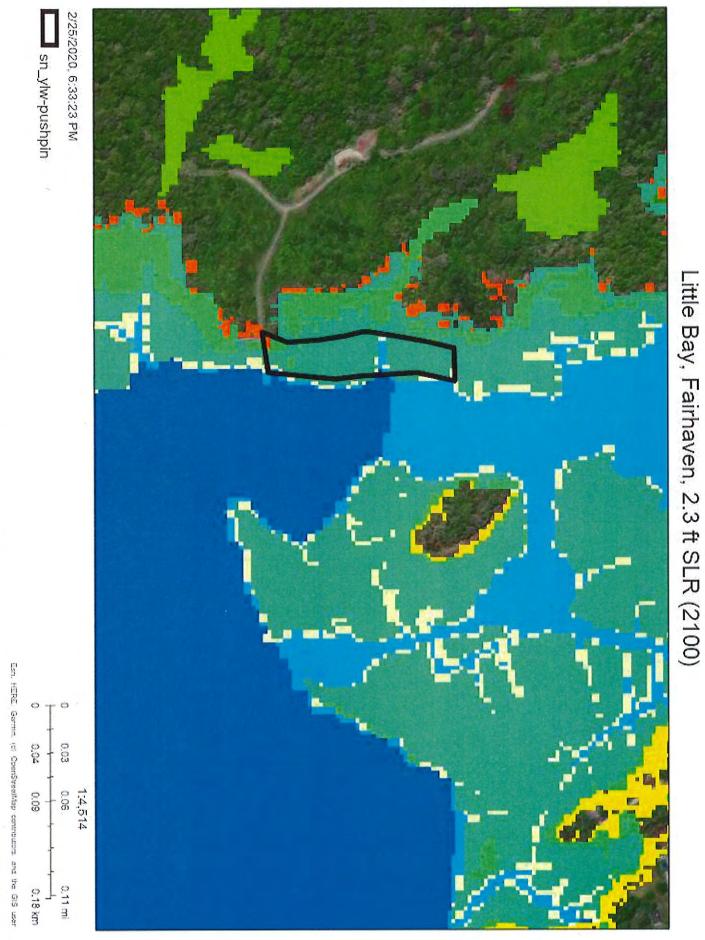




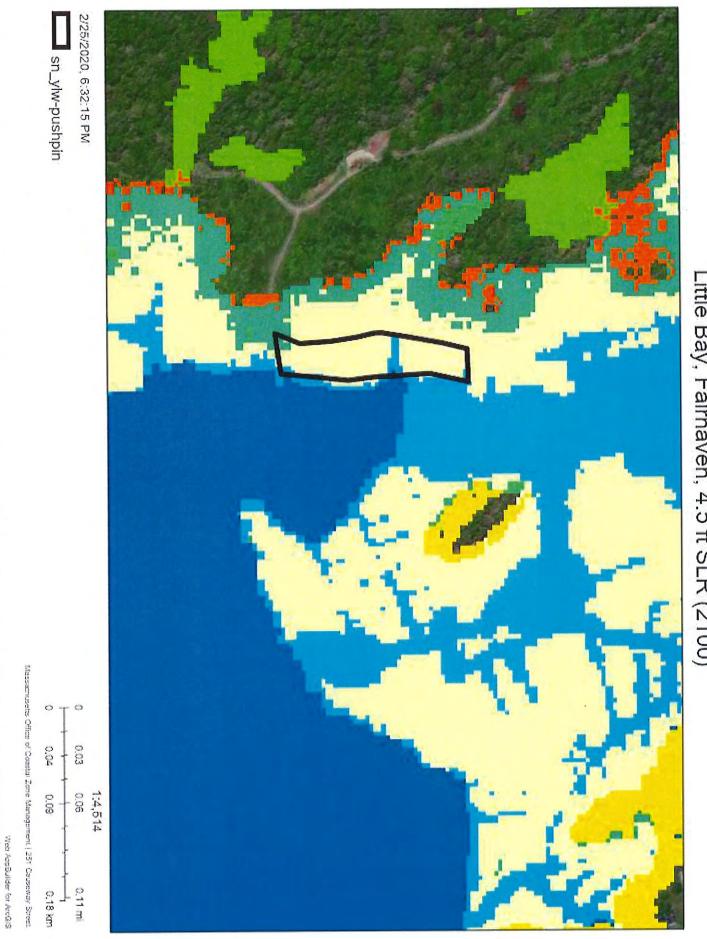


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Site: Patuisset Marsh, Town of Bourne, Barnstable County

Ownership and Protection of Marsh: Town of Bourne, Protected Open Space

Ownership and Protection Adjacent Parcels: Town of Bourne, Protected Open Space to the south, marsh abuts private property and homes.

Access: Parking lot adjacent to beach. Easy walk without embankment from road into marsh.

Elevation: 1.85 ± 0.30 ft NAVD88

MHW: 1.70 ft NAVD88

Existing drainage considerations: Open flushing with Hen Cove. Development restricts upland extent.

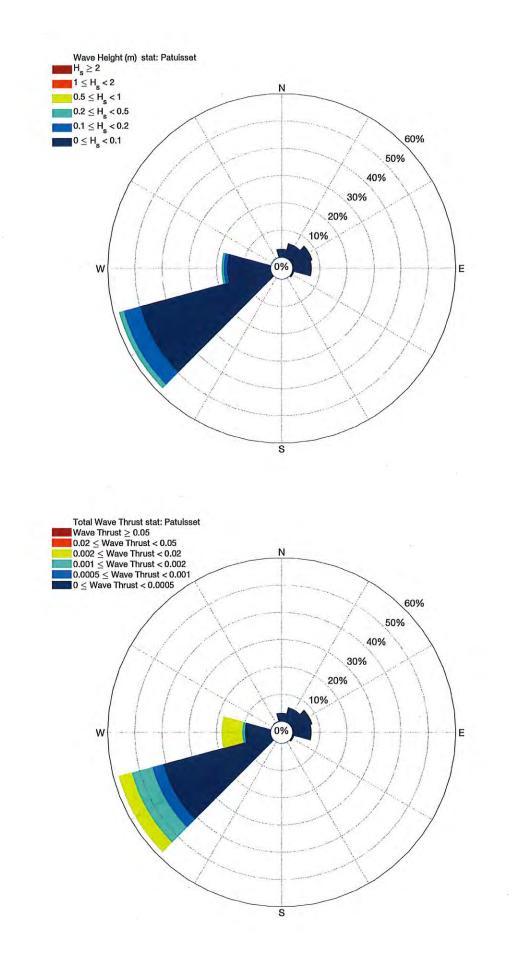
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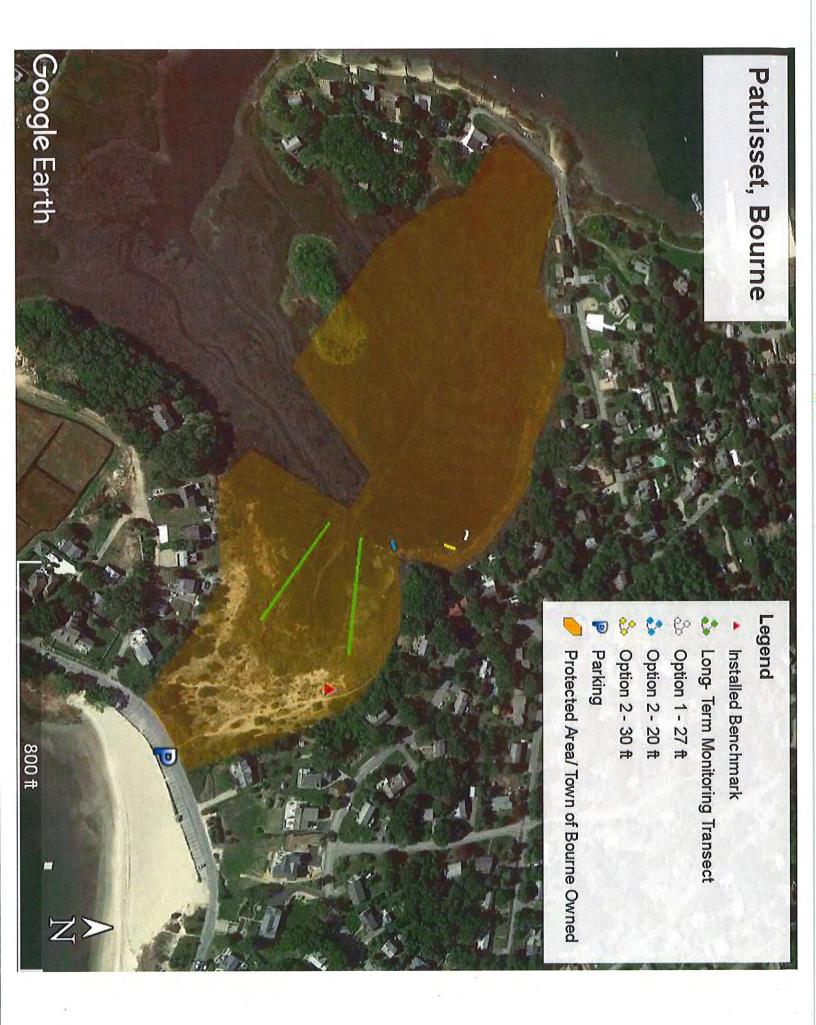
Close to existing salt marsh monitoring transects (BBC and BBNEP)?: Yes

Wind wave exposure: Low from the southwest and smaller from west.

