



# Blackstone Watershed Collaborative Meeting Notes

April 21, 2022, 10am-12pm

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## Attendees

Julia Moore, Colleen Keenan, Kellie King, Patti McAlpine, Donna Williams, Paul Popinchalk, Allison Hamel, Julia Blatt, David Tapscott, Greg Doerschler, Sarah Plutnicki, Adam Menard, Cay DenHerder, Keith Hainley, Heidi Ricci, Eric Depradine, Hillary King, Rebekah Krieger, Tansy Remiszewski, Ted Beauvais, Katie DeGoosh-DiMarzio, Morgane Houssais, James Starbard, Nisa Pistacchio, Madison Wellman, Amie Shei, Nick Cohen, Amanda Coffuire, Deb Cary, Sophia Kostoulas, Rebecca Quinones, Phyllis Charpentier, Bill Napolitano, Stefanie Covino

## Recording Available

<https://clarku.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=0582e540-b353-4636-8188-afeb01072c9d>

Presentation by [Amie Shei](#), President & CEO, [The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts](#), with Jim Starbard, [RCAP Solutions Massachusetts](#) and Madison Wellman, [Coalition for Safe Drinking Water](#)

- Tested over 500 private drinking wells for health-based contaminants such as manganese, uranium, e. coli, nitrate, radon, arsenic, and total coliform bacteria.
- 32% of samples had levels of contaminants exceeding state standards, compared to 4.5% of public supplies
- Assistance available to upgrade private wells and septic with low-interest rates from [sercap.org](http://sercap.org)
- In MA, private wells are under patchwork of regulations under local boards of health and vary significantly from town to town and residents are often unaware of testing, or can afford treatment systems when they find issues
- Legislation filed: An Act Promoting Clean Water for All: S482/H902 to allow DEP to develop private drinking water regulations & expand state revolving loan program with no-to-low interest loans to upgrade private wells & septic systems
  - <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/H902>
  - <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/S48>
- Anyone is welcome to join the Coalition as an individual or an organization to support their legislation
  - Sign-up here: <https://rcapsolutions.dm.networkforgood.com/forms/coalition-for-safe-drinking-water-interest-form>
- Note: MA residents can use the RI lab for drinking water testing <https://health.ri.gov/water/for/privatewellowners/about/testing/>

## Subgroup Updates:

- University work
  - **WPI** MQP design team for the Tatnuck Brook Footbridge (Ellie and Patrick) presented their project 4/21 at WPI's "Undergraduate Research Projects Showcase" (a.k.a. Project Presentation Day). <https://www.wpi.edu/news/annual-events/ug-research-projects-showcase>
    - Tatnuck Brook Footbridge Project - WPI MQP Documents. Summary Brochure: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E7K8qVFtPQW1j6szXzd290b77txBJL3A/view>
    - Full Report: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QU7Kv5MmyxyCRVp5i1u9oOILyK2PKhuh/view>
    - Architectural Drawings: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EqheE4VAYlg\\_tFszGTOVuT3O3nfjDEMC/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EqheE4VAYlg_tFszGTOVuT3O3nfjDEMC/view)
  - **WPI** IQP students working in Sutton on culvert assessment is finishing up their work and creating a simple prioritization for replacement of culverts and a brochure on culvert, which you can see here: [Culverts Brochure.pdf](#) and their final report here: [WROC Culverts Final Report.pdf](#)
- Fish passage



