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## **Media Advisory For March 8, 2012 Event**

### **Public Meeting to Present Findings of Muddy Creek Study**

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For Immediate Release - The results of a study on the effects of replacing the existing culverts under Route 28 leading into Muddy Creek with a wider opening will be presented at an upcoming public meeting sponsored by the Pleasant Bay Alliance.

The study is the culmination of six years of study by the Pleasant Bay Alliance, the Towns of Chatham and Harwich, and the Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration to determine the best way to address restoration of degraded wetlands, declining water quality and overall ecological health in Muddy Creek.

The study, conducted by engineering consultants Fuss & O'Neill, evaluated impacts to wetlands, shellfish, fin fish, rare species and water quality with a wider opening under Route 28. The study confirms that a wider opening would improve degraded wetlands, water quality and overall ecological health in Muddy Creek without negatively impacting the rest of Pleasant Bay.

The study also presents a conceptual design and estimated cost for the wider opening. Benefits of the preferred bridge design include its cost effectiveness and availability of clearance under the bridge for kayaks and other small boats.

When: Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7 pm

Where: Chatham Community Center, located at 702 Main Street, Chatham

What: Presentation of study by Engineering Consultants, Fuss & O'Neill Inc.

Who: Hosted by the Pleasant Bay Alliance in conjunction with the Cape Cod Conservation District and Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration.

As of February 27, 2012 the study is available on the following websites: Pleasant Bay Alliance [www.pleasantbay.org](http://www.pleasantbay.org); Town of Chatham [www.chatham-ma.gov](http://www.chatham-ma.gov); and Town of Harwich [www.town.harwich.ma.us](http://www.town.harwich.ma.us).

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