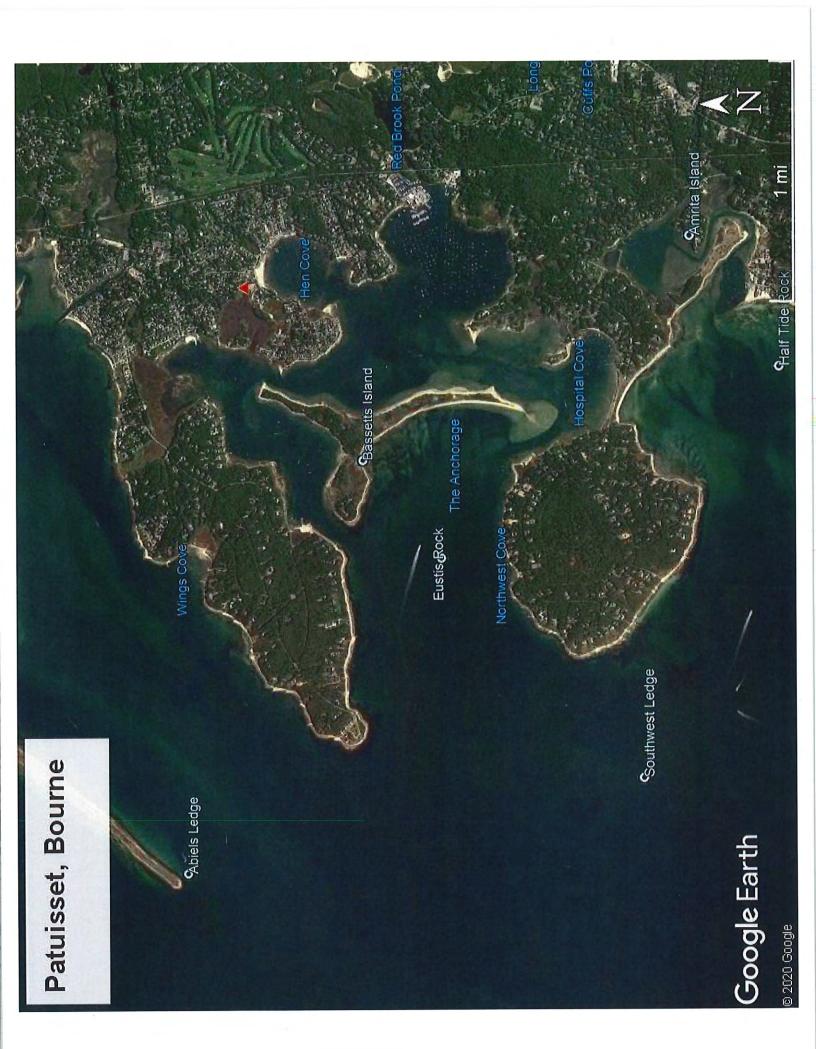
Proposal: This marsh was highly degraded, with historic ditches eroded into mudflats. Around the perimeter in-tact vegetation and firm peat still present. Areas of die-back were present at the marsh boundary, abutting *Phragmites* stands, and private homes.

We propose to treat these marsh edge die-back areas with one of three runnels. Die-back in these places had lots of evident root mat, and very little standing water.