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- Parade! 5/21 at Slater Mill in Pawtucket, everyone welcome! T-shirt screenprinting, crafts, dancing, drumming, and more!
  - Sign up to attend: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fish-migration-community-parade-tickets-576598310067>
  - Sign up to table here! <https://forms.gle/JxRWyrzojZ396jqw9>
  - Potential to get more press – RI News Channel 10 (Patti), papers, etc. Working to draft press release and share with City of Pawtucket, which will also share out.
- Working with Holy Cross on three deliverables: history of fish passage, dam snapshots, and benefits of creating fish passage for lower four dams
- EPA funding, via NBEP, to TNC for \$300,000 to perform preliminary investigations for Elizabeth Webbing and Valley Falls dams. An RFP was released to engineering consultants and a contract was awarded to Fuss & O’Neill. A Quality Assurance Assistance Plan (QAAP) was submitted and approved by EPA and has been approved. A site visit with TNC, DEM, NBEP, and NOAA staff was held on 3/24/2023. Fuss & O’Neill held a project kickoff meeting with the partners on 3/28/2023.
- Elizabeth Webbing JAM (Joint Agency Meeting) occurred 4/21 Updates soon on whether the proposed hydro from One Drop Hydro will be moving forward and whether there is fish passage proposed. Stay tuned for more info. ([FERC Docket P-15041-001](#))
- Ashton Dam also has hydro proposed (a dam slightly north from the lower 4). Residents and advocates joined at Friends of the Blackstone on 4/18 and made sure that fish passage was important and made clear. There will be an opportunity for public comments to FERC ([FERC Docket P-14634-002](#))
- Water quality/quantity
  - The Legislative hearing next Wed. includes both the Drought bill and a bill that we are working on to streamline and accelerate wetlands restoration. Drought bill is having a hearing next week:
    - <https://malegislature.gov/Events/Hearings/Detail/4513>
    - <https://www.massriversalliance.org/advocacy>
  - Mass Audubon: An Act to accelerate and streamline wetlands restoration H.906 (Rep. Dawne Shand) & S.457 (Sen. Brendan Crighton) being heard 4/26
    - [Fact sheet see here](#) – testify in person, remotely, or submit comments via email
    - Summary: Massachusetts is a leader in coastal and inland wetlands restoration, but the pace of these beneficial projects is slowed by regulations developed decades ago to protect wetlands from damage due to development. With hundreds of millions of dollars in federal and state funding now available to advance this work, which is urgent to improve climate resiliency and reverse historic damage to important resources, we need a concerted effort to accelerate the pace of progress. This bill would establish a wetlands restoration streamlining initiative, bringing together all applicable agencies, practitioners, and experts to improve efficiencies. The agencies are making some progress on their own, for which we are grateful. This bill would provide legislative support to formalize this initiative.

## Partner Updates

- **Mass Audubon & Conservation Law Foundation** – Survey on wetlands restoration and nature-based solutions – Your Input Needed! [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRnydIIGZgysG78uSbK1TMc-hNw\\_H8cseSn9bC22V7sadl4A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRnydIIGZgysG78uSbK1TMc-hNw_H8cseSn9bC22V7sadl4A/viewform)
  - If you are working on, or interested in, wetlands restoration or other nature-based solutions (NBS) in Massachusetts, please complete this survey by May 31, 2023. Massachusetts is a leader in ecological



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restoration and NBS for climate resilience. Funding for these programs has increased, and we are exploring needs and possibilities for increasing capacity and efficiencies for these projects.

