

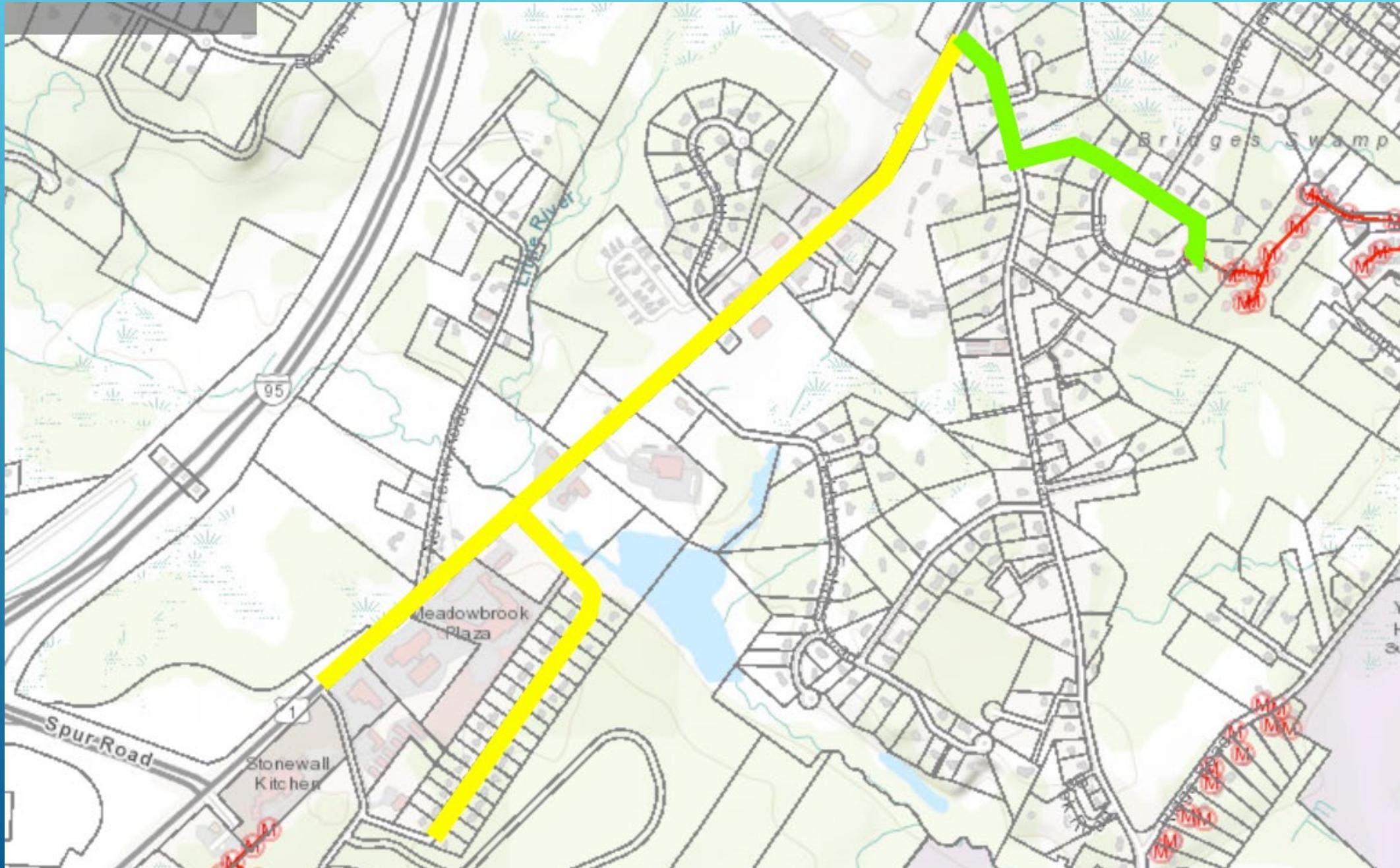
YORK SEWER EXTENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

ROUTE 1 SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT

WHO / WHAT IS SEAC?

- ▶ A committee established by the York Selectboard.
- ▶ Composed of Town Officials, York Sewer District Officials, and Residents and Business Owners from within the project area.
- ▶ Also includes contracted professional engineers, state regulatory staff, and state advisory staff.
- ▶ Goal is to provide a recommendation to Selectboard prior to May 2024 referendum.

WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL PROJECT?