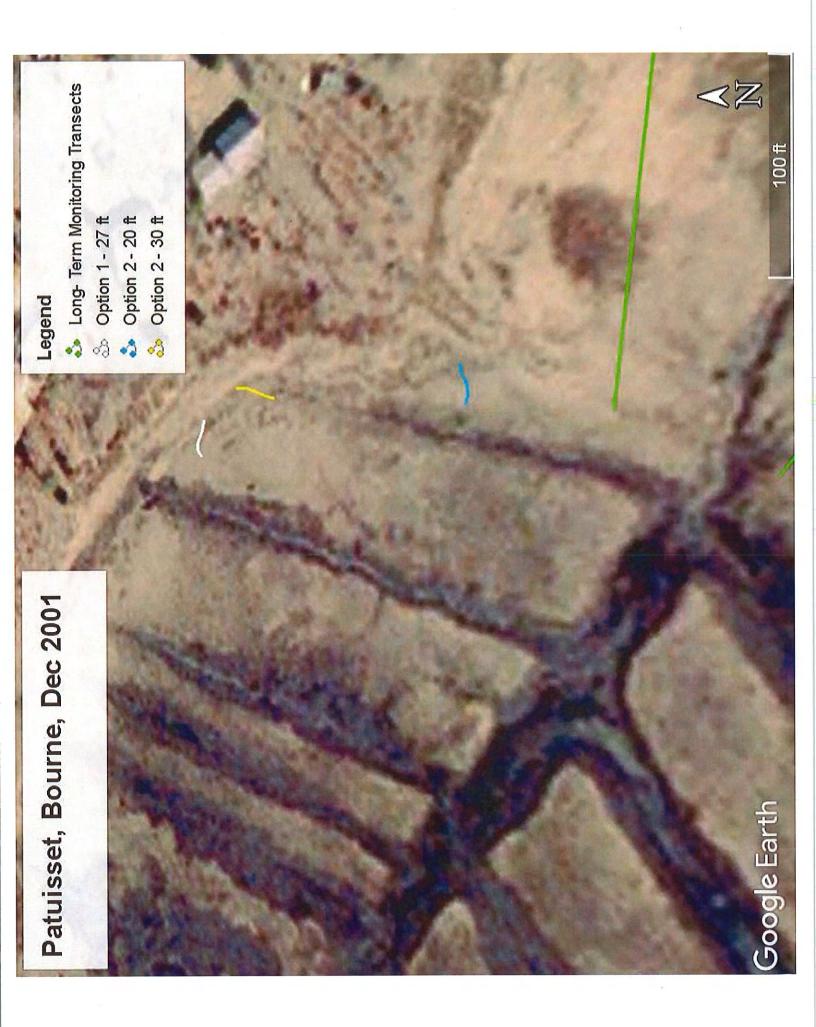












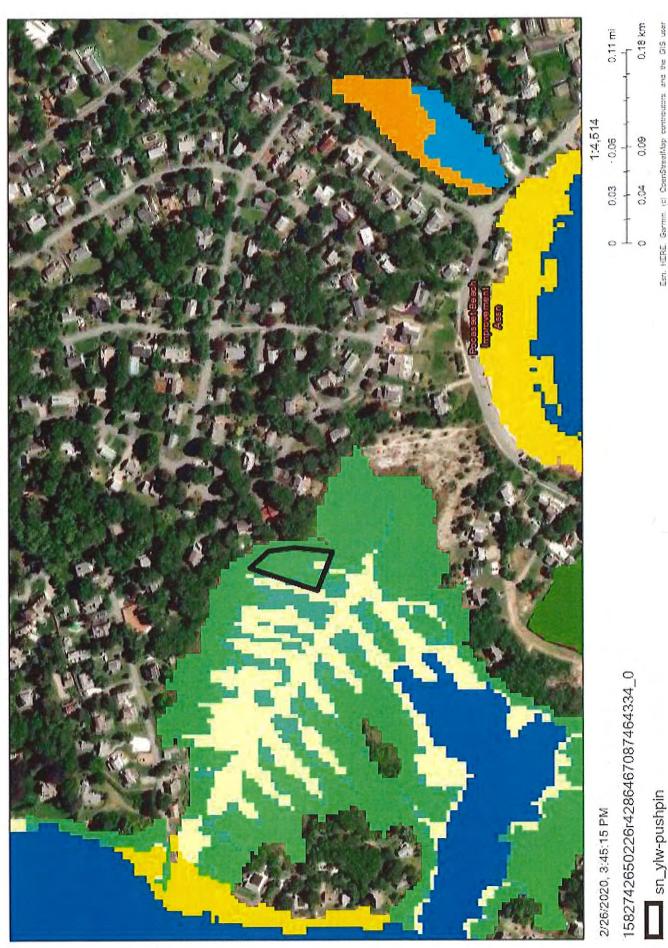






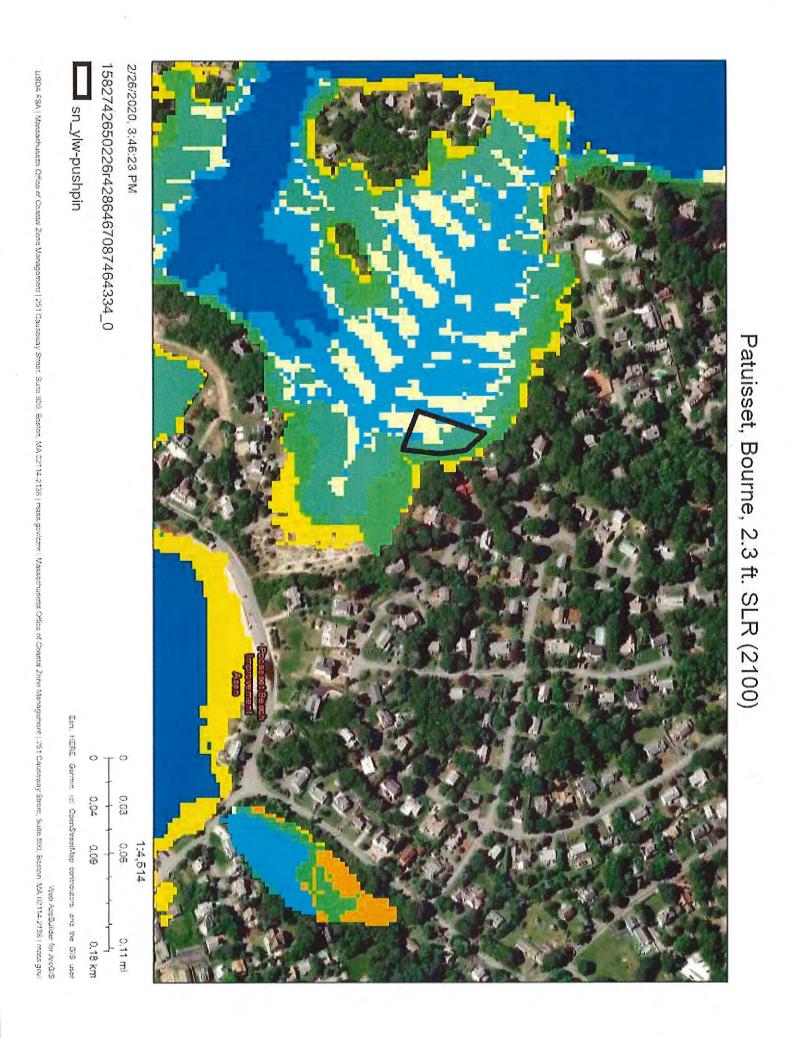


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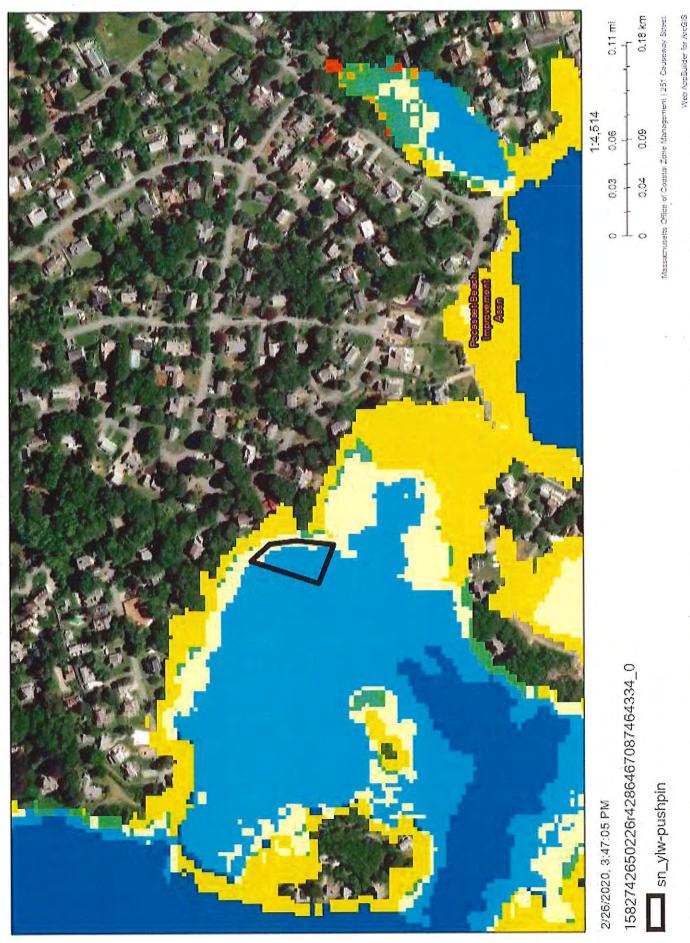


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Site: Star of Sea, Town of Dartmouth, Bristol County

Ownership and Protection of Marsh: Town of Dartmouth, Protected Open Space

Ownership and Protection Adjacent Parcels: Town of Dartmouth, Dartmouth Natural Resource Trust, Protected Open Space to the south

Access: Park along road, enter marsh by a moderate-grade embankment.

Elevation: 1.55 ± 0.17 ft NAVD88

MHW: 1.77 ft NAVD88

Existing drainage considerations: Restricted by culvert that appeared undersized. Some freshwater input from road and forested perimeter of marsh both possible.

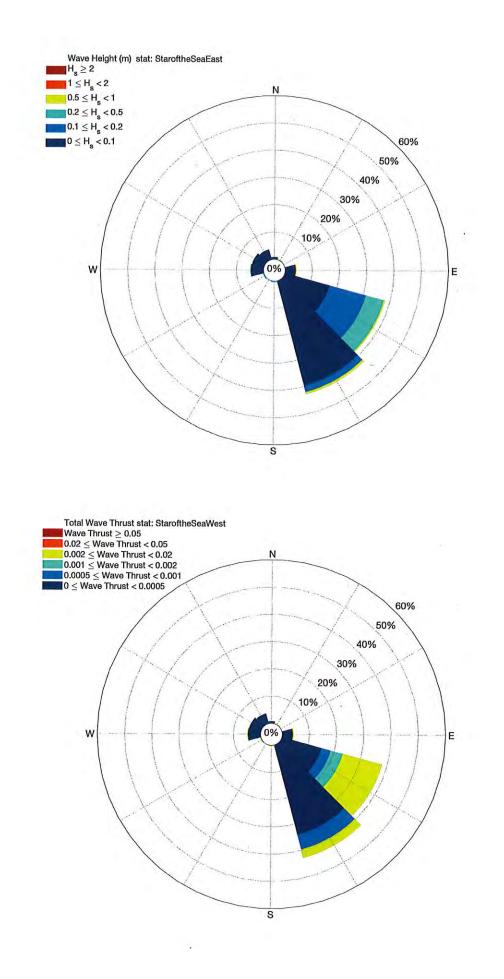
Peat condition: Vegetated peat was moderate in firmness, but large areas unvegetated and large areas of standing water. Around ditches and impoundments peat was very soft.

