



Fort Taber Beach Erosion Management

City of New Bedford

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Agenda

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Project Site



New Bedford

Clarks Cove

Clarks Point

Buzzards Bay

Sconticut Neck

New Bedford - Fairhaven Harbor

Fairhaven

Project Site

Fort Taber Park

Taber Beach

Rodney French Boulevard

East Beach





Project Goals

Shoreline erosion control (coastal & stormwater)

Advancement of nature-based solutions, recreational enhancement

Mitigation of storm damage and flooding to low-lying roads



Project Scope

Task 1 – Kick-Off Meeting and Project Management

Task 2 – Community Engagement

Task 2.1: Project Landing Page

Task 2.2: Community Meetings (2)

Task 3 – Establish Existing Conditions Information

Task 3.1: Wetland Resource Area Delineation

Task 3.2: Topographic and Site Survey

Task 4 – Alternatives Analysis

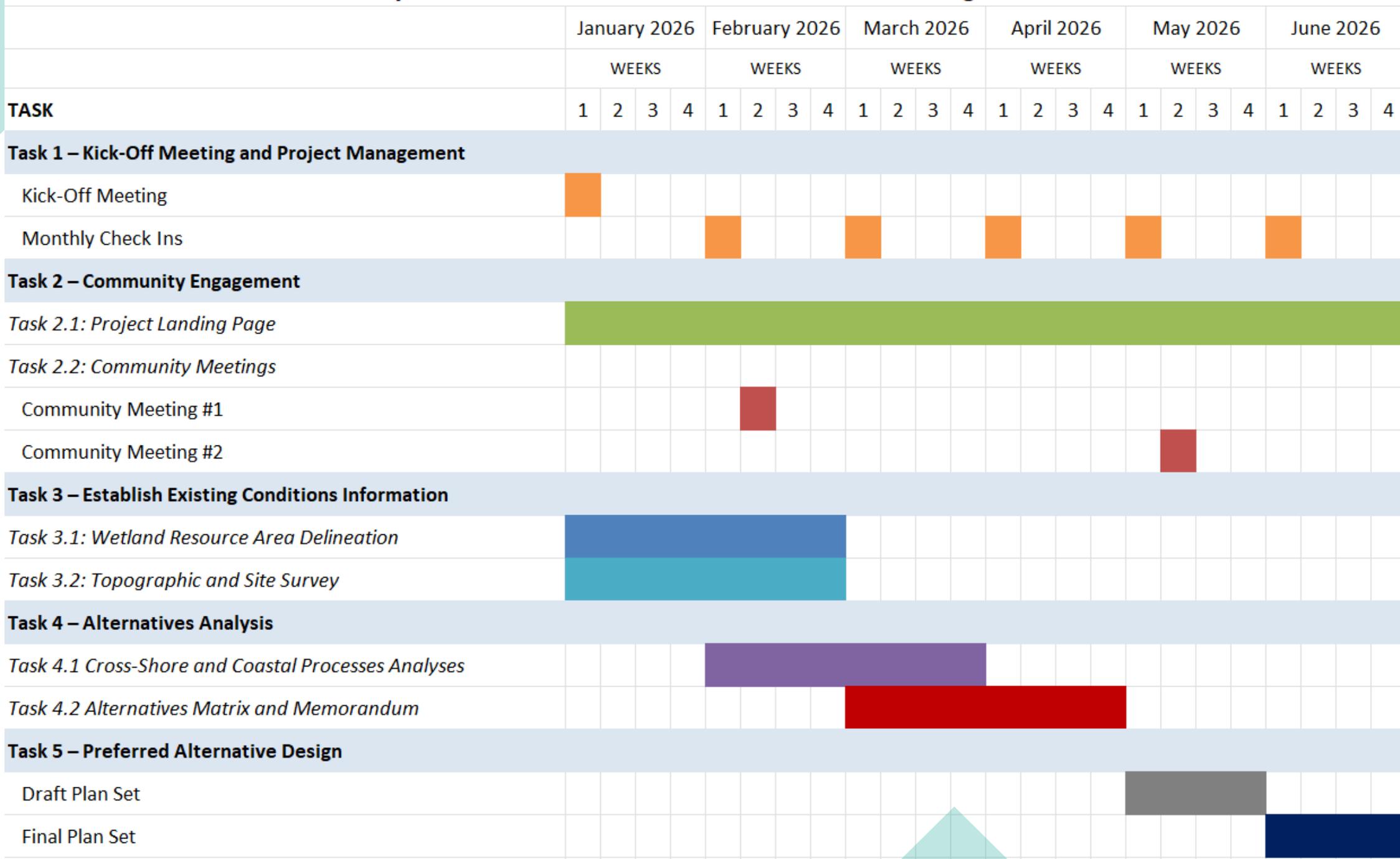
Task 4.1 Cross-Shore and Coastal Processes Analyses

Task 4.2 Alternatives Matrix and Memorandum

Task 5 – Preferred Alternative Design



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Schedule

Funding

This project has been funded through a ~\$70,000 Coastal Resiliency Grant from the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management. The City of New Bedford has contracted with Woods Hole Group, a coastal engineering firm based in Bourne, to develop alternatives for Fort Taber Beach. The alternatives will be discussed with the public, and engineering plans will be submitted for a preferred alternative at the end of this project.