PROJECT BACKGROUND

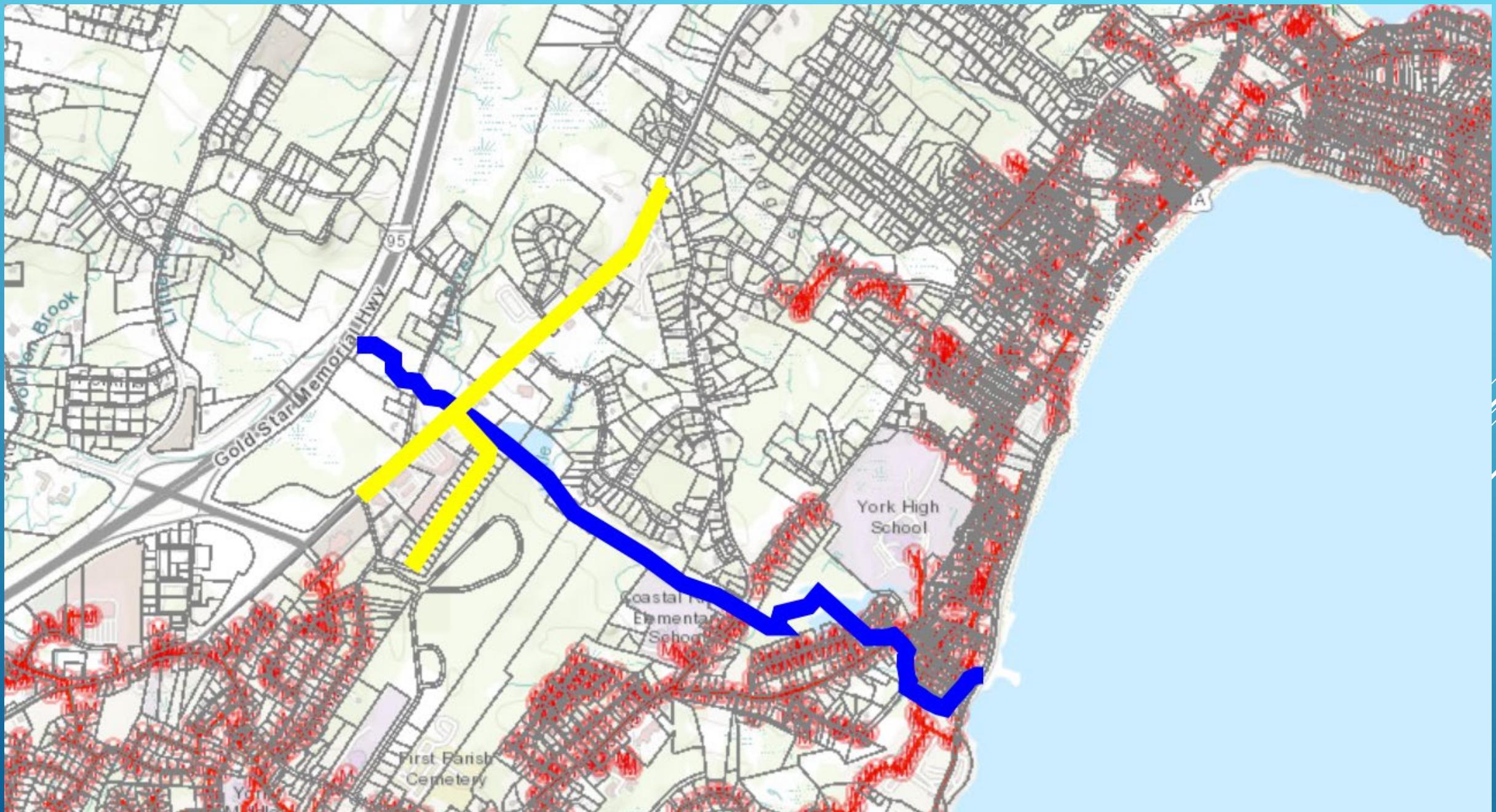
- ▶ Has been under discussion for approx. 3-4 years.
- ▶ Was being considered during FY24 budget process.
- ▶ Selectboard felt it needed further study and consideration before moving forward.
- ▶ SEAC was formed as a result.



WHY? WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

► Environmental

- The project area is within the Little River Watershed.
- Any septic failures would eventually discharge to Long Sands Beach – potential to impact the beach/coastal economy.
- Larger septic systems (commercial and multi-family residential) means a higher chance of a significant discharge that could impact the Little River.





WHY? WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Expanding Residential Sewer Access

- ▶ Eliminate future septic replacement costs (\$20,000+).
- ▶ Eliminate homeowner responsibility for maintenance, monitoring, pumping, etc.
- ▶ Property resale/value benefits.