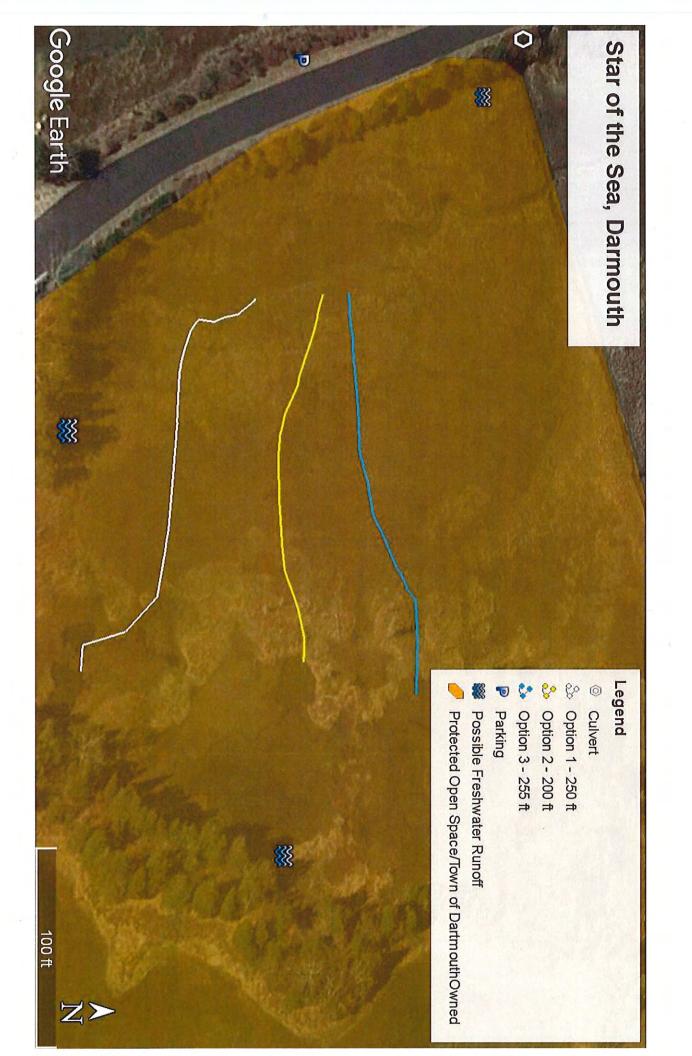
Close to existing salt marsh monitoring transects (BBC and BBNEP)?: No

Wind wave exposure: Low from the southeast. Given restriction waves likely do not directly impact this marsh.

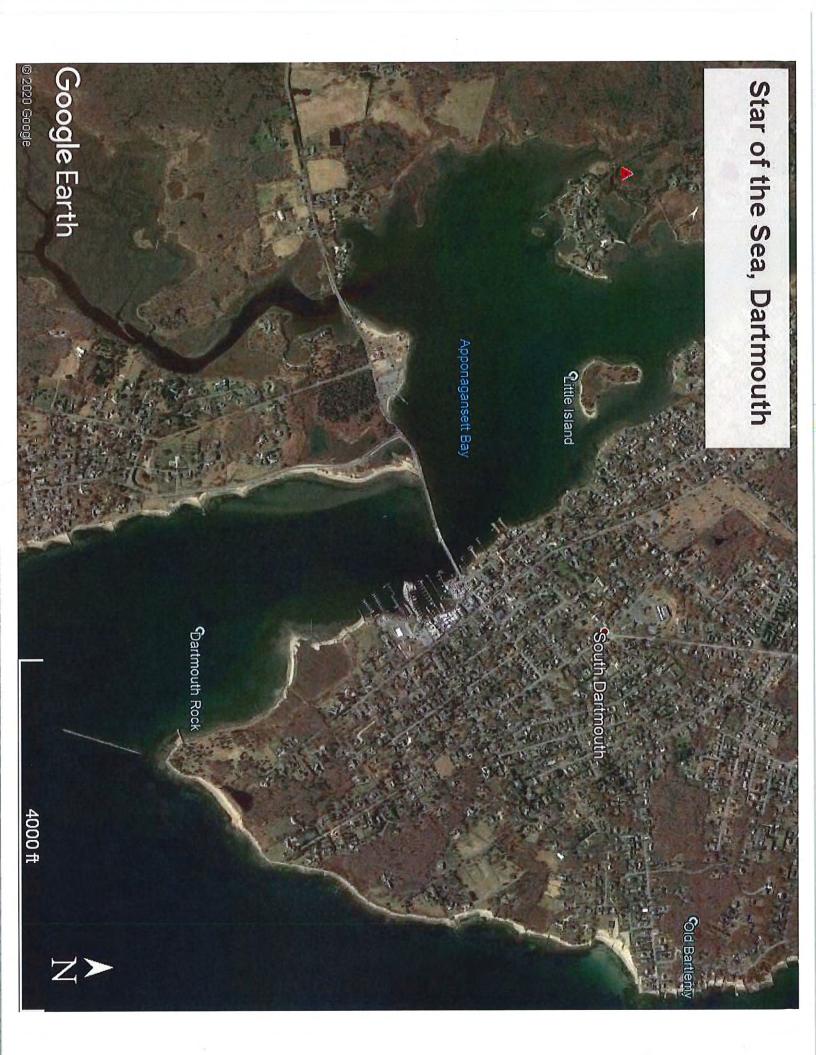
Proposal: This site has significantly subsided, with large areas of standing water with depth > 12" in places. There is evidence of "ghost forest", or trees killed from inundation. The ditch on the south side of the marsh was draining, while the ditch on the northern side had a clog.

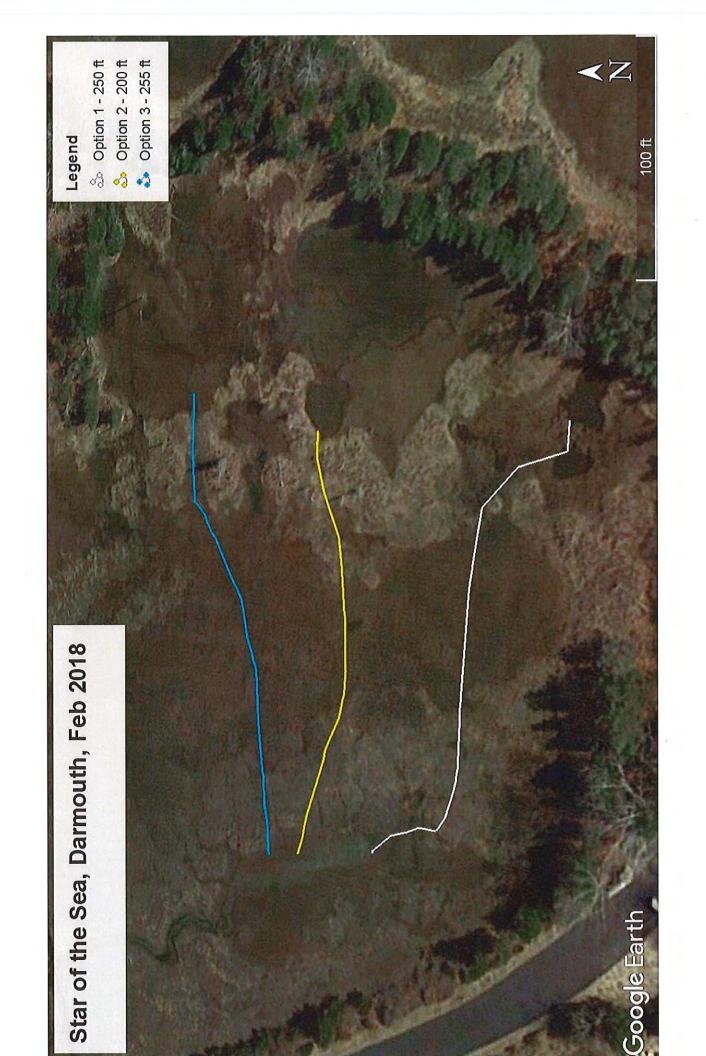
We propose to install a runnel to help reduce the degree of impoundments along the eastern and southeastern edges of the marsh. We have proposed three locations, all of which would be long runnels to connect to the ditch.