- If you have any questions about the survey or this effort, please contact Heidi Ricci at [hricci@massaudubon.org](mailto:hricci@massaudubon.org) or Deanna Moran at [dmoran@clf.org](mailto:dmoran@clf.org).
- **Manchaug Pond Foundation** – have a hobby farm in the Manchaug Pond Watershed? Contact us to be part of a receive technical assistance and help improve local water quality!  
<https://www.manchaugpond.org/2023/04/outreach-to-hobby-farms/>
- **MA SHMCAP 2023 Draft Goals:** [see them here!](#)
- **BRWA Family Fun Fishing Day** on May 6th at River Bend Farm. Free! Register [here](#).
- **USDA & RI NRCS** received funding from the PL-566 program to complete a [Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report \(PIFR\)](#) for the RI portion of the Blackstone watershed. When PIFR is completed, they will request funding for Phase II Watershed Planning) to look at solutions to reduce flooding to the residential areas, improve water quality, and improve wildlife habitat.
- **City of Worcester** is creating a Flood Watch Community Science Project and needs your help, from now through August! Team leaders and other community volunteers are asked to collect data (photos, videos, location) during and immediately after storm events and coordinate with the City. All you need is a smart phone! Learn more [here](#) and contact the Department of Sustainability & Resilience at [GreenWorcester@worcesterma.gov](mailto:GreenWorcester@worcesterma.gov) for more info!
- **BRWA** is hosting an 8 week program for ages 8+ on Thursdays from April 6-May 25 at the Woonsocket Harris Public Library. Registration required, learn more [here](#) or contact Joanne [joanne.holahan@thebrwa.org](mailto:joanne.holahan@thebrwa.org)
- **DEM**
  - **“Shell-ebrate good times!”** RIDEM & Rhode Island Seafood Marketing Collaborative are proud to announce that the state’s seventh annual Quahog Week is set for April 23 to 29. The event celebrates the cultural and economic importance of Rhode Island’s state clam, the quahog, and raises awareness and demand for local seafood and the RI Seafood brand. <https://seafood.ri.gov/quahog-week>
  - **Local ponds stocked!** 60,000 fish stocked in 100 local waterbodies, including the Blackstone watershed. See here for more info: <https://dem.ri.gov/press-releases/rite-spring-rain-or-shine-opening-day-trout-season-set-april-8-dem-has-stocked-60000>
  - **Seeking EJ Plan Input:** Draft DEM policy on environmental justice. See the [draft policy here](#) and provide feedback to [DEM.EJ@dem.ri.gov](mailto:DEM.EJ@dem.ri.gov). [Press release here](#). [EJ Page here](#).
- **MA MVP** FY24 Action Grant applications due 5/4 @2pm & Planning 2.0 Pilot applications due 5/19 @4pm. Please see MVP’s website (scroll down to the section titled “Learn About MVP Planning and Action Grants”): [www.resilientma.mass.gov/MVP](http://www.resilientma.mass.gov/MVP)
- **Water chestnut removal** – June 10 & June 20! Volunteer needed in MA & RI! Contact Katie for more info
- **BVTC** – Explorer 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the Blackstone River! Tours start Sunday, May 27
  - Lots of special events scheduled with tour lectures, contact Patti McAlpine for more info or sign up for River Classroom newsletter
- **Mass Audubon** is starting “Down the Blackstone” program starting back up with WISE starting and ending from the Visitor Center
- **Water Chestnut Pulls!** Save the Date! Uxbridge water chestnut pull on June 25! Looking for ways to dispose of the water chestnut – local composting? Farmers? Katie DeGoosh has funding through NEIWPC to support water chestnut removal and can pay for dumpster/removal if needed.
- **Blackstone River Watershed Association** is looking for board members! Contact Ted Beauvais (President & Policy Director) at [ted.beauvais@thebrwa.org](mailto:ted.beauvais@thebrwa.org) to learn more!



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**Don't forget to check out the resources & events below! Contact Stef to sign up as a speaker!**

## Next meetings

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**May 19, 2023:** Water Chestnuts in the Blackstone

**June 16, 2023:** TBD

**July 21, 2023:** TBD

## Legislative/Policy Updates

- **MA Healey-Driscoll Administration Launches New Climate Resiliency Program**  
Cities and towns will receive innovative training on climate resilience best practices, equity, and environmental justice, revisit priorities in their current MVP plans based on this new knowledge and engagement and receive technical assistance and \$50,000 of guaranteed funding to develop and implement an action project.  
<https://www.mass.gov/news/healey-driscoll-administration-launches-new-climate-resiliency-program>
- **Mass Rivers Alliance:** The drought bill is [scheduled for a hearing](#) before the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources next Wednesday 4/26 at 1 PM. Please call or email your state legislators and encourage them to support the bill.
  - On March 15, 125 advocates participated in 65 meetings through Mass Rivers Alliance's annual lobbying event. A top priority was a proposal to update the state's response to drought conditions, which is now up to 46 cosponsors. The Collaborative attended and brought a group of WPI students to three local legislative meetings!
- **Environmental Council of RI Legislative Priorities**  
<https://www.environmentcouncilri.org/sites/default/files/2023%20ECRI%20Priorities%203.27.2023.pdf>

