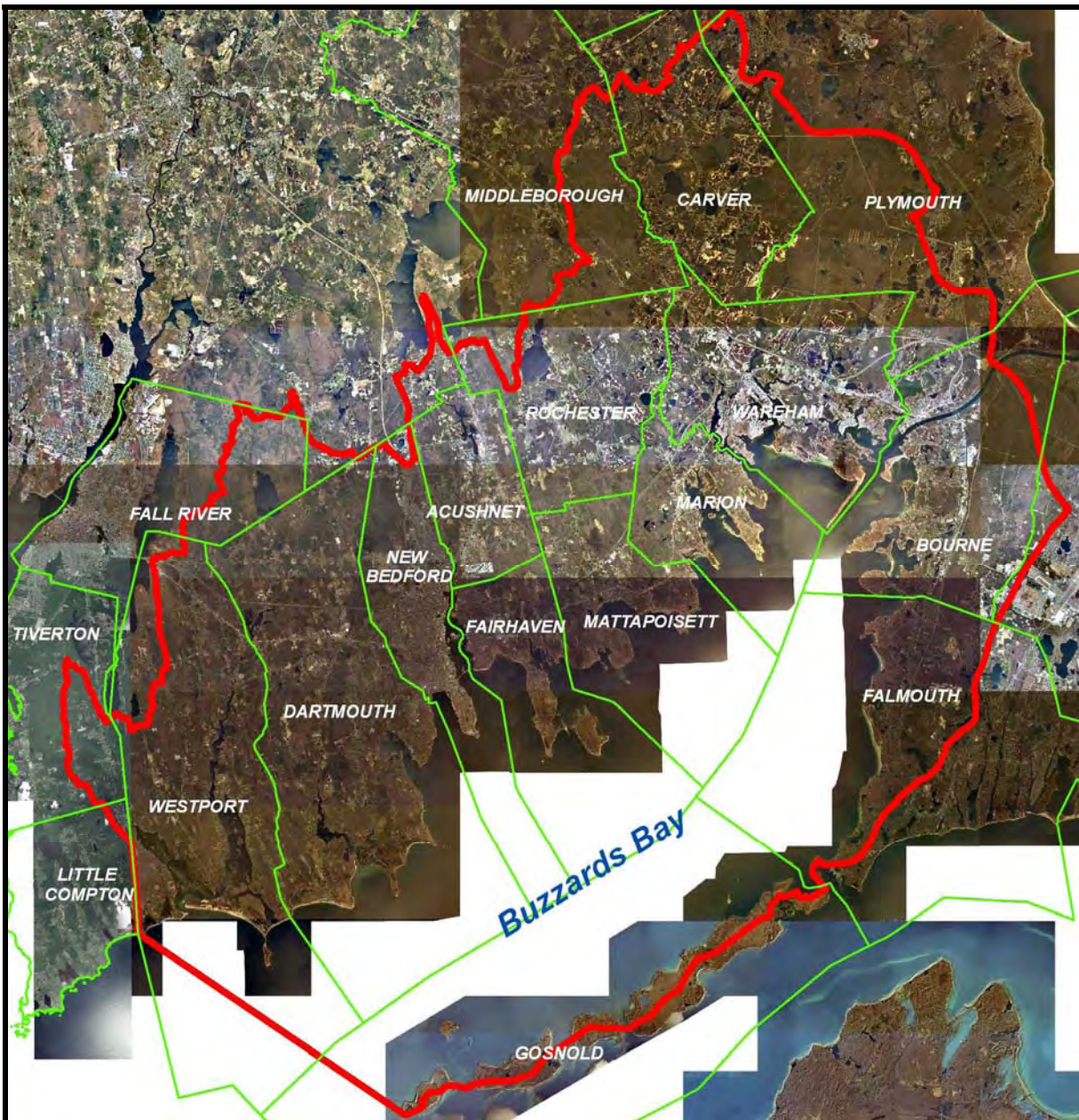


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Forward

The Buzzards Bay NEP has updated its landmark Buzzards Bay Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) to reflect both the great progress achieved and the new problems facing the bay and its surrounding watershed since that original plan was finalized in 1992. This updated CCMP include new goals, objectives, and recommendations to meet the environmental needs for Buzzards Bay and its surrounding watershed into the next decade. This new document will also meet the requirements for a Massachusetts Watershed Action Plan.

The updated Buzzards Bay watershed management plan contain 350 town-specific and agency-specific recommendations to protect and restore water quality and living resources in the bay and surrounding watershed. This is nearly triple the number of the original plan

While the new Buzzards Bay CCMP and Watershed Action Plan is not a regulatory document, the contents of the updated plan will help direct state and federal grants, technical assistances and policies that will affect Buzzards Bay communities for years to come.

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