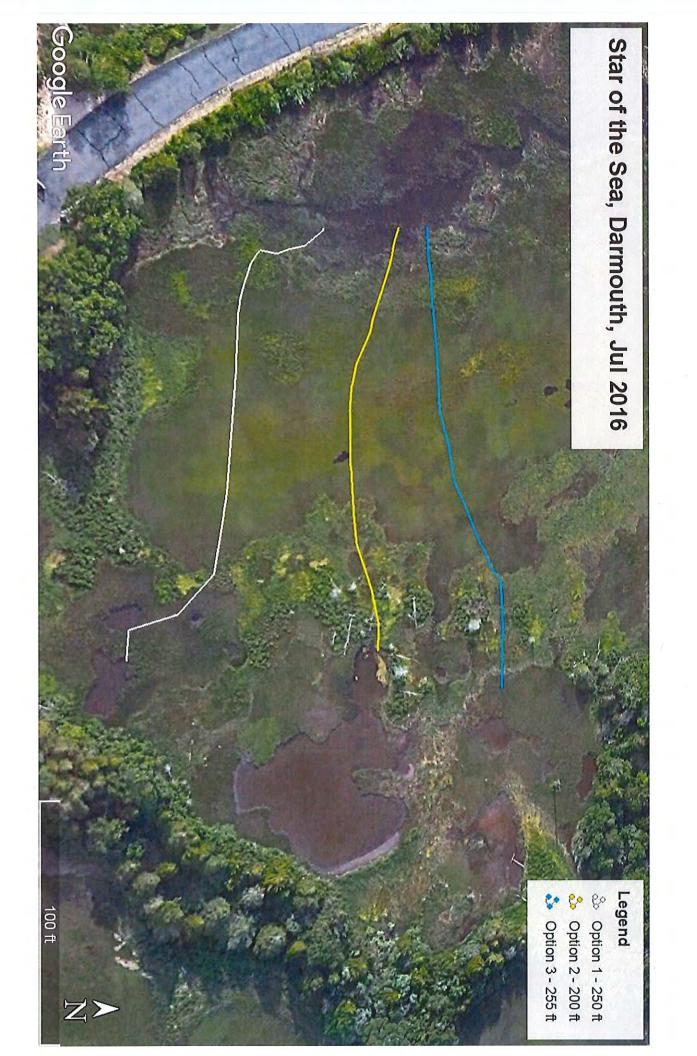


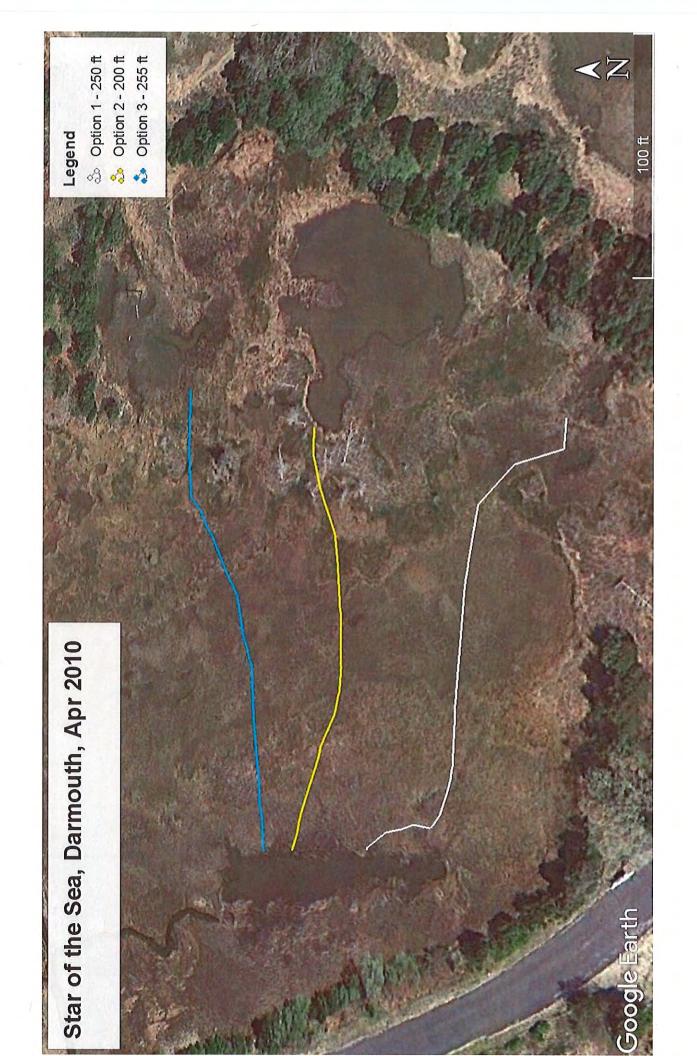


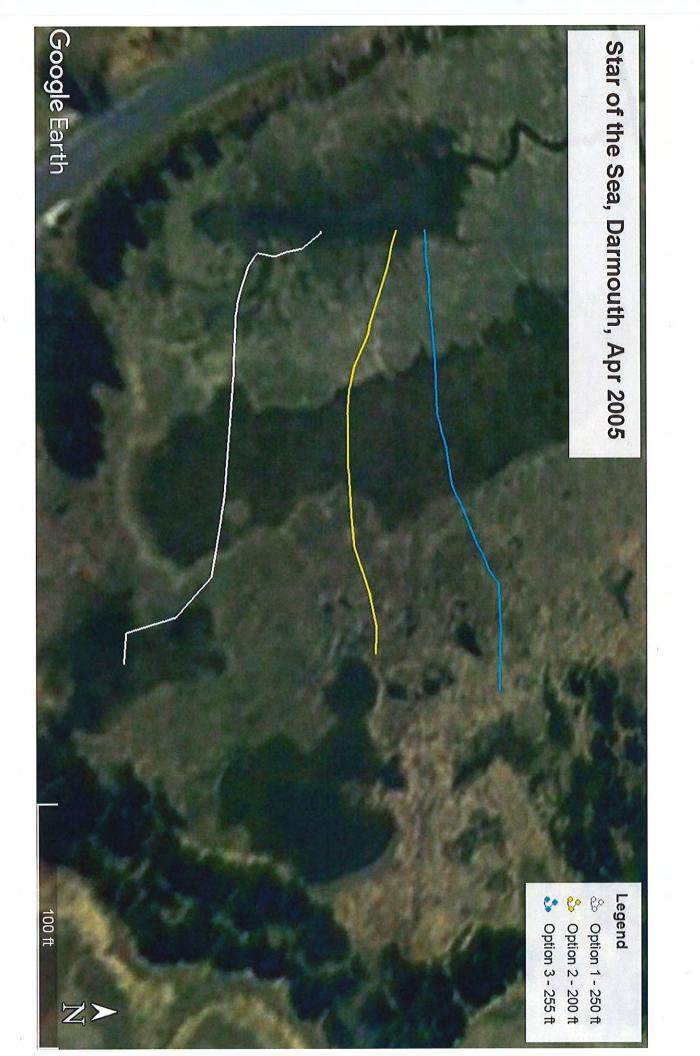
























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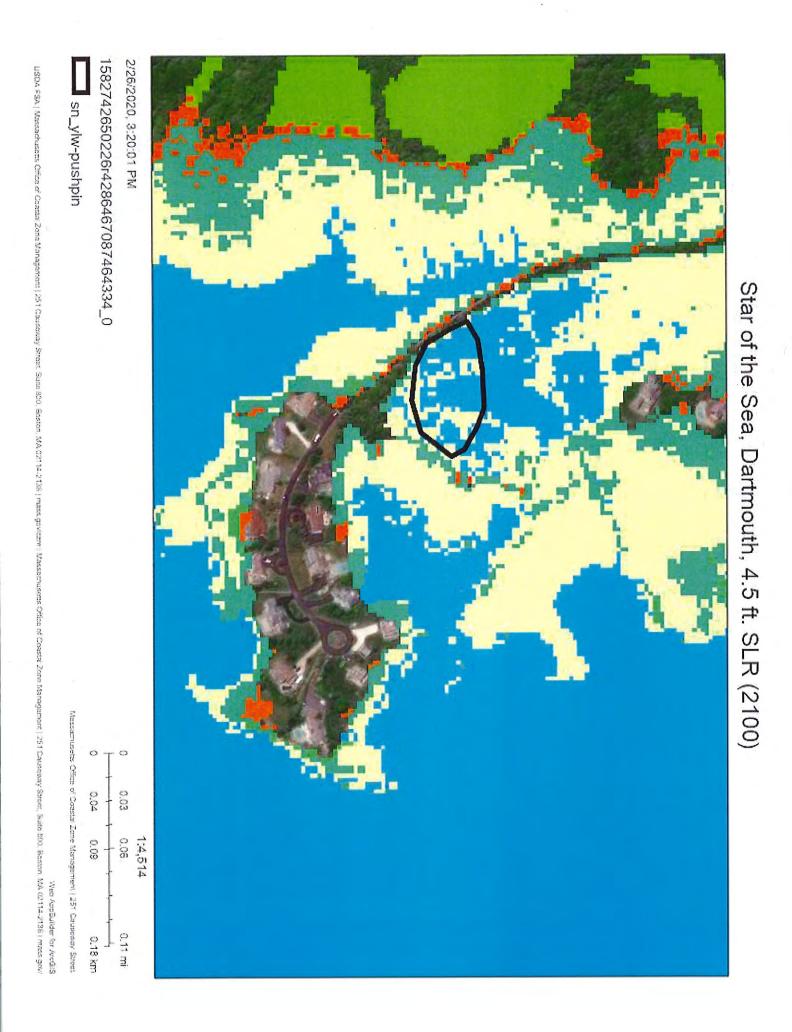


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Site: Wing's Neck, Town of Bourne, Barnstable County

Ownership and Protection of Marsh: Town of Bourne, Not classified as protected open space

Ownership and Protection Adjacent Parcels: Town of Bourne, some protected open space

Access: Park on the side of road, there is a low grade bank to enter marsh.