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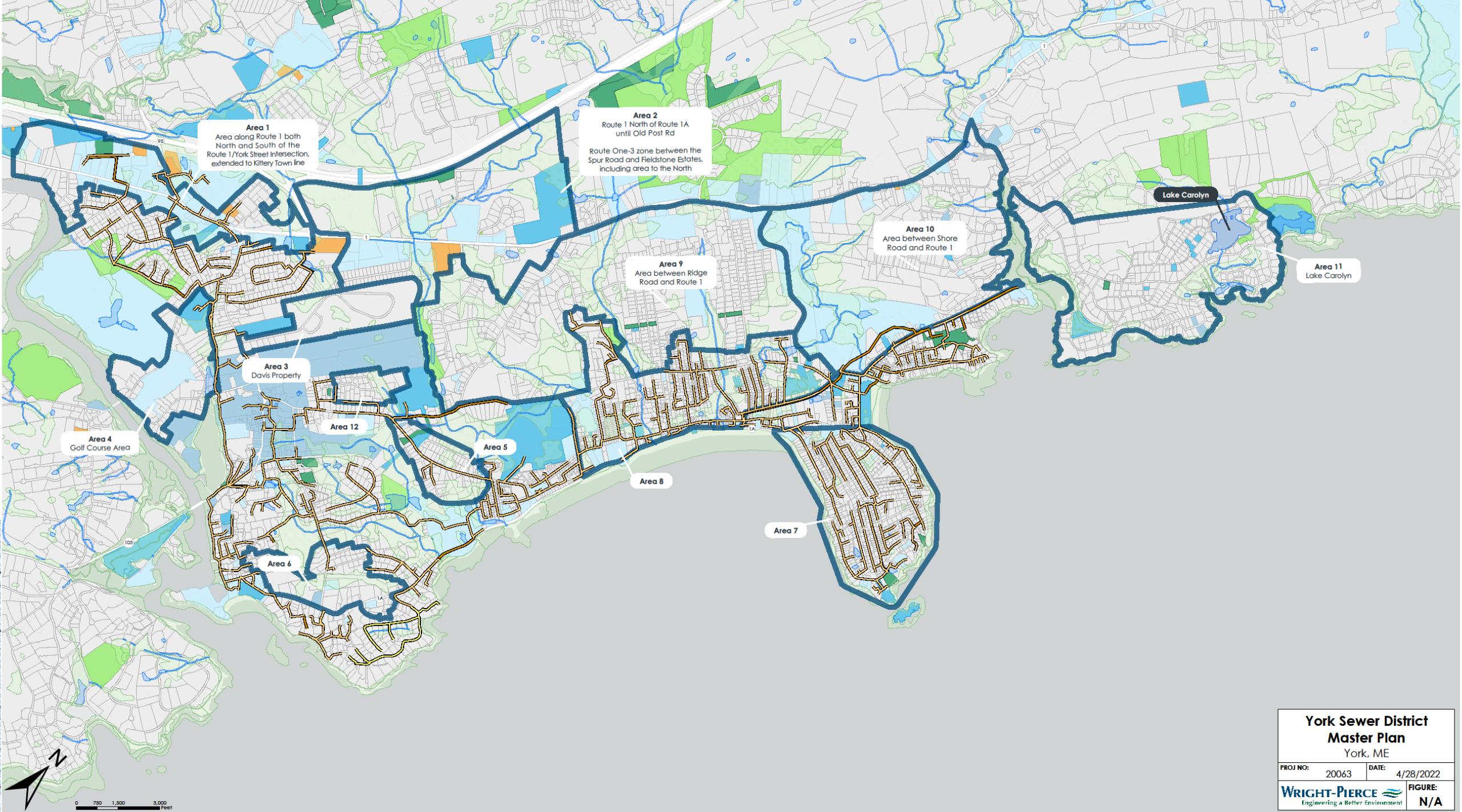
► Economic Development

- The entire project area is contained within the growth zone identified by the Town's 2022 Comprehensive Plan, and is currently served by public water, but not sewer.
- Adding sewer service in the project area will allow the development and redevelopment of parcels at higher densities than would be allowed if they were served by septic.
- Wastewater-intensive uses would become more feasible.
- Commercial, mixed use, and multi-family residential uses would become more feasible within the project area, which would reduce development pressure in other areas of Town, including areas outside the Growth Zone.

WHY? WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Benefits to the public utility (York Sewer District)

- ▶ Current treatment plant capacity is significantly greater than current demand/use.
- ▶ Project is within a planned sewer expansion area.
- ▶ As proposed, the project would redirect current and future sewer demand from the project area to existing sewer infrastructure at Old Post Road / Bluestone Lane, and away from York Village, which is a potential future bottleneck for YSD.
- ▶ Will delay or avoid costly capacity upgrade projects to existing YSD infrastructure in the Village / Harbor areas in the future.



PROJECT COST CALCULATIONS

► Total Project Cost: approx.	\$11,400,000
► CDS ("earmark"):	\$1,500,000
► EDA grant	\$2,500,000
► Town funds (taxpayers)	\$5,000,000
► ARPA funding	\$250,000
► Sewer District debt	\$2,500,000
\$12,000 per EDU, totaling \$2,500,000	

WHAT ARE THE TIMING CONSTRAINTS? WHY IS THIS BEING CONSIDERED NOW?

- ▶ Congressionally Delegated Spending i.e. “earmark” in the amount of \$1.5M has been obligated for the project. This must be spent by the end of 2026
- ▶ Selectboard has discussed dedicating \$250,000 of ARPA funding to the project, which must be committed by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026.
- ▶ An affirmative funding vote at the May 2024 referendum and decision to proceed by the Selectboard and Sewer District Trustees later in 2024 would likely be necessary to meet these timelines.