

Survey of Storm Runoff Problem Locations on Public or Semi-Public Locations in Brewster					original list - June 2016	Updated November 2025	
POND	PROBLEM RUNOFF SPOT (Public or semi-public)	SURFACE	CONTROLS	AREA DRAINING	TRAFFIC/USE	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
Alden Road ponds	Alden Road (2 unnamed, small ponds)	Paved	None	Large	Moderate/road	Low	Small bog ponds. Low because small, unused ponds
Black Pond	Crowell's Bog Road and Winstead Road area	Paved	None	Large	Moderate/road	High	Road drainage directly to pond, no control. Some catch basins on Winstead.
Cahoon Pond	Long Pond Road	Paved	Catch basin	Large	Heavy/road	High	Basin in Harwich but includes Brewster drainage. Need to check if basin drains to pond or is closed.
Canoe Pond	Power Line crossing near Canoe Pond Drive	Dirt, vegetation	None	Small	Very light/none	Very Low	Erosion from power line area. Possible pesticide drainage. Vegetated area so storm inflow low.
Cliff Pond (Nickerson State Park)	Landing at end of Flax Pd Road (in Nickerson SP)	Paved, sand	None	Large	Light/parking lot, road, boat ramp	High	Erosion channel across beach to pond
Blueberry Pond	Blueberry Pond Drive	Paved, grass, sand	None	Large	Light/road, pond access	Very Low	Runoff flow across landing to pond - runoff rarely if ever reaches pond
Blueberry Pond	South Pond Drive (Swale built)	Paved	Rain garden & swale	Large	Light/road	Done	Blueberry Pond Association built controls to address problem
Elbow Pond	East end of Fisher Point Road	Paved	2 Catch basins, but clogged	Large	Light/road & pond access path	Low	Pronounced erosion channel to pond, but channel is > 200 ft so little flow to pond. Infiltration basins at end of road capture runoff (if clean) for all but heavy storms
Elbow Pond	Elbow Pond Drive low point	Paved	Brushy area	Large	Light/road & pond access path	Low	Large drainage to low point, regular large ponding. Overflow through brushy area to pond - likely with some infiltration <b>Area improved with pavement and drainage to vegetated area.</b>

Freeman's Pond	Lower Road crossing of feeder stream	Paved	3 catch basins	Large	Heavy/road	High??	Catch basins on Lower Road appear to drain directly to drainage ditch. <b>Need to check basins to determine drainage.</b>
Greenland Pond	Hamilton Cartway	Dirt road	None	Large	Very Light/road to a few houses	Low	Dirt road immediately adjacent to pond. Most runoffs will sink in road. Small erosion channel.
Greenland Pond	Janelle's Way	Paved, sand	None	Large	Light/road, beach	High	Beach and landing at end of road sloping to pond, with one catch basin that gets overwhelmed in storms. Runoff goes down erosion path direct to pond. <b>Discussion held with Greenland Pond Association on ways to correct - basically more infiltration catch basins needed.</b>
Griffith Pond	Sweetwater Forest landing	Sand	None	Small?	Light	Low	Sand road and beach at campground. Some runoff, but most soaks in or goes to vegetative areas.
Higgins Pond (Nickerson)	Dirt landing at northwest end	Sand	None	Medium	Very Light	Low	Sandy beach/landing with erosion channels from open areas. Sand and silt washes to pond with each storm, but no salt, oil or other contamination.
Keeler Pond (Nickerson)	Flax Pond Road (in Nickerson SP)	Paved	None	Large	Medium	High	Catch basin discharges directly to pond with no control
Little Cliff Pond (Nickerson)	Landing at end of Flax Pd Road (in Nickerson SP)	Paved, sand	None	Medium	Light/parking lot, road, boat ramp	Medium	Smaller runoff area than for adjacent Cliff Pond landing
Lee's Pond (by Vesper)	Mayflower Circle	Paved	None	Medium	Light/road	Low	Most runoff caught on paved circle, vegetation barrier between road and pond
Lee's Pond (by Vesper)	Vesper Pond Road	Paved	None	Large	Light/road	Medium	Ponding on road with overflow to pond adjacent to road

Long Pond	Town landing parking lot on Crowell's Bog Road	Paved, sand	Wooded area at end of lot	Medium	Moderate, road & parking lot	Done	Drainage from entry road and parking lot goes to beach and wooded area. Drainage across beach evident. <b>Town installed infiltration catch basins and improved drainage control.</b>
Long Pond	Hamilton Cartway	Dirt road	None	Small	Very Light/road to a few houses	Low	Dirt road immediately adjacent to pond. Most runoff will sink in road. Some drainage to channel between Greenland & Long Pond
Long Pond	Konohassett Cartway	Paved	None	Medium	Very light	Low	Paved access to Association boat landing. Some runoff from road goes down access area. Bigger problem is runoff from house uphill from area. Infiltration catch basin would be good. <b>BPC had conversation with Homeowner Association about needs but no current project.</b>
Lower Mill Pond	Mill Pond Drive near power lines	Sand & Dirt road	None	Large	Light/road & pond access path	Done	Pronounced erosion channel to pond from road. Significant runoff. <b>Homeowner Assoc constructed infiltration channel to slow flow and allow to infiltrate (with BPC help).</b>
Mill Pond	Long Pond Road	Paved	Catch basin	Large	Heavy/road	High	Catch basin drains to directly to pond with no control
Myricks Pond	Point of Rocks Road low point	Paved	None	Large	Heavy/road	High	Direct drainage to stream feeding pond. Large runoff volume.
Owl Pond	Cypress Lane	Mostly sand/dirt	None	Small?	Light/road, pond access	Low	Large parking lot, but runoff held on pavement. Appears to have little direct drainage to pond