## Tools You Can Use! Tools & Resources

- **Land Trusts and Wildlife Crossing Structures Toolkit – From the Center for Large Landscape Conservation –** A compilation of lessons learned and best practices in action by land trusts engaged in wildlife crossing structure projects. The toolkit has the intention to inform and support land trusts that are less familiar with connectivity and wildlife crossing efforts, and includes many diverse examples and links to allow for further examination.  
<https://largelandscapes.org/land-trusts-toolkit/>
- **Dammed in a Hot Chaotic World** – GBH recording on Dams, with author Steve Hawley and joined by author and essayist David James Duncan and Beth Lambert, Director of the MA Division of Ecological Restoration.  
[https://forum-network.org/lectures/dammed-hot-chaotic-world/?blm\\_aid=1233148929](https://forum-network.org/lectures/dammed-hot-chaotic-world/?blm_aid=1233148929)
- **White House Conservation in Action Summit**, highlighting accomplishments and announcing new actions for landscape conservation. Watch the livestream recording: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D393\\_TYcP9s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D393_TYcP9s)
- Did you know? **FEMA** has a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard to encourage federal agencies to consider and manage current and future flood risks in order to build a more resilient nation. FEMA is undertaking a programmatic 8-step analysis ('class review') for acquisition/demolition projects in floodplain/near wetlands and wants to speak to Blackstone contacts about this work. Interested? Contact Karen at [karen.vale@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:karen.vale@fema.dhs.gov)  
<https://www.fema.gov/floodplain-management/intergovernmental/federal-flood-risk>
- **US Coast Guard**, like many federal agencies, are tackling climate change. USCG has created its first ever climate framework. This plan was shared with me and I'm passing on to you of how one very large organization is



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planning ahead. *“The Coast Guard Climate Framework focuses on preparedness, resilience, and collaboration with partners and stakeholders to best position the Coast Guard for the challenges climate change presents to all of us.”* – Admiral Linda Fagan

[https://media.defense.gov/2023/Feb/24/2003167005/-1/-1/0/USCG%20CLIMATE%20FRAMEWORK\\_JAN2023\\_FINAL.PDF](https://media.defense.gov/2023/Feb/24/2003167005/-1/-1/0/USCG%20CLIMATE%20FRAMEWORK_JAN2023_FINAL.PDF)

- **Highstead Foundation** – Balancing Affordable Housing and Conservation (article) <https://highstead.net/insights/affordable-housing-land-conservation-leaders-work-toward-shared-goals/>
- **SNEP Network** – Balancing Housing Needs with Clean Water (recorded webinar) <https://snepnetwork.org/2023/03/02/balancing-housing-needs-with-clean-water/>
- **Water Chestnuts** – DEM Webinar here: <https://youtu.be/-kfzKm-TkEM> and one pager here: [Look Lift Limit Water Chestnut.pdf](#)