Elevation: 1.78 ± 0.11 ft NAVD88

MHW: 1.72 ft NAVD88

Existing drainage considerations: The marsh is on the unrestricted side of an undersized culvert. Ditches appear to be draining (no clogging vegetation). No issues with undersized culvert/tidal restriction. No apparent issues with high volume road run-off or other freshwater inputs.

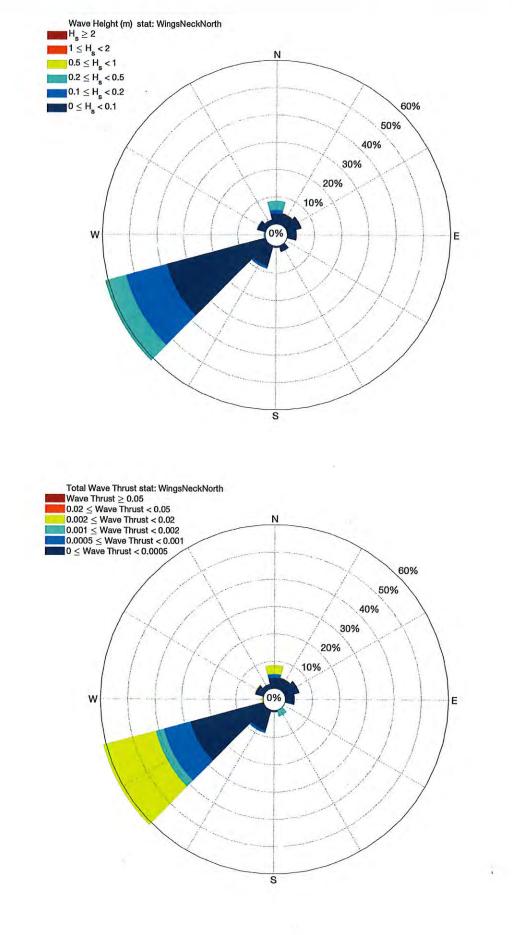
Peat condition: Marsh is muddier, softer, than average peat conditions across marshes.

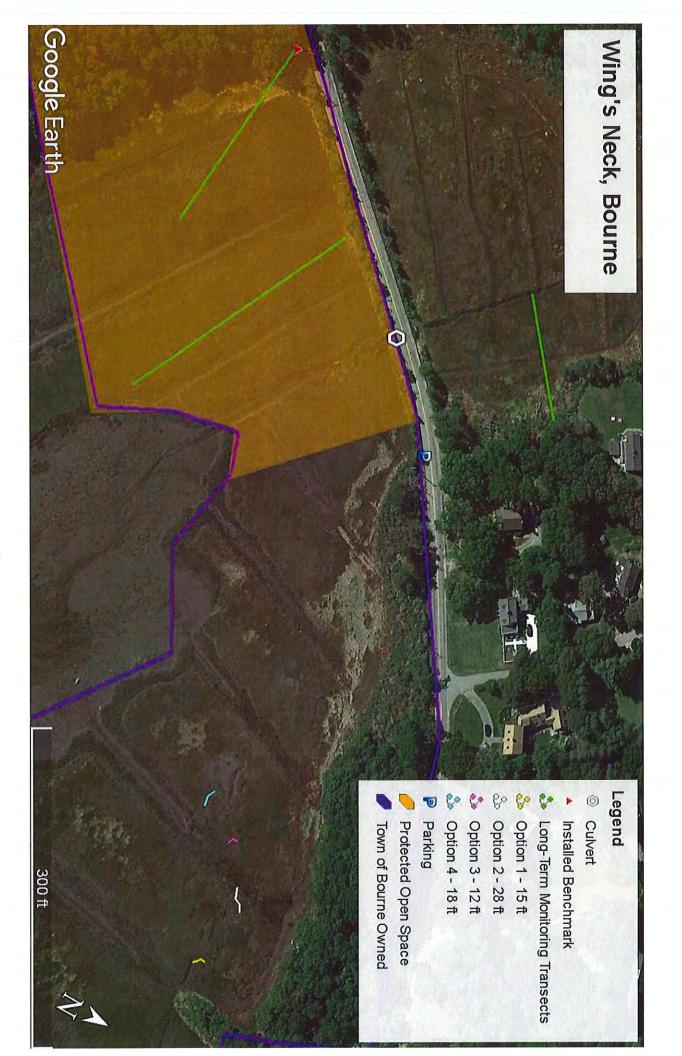
Close to existing salt marsh monitoring transects (BBC and BBNEP)?: Yes

Wind wave exposure: Low thrust and wave heights, from the southwest (see wind rose figures)

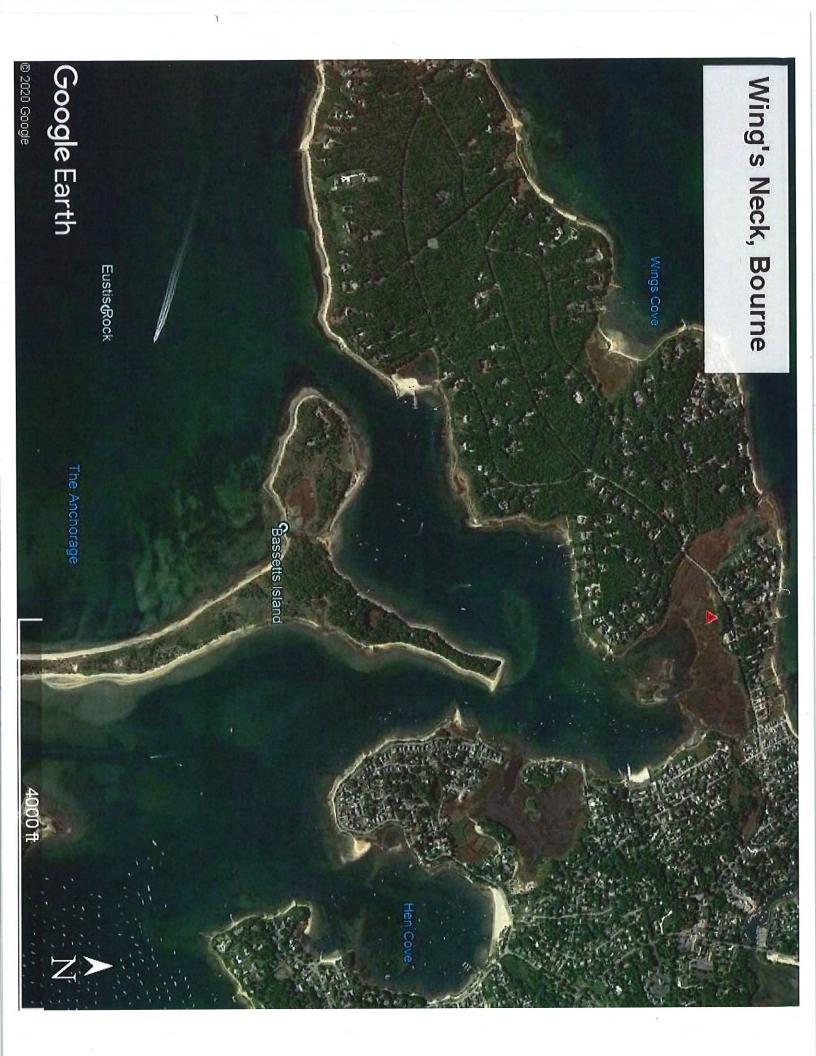
Proposal: Depressions and marsh die-back on multiple lobes of the marsh. Patches vary between no standing water (exposed bare sediment), and standing water of a depth up to 12". Some areas with standing water still appeared to have vegetation, while others were loose mud. Many depressions have ragged edges, appear to be recent die-off. We propose to dig one runnel to treat an area of die-back.

