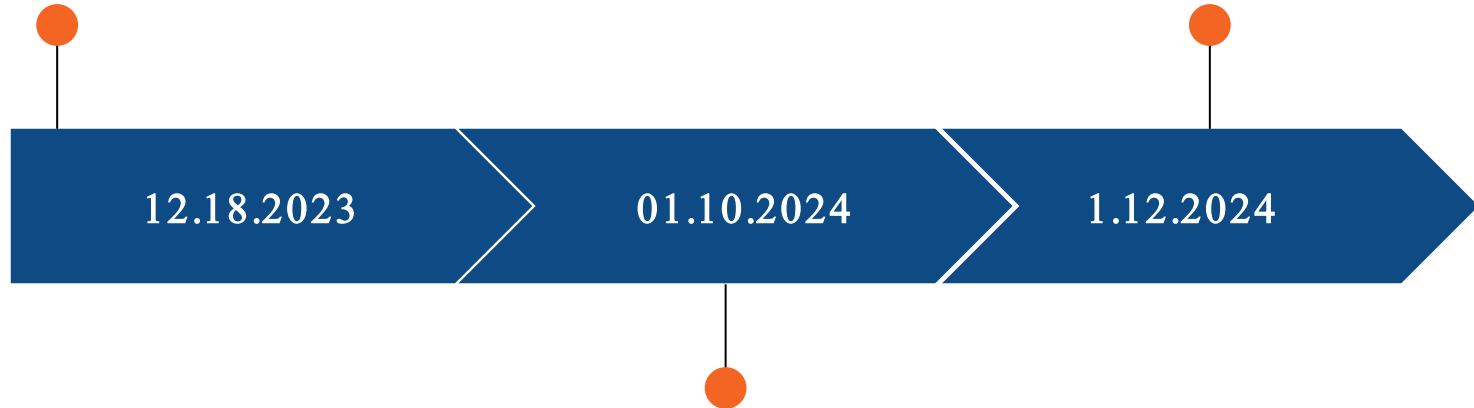

Status Report: South Beach & Norton Point

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December 18 2023-
January 12, 2024
- 3 Storms in 30 days -

First of three major winter storms

- Sinkhole on Atlantic Drive, road closed.
- Severe overwash Left Fork
- Donnelly House threatened
- WHOI mast base exposed



No major impact,
storm contributed to
existing damage.

Second major winter storm

- Herring Creek Culvert Collapsed
- Norton Point Flattened
- Mattakesett Creek filled in at entrance to Katama Bay



Edgartown Parks Department



"The Shack"

Estimated repair cost:
\$400,000



1929 - Originally purchased by the Donnelly family

1938 - Only fishing camp to survive the hurricane of '38

WWII - housed Navy Sailors looking out for enemy subs

1983 - Taken by the Commonwealth

1991 - Hurricane Bob - Structure picked up and spun around, chimney destroyed

2024 - demolished and removed by MA DCR





Structures Damaged December 2023



Atlantic Drive Damage December 2023



Access limited to
homes on Atlantic
Drive.

Atlantic Drive closed:
Dec 2023 - April 2024

Norton Point Damage





January Storm Damage

Herring
Creek
culvert/
bridge at
Herring
Creek Rd &
Atlantic Drive
: DESTROYED



Edgartown Bay
Road
overlooking
eastern edge
of Katama Bay
where Herring
Creek
connects to
the Bay.
Norton Point
became a
sandbar.





Demolition



Restoration





Left Fork



Norton Point



Beach Grass
replanting
\$177,000

Town/ State/ Federal Departments Involved

Conservation

Dredge

Highway

Parks

Accounting

Town Administrator

Selectboard

Edgartown Fire Department

Edgartown Police Department

DCR

FEMA

MEMA

MA DEP Boston



NGOs and local businesses involved:

Woods Hole Group

Handy Trucking

John Keene Excavation

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