## Events

- **May 3** – MassECAN conference on effective watershed-scale climate collaboratives. In person at Clark U in Worcester, MA. 10am-3:30pm. Free! [massecan.org/2023-events](https://massecan.org/2023-events)
- **May 3, 3-5pm** – EPA Watershed Academy Webinar on Integrating Environmental Justice into Water Resource Management, featuring Alicia Lehrer and Jenny Mercado from the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council <https://www.epa.gov/watershedacademy/integrating-environmental-justice-water-resource-management-webcast>
- **May 6, 10am-1pm (rain date 5/7)** – Blackstone River Watershed Association’s 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Fun Fishing Day at River Bend Farm, 287 Oak Street Uxbridge MA. Free! Fishing poles, bait, and training provided for all ages and abilities! Prizes will be awarded! Face painting, ice cream, and more. Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyfxirhnJje0KhToQifBdUvhhDc6g7mfO1-PkJtY5QRO-3Lg/viewform>
- **May 17-19** – Lincoln Land Use Institute Program on Creating Resilient and Sustainable Communities with Scenario Planning. This \$1700 program is available via Zoom or in-person in Michigan. Learn more at <https://www.lincolninst.edu/courses-events/courses/23-05-scenario-planning-urban-futures>
- **May 21** – Save the date! Fish passage community parade in Pawtucket, RI. Learn more at [blackstonecollaborative.org/kittacuck](https://blackstonecollaborative.org/kittacuck)
- **May 25** - RI Flood Mitigation Association is hosting our annual meeting and conference on May 25th hosted at University of Rhode Island’s Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences. Every year over 100 people gather to eat great food, discuss future flood mitigation/watershed restoration opportunities, and share lessons learned. Early bird registration is now open - > <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/504501677097> If you would like to be a nonprofit exhibitor, please reach out to [rhodeislandfma@gmail.com](mailto:rhodeislandfma@gmail.com)
- **May 25** – Mass Envirothon at DCR’s River Bend Farm in Uxbridge. Sign up to be a judge with Brittany Gutermuth: [bgutermuth@massaudubon.org](mailto:bgutermuth@massaudubon.org)
- **Water chestnut pulls!**
  - **June 10 Blackstone River (Central Falls, RI) 9am-1pm**
  - **June 13 & 14 Turner Reservoir (East Providence, RI) 5-8 pm**
  - **June 17 Lake Quinsigamond (Shrewsbury/Worcester, MA) 8-11am**
  - **June 17 Turner Reservoir (East Providence, RI) 9am-12 pm**
  - **June 20 Blackstone River (Central Falls, RI) 4-8pm**
  - **June 24 (rain date 25) Uxbridge, MA 9am-1pm**
  - **June 27 & 28 Turner Reservoir (if needed/rain dates) 5-8pm**
  - **July 8 Lake Quinsigamond (Shrewsbury/Worcester, MA) 8-11am**



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- **June 9-10** – RI Natural History Survey’s Bioblitz at the Narragansett Indian Reservation in Charlestown, RI <https://rinhs.org/events/ri-bioblitz/bioblitz-2023-charlestown/>
- **Dam Removal Training TBD** – Interested in dam removal? What are your big questions? Permitting? Community buy in? Engineering? Let us know! We’re planning a training program in a “train the trainer” program on best practices, resources, and answering common questions for Fall 2023. Audience: Local champions, watershed organizers, government officials, engineers, planners, and others providing community technical assistance. Want to help organize? Contact Stef [scovino@clarku.edu](mailto:scovino@clarku.edu)