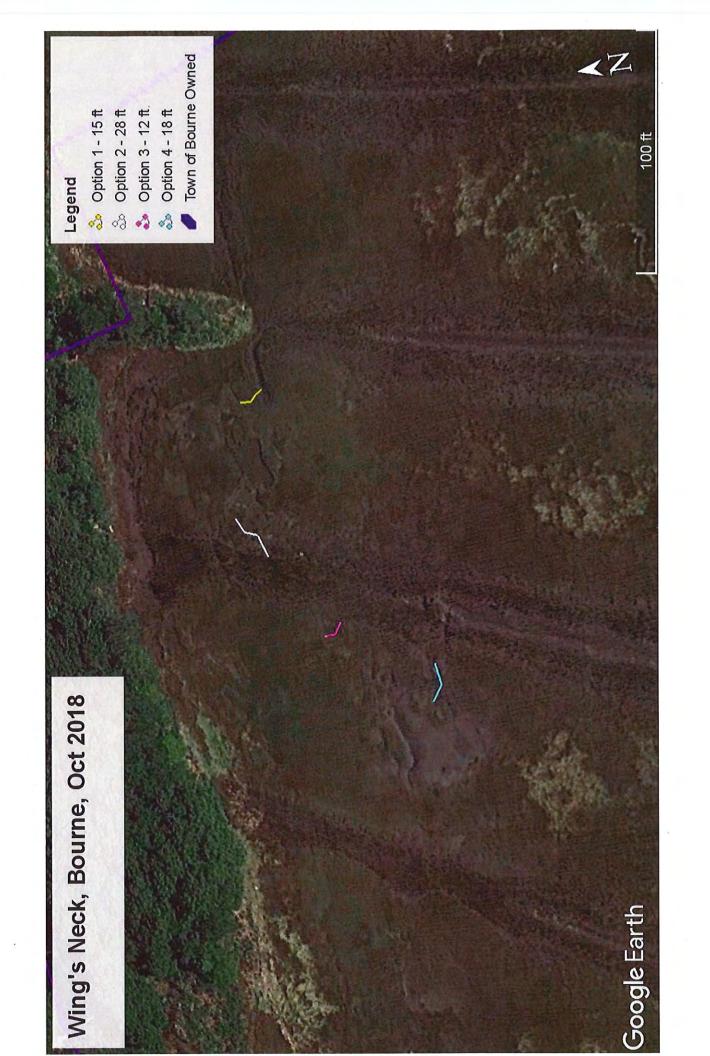
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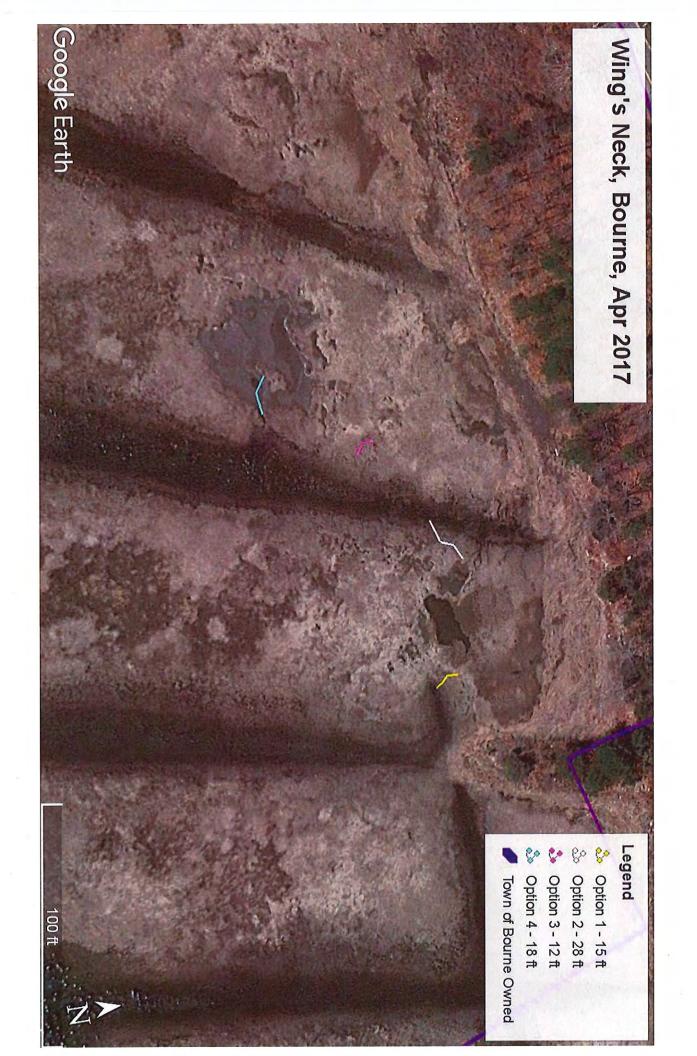


