

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
SEPTEMBER 1995
TAG REVIEW DATE: 30 MAY 1996**

1. SITE NAME: Sandy Neck Bomb Target Range

SITE NUMBER: D01MA045100

LOCATION:

City: Barnstable
County: Barnstable
State: Massachusetts

PROJECT NUMBER: D01MA045101

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 3

ASR RAC: 2

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION:

Sandy Neck Bomb Target Range was located on a peninsula which forms the

northern boundary of Barnstable County, approximately one mile north of Barnstable, Massachusetts. The site consists of 308.6 acres of coastal dune area on a barrier beach known as Sandy Neck on the northern shore of Cape Cod. The annual precipitation averages 44 inches with the wettest months being April and May. The majority of the site is owned today by the Town of Barnstable, Massachusetts, and is used for camping, fishing, sunbathing, swimming and general recreation. Endangered species and cultural artifacts are found throughout the site.

4. SITE HISTORY:

The site was selected for use as a dive bombing target range to support Fleet Air operational training at Quonset Point Naval Air Station, Rhode Island in September 1944. No construction was completed, with the exception of the emplacement of target rings of crushed shell and the emplacement of 55 gallon drums. The site was used for carrier aircraft precision dive bombing skills maintenance and practice until February 1946, when the leases were canceled. Based on the placement of the barrels and the location of the stationary targets, it appears that bombing runs were conducted from the northeast to the southwest. The overall size of the target indicates it was a precision target utilized by trained aviators maintaining their levels of skill and proficiency. Historical records do not indicate that any other construction was accomplished nor does it appear that troops were assigned or barracked in the area. No range clearance documents were discovered in the course of the archives search. Interviews revealed no reports of property damage or injury due to OE at this site.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

AREA A Bomb Target Range

Size, Acres: 10.0
Former Use: Bomb Target Range
Present Use: Recreation
Probable End Use: Same as present
Ordnance Presence: Confirmed
Type: Practice Bombs

AREA B Buffer Zone

Size, Acres: 50.0
Former Use: Buffer Zone
Present Use: Recreation
Probable End Use: Same as present
Ordnance Presence: Potential
Type: Practice Bombs

AREA C Remaining Land

Size, Acres: 248.6
Former Use: Unused
Present Use: Recreational
Probable End Use: Same as present
Ordnance Presence: Uncontaminated

6. CURRENT STATUS: An Archive Search Report was completed by Rock Island District September 1995.

7. STRATEGY:

Area A: EE/CA
Area B: EE/CA
Area C: NOFA

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

A previously unknown **potential Formerly Used Defense Site** not associated with **Sandy Neck Bomb Target Range** was identified by the site inspectors. The approximately 5-acre area in the dunes near the shore has been the site of the recovery of WW II vintage practice antitank mines by the 102nd EOD. This site is presently used for recreation. The site has been reported for potential Preliminary Analysis (PA) and Site Inspection (SI) to the New England Division, Corps of Engineers. If this site is determined to be a FUDS, CENED can choose to modify the INPR for D01MA045100 to include it or to create a new INPR.

There are cultural artifacts throughout the site. All efforts must be closely coordinated with the State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO).

There are several endangered animals and plants listed as threatened, endangered, or as proposed species to be protected in this portion of Barnstable County by the Massachusetts Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Park Service. Piping plover, a federally protected endangered species, were noted near and on the site during the site inspection. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species or natural communities.

There are no recapture or restricted use documents on record for **Sandy Neck Bomb Target Range**.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only