## Grants:

- **TBD MassDEP 604B Grants** – MassDEP’s 604(b) (Water Quality Management and Planning) grant program has received substantially increased federal funding for the next 4-5 years through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). As required by the 604(b) BIL program, MassDEP’s Nonpoint Source (NPS) program is currently conducting two assessments; on i) Equity and ii) Climate Resiliency. Based on the results of these assessments, we will establish a new prioritization process for allocating the 604(b) BIL funds that will enhance support to the communities burdened by environmental justice issues and climate change. Along with our internal program assessment, we would like to incorporate your thoughts in understanding water quality needs better as they relate to equity and climate resiliency in your communities. To move forward on conducting this survey, we invite you to join us at one of the following meeting times: 5/4, 1-2pm & 5/8, 11am-12pm. Contact Judy Rondeau at [judith.rondeau@mass.gov](mailto:judith.rondeau@mass.gov) for more info
- **Rolling As Available MA Department of Fish and Game’s In-Lieu Fee Program** – land conservation or aquatic resource restoration projects (all of Blackstone in MA is eligible). Municipalities, non-governmental organizations, and state agencies are eligible to apply. Contact Aisling O’Shea at [aisling.oshea@mass.gov](mailto:aisling.oshea@mass.gov) for more info or to apply. Materials are also available on COMMBUYS under BD-23-1046-COM-COM4-77929. <https://www.mass.gov/in-lieu-fee-program>
- **Due 4/20/23 (preproposal) NFWF America the Beautiful Challenge**. \$200k-\$2M depending on type of project. <https://www.nfwf.org/programs/america-beautiful-challenge/america-beautiful-challenge-2023-request-proposals>
- **Due 4/21/23 Center for Large Landscape Conservation Catalyst Fund** <https://landscapeconservation.org/catalyst-fund/>
- **Due 5/4/23 MA MVP FY24 Action Grant** <https://www.commbuys.com/bs0/external/bidDetail.sdo?bidId=BD-23-1042-ENV-ENV01-85897>
  - ➔ EEA is currently seeking proposals for the FY24 round of **MVP Action Grants**, which provides eligible communities funding to implement priority climate adaptation actions. Projects are required to use climate data and projections. Projects that propose nature-based solutions, advance equity, and that have robust community engagement plans are preferred. Applicants can request up to \$3 million in funding (regional proposals may request up to \$5 million), and a 25% match of the total project cost is required (see RFR for exceptions). Significant changes to the RFR from the last funding round are outlined on page 1.
  - ➔ The MVP team hosted a recent webinar about this FY24 funding round. The recording can be accessed [here](#). The slides can be accessed [here](#).
- **Due 5/19/23 MA MVP Planning 2.0 Pilot Grant** <https://www.commbuys.com/bs0/external/bidDetail.sdo?docId=BD-23-1042-ENV-ENV01-87135&external=true&parentUrl=close>



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➔ The deadline to ask questions about the RFR has been extended to 4pm on Wed. May 10, 2023. Answers will be posted to [COMMBUYS](#) by end of day May 12, 2023. Please send questions by email to your [MVP Regional Coordinator](#)

- **Due 6/30 SNEP 2023 Stormwater and Natural Infrastructure Grant** - The Southeast New England Program (SNEP) announced a new funding opportunity, the “**SNEP 2023 Stormwater and Natural Infrastructure Grant**” (EPA-I-R1-SNEP-2023B). Please see this [Grant Opportunity Link](#) for full opportunity details. Funding for this opportunity is being made available through the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#). SNEP anticipates awarding up to six (6) grants of **\$400,000-\$600,000** each. Funding topics include projects related to: stormwater infrastructure and roadway runoff; salt marsh; riparian areas, floodplain, and inland wetlands; habitat connectivity and aquatic organism passage; urban area resilience and habitat restoration; habitat monitoring; and municipal and tribal planning. Informational webinar 6/1, 12:30-2 ([Webinar Details](#)) / 6/23, Deadline to submit questions via [SECoastalNE@EPA.GOV](mailto:SECoastalNE@EPA.GOV) / 6/30 applications due
- **Due 7/12/23 (LOI) – Synergy Initiative** from the Health Foundation of Central MA – funding for partnership-based projects that target significant health issues, especially inequities and disparities, in Central Massachusetts with integrated, comprehensive strategies with an end goal of systems or policy change. Projects generally progress from planning to pilot to full implementation over the course of three to five years, with grants awarded on an annual basis. Project budgets vary for each phase, and total investment amounts average approximately \$2 million per project over the grant period. <https://hfc.org/synergy-initiative-round-6-now-open/>
- **Due 8/18/23 Federal Highway Administration** – FHWA has [released](#) the **Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Grant Program** Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Applications are due via grants.gov by August 18, 2023.
  - The NOFO can be found on grants.gov at: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=347585>. More information on this NOFO and the PROTECT Program can be found at: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/protect/discretionary>. Applicant questions should be directed to: [PROTECTdiscretionary@dot.gov](mailto:PROTECTdiscretionary@dot.gov)
  - The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established the PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program to help make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure. This NOFO offers up to \