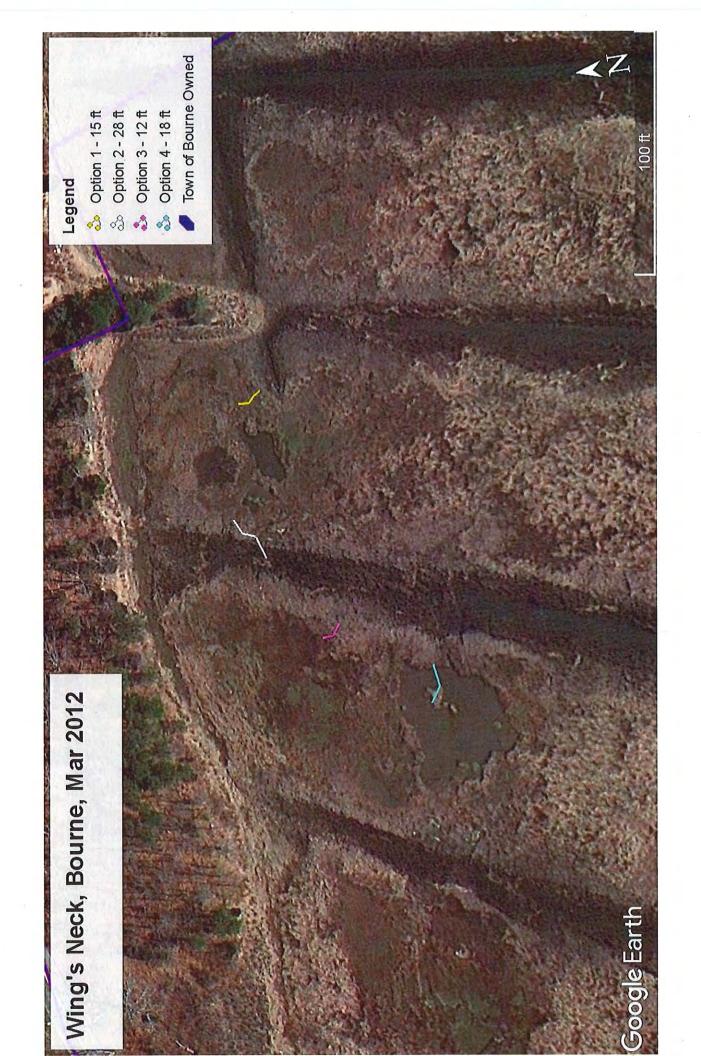


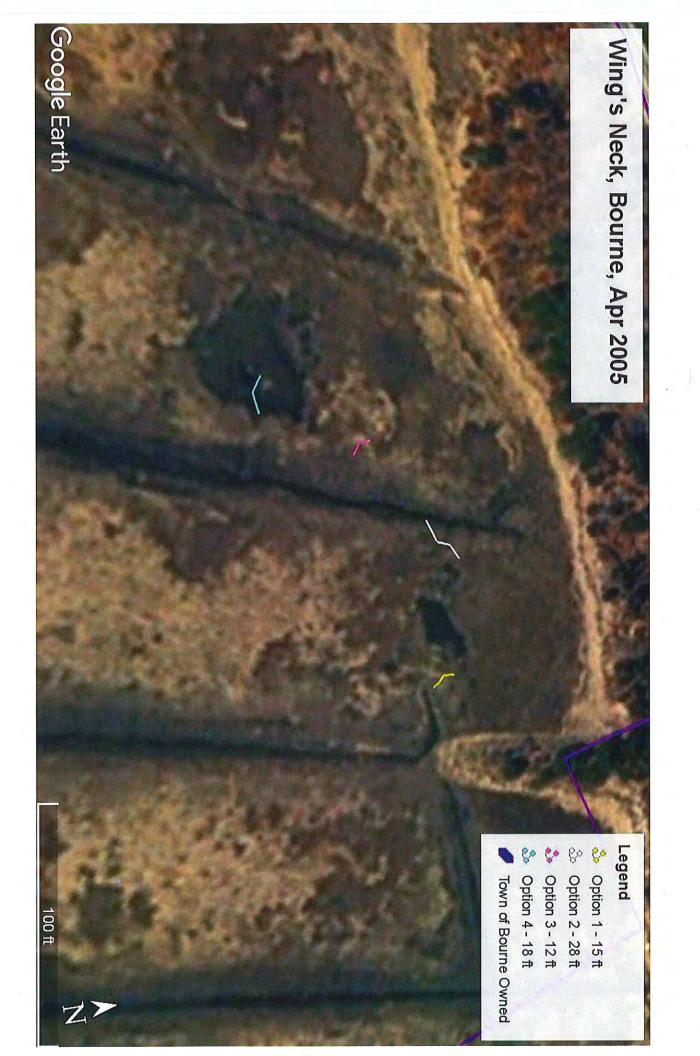




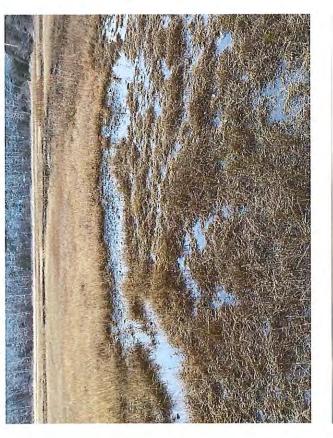








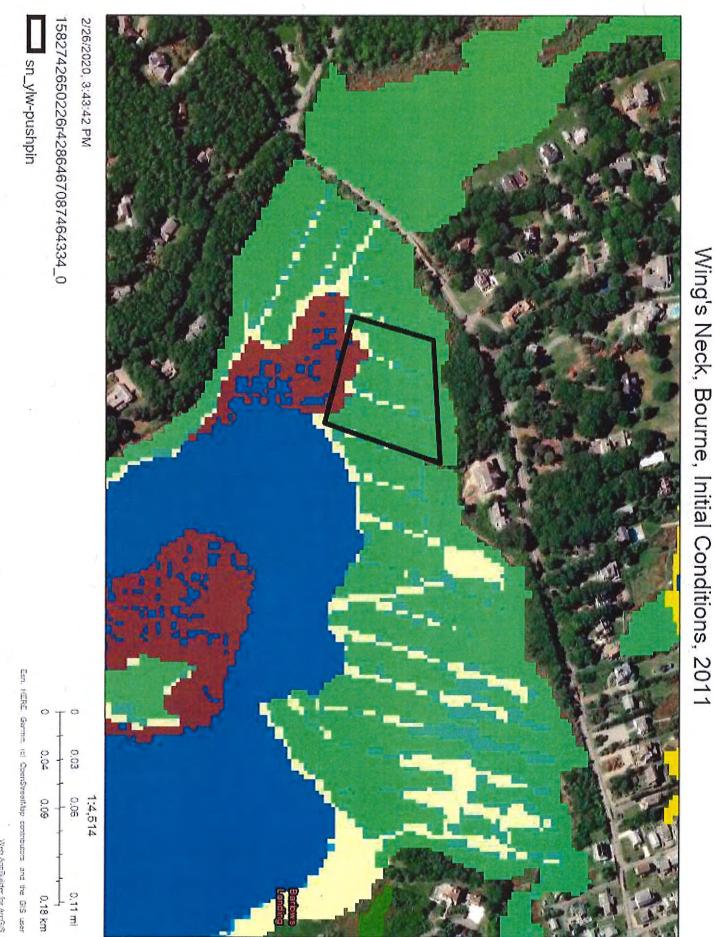






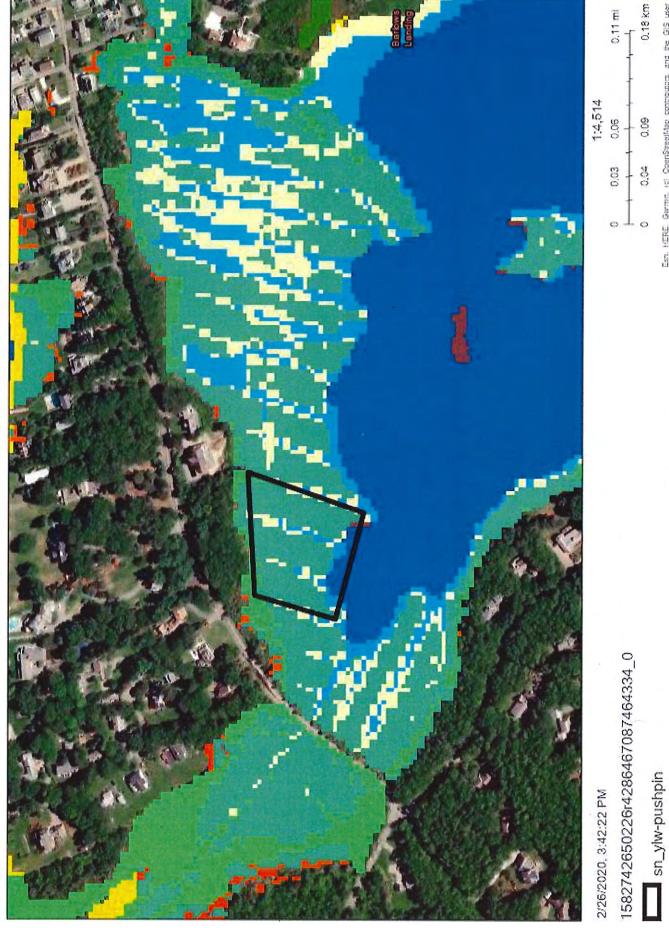






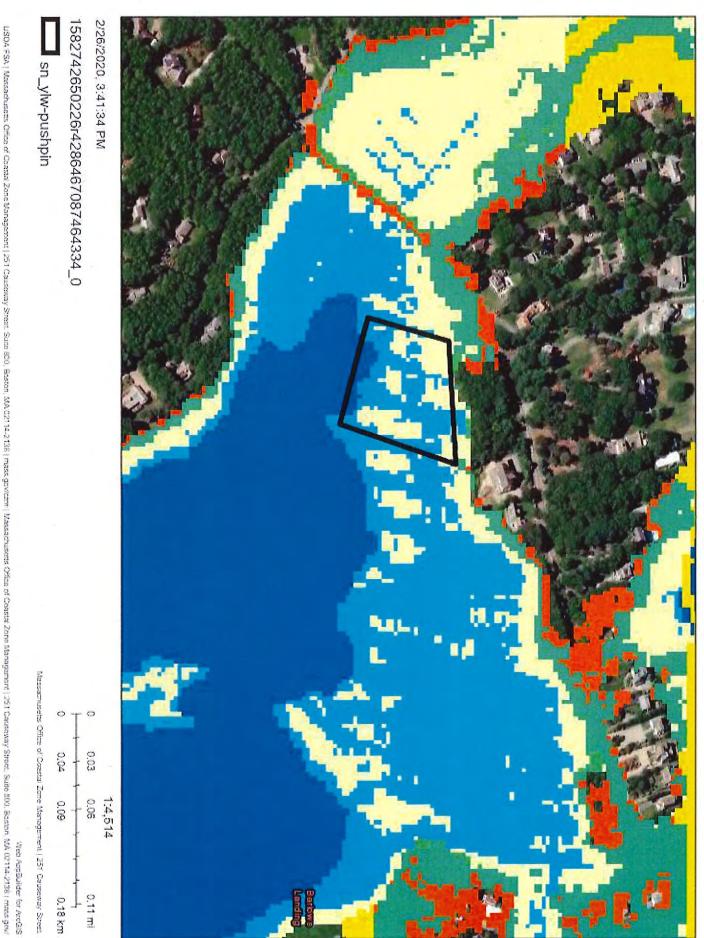
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- Do you have any thoughts on how a runnel at this site should be dug (by hand, lowpressure excavator), and/or whether a deeper-narrower, or shallower-wider runnel would be more suitable here? Should a sill be left?

Additional comments:

Suitability Ranking (1-5) _____