Schoolhouse Pond	Daisy Lane		Catch basin, old infiltration pit	Large	Light/road	Medium	Catch basin and gravel infiltration zone at end of road poorly maintained. Overflow through erosion channel to pond
Seymour Pond	Beachwood Drive landing	Paved, sand	Catch basin in parking lot	Large	Light/road, beach	Medium	Catch basin in parking lot too small. Heavy rains may bypass and go down erosion ditch to pond. More infiltration basins needed. Discussion held between BPC and Homeowner Association. Project may still go forward. Association considering funding and engineering needs.
Seymour Pond	High Point Drive	Paved, wooded erosion channel	None	Medium	Light/road	Low	Erosion channel from side of road to pond, but some distance to pond
Seymour Pond	Tracy Lane landing	Paved, sand	Catch basin at road end	Large	Light/road, beach	Done	Catch basins at end of road drain to an infiltration basin. <b>There was bypassing down an erosion channel but local pond asso. fixed this with control channel and curbing. Some minor overflow may occur from road end or basin during heavy rain, but largely fixed.</b>
Sheep Pond	Fisherman's Landing	Paved	3 catch basins	Large	Moderate	Done	<b>Improved by town. 3 catch basins collecting most runoff. But some of 1st flush from heavy rain still goes to pond</b>

							Large runoff area from road, but >100 ft from road to Association landing/beach, so most runoff does not reach beach, although flow can be significant in heavy rain Infiltration catch basins needed. BPC had conversation with Homeowner Association about needs but no current project.
Sheep Pond	Sheep Pond Circle	Paved	None	Medium	Light	Medium	
Sheep Pond	Landing at end of Sheep Pond Woodlands trail	Sand	None	Small	Very Light	Very Low	Sandy landing with erosion channels from dirt road. Sand and silt washes to pond with each storm, but no salt, oil or other contamination.
Sheep Pond	Tupelo Drive and Brandy Cartway area	Paved, sand	some diversions	Large	Light	High	Steep road, parking lot & beach at bottom. Erosion channel to pond for some runoff, some runoff ponds on parking area
Slough Pond	Slough Road Landing and Red Top Road	Paved, gravel	1 catch basin on Red Top	Medium	Moderate/road & landing	Done	Some drainage from Red Top Rd to pond - difficult to improve due to space limits. <b>Town improved to some extent.</b>
Small's Pond	Cahoon Road	Paved	None	Large	Moderate/road	High	Direct runoff to pond through erosion channel from Rte. 137. May be runoff from Rte. 6 exit ramps
Sols Pond	Ocean Edge Fairways	Grass, vegetation	None	Medium?	Light/golf course	Medium	Fairway, tees and cart path adjacent to pond with little vegetative buffer for protection
Upper Mill Pond	Town landing on Run Hill Road	Gravel	None	Small	Light	Low	Semi-permeable drainage from boat ramp and parking lot

Upper Mill Pond	Leland Rd & paved Association ramp to landing	Paved	None	Medium (steep paved driveway)	Light	Medium	Discussions held by BPC with Association and Town for improvements. No work yet though may be on Town plans to put in basins at Leland Dr. circle.
Walker Pond	Town landing on Slough Road	Paved	None	Medium	Light	Done	Boat launch rd and some of Slough drains directly to pond. Town fixed as well as possible with improved drainage and infiltration catch basins

Ponds With Bogs On or Draining to Them	
Elbow Pond	Small bog on west end (out of use), large active bog on east end, both bordering pond.
Griffith Pond	Bog borders pond
Myrick's Pond	Large active bog upstream of Myricks Pd
Long Pond	Bog borders pond
Pine Pond	Bog near but not on pond. Draws water from Pine Pond
Vesper Pond	Bog borders pond. Relatively large bog for small pond
Walker Pond	Mother's Bog across Slough Rd. Connection may have been closed

Swimming Ponds: Frequent Use	Ownership	Light Use	Ownership
Cliff Pond	Nickerson	Blueberry Pond	Association
Elbow Pond	Private	Griffith Pond*	Private (Sweetwater)
Flax Pond	Nickerson	Higgins Pond	Nickerson

Greenland Pond	Association	Lower Mill Pond?	Private or Asso.
Little Cliff Pond	Nickerson	Owl Pond	Association
Long Pond - Crowell Bog Rd	Brewster	Pine Pond	Private
Long Pond - Sea Camps	Brewster	Round (Belmont)	Private
Seymour Pond - Beechwood Dr, Tracy Lane	Associations	Sheep Pond Circle	Private
Sheep Pond - Fisherman's Landing	Brewster	Smalls Pond	Private
Sheep Pond - Tupelo Dr	Private	Baker's Pond	Private
Sheep Pond - Sheep Pond Drive	Association	Upper Mill	Brewster
Slough Pond	Brewster	Upper Mill	Association
* Water quality or weeds often impede swimming		Long Pd - Landing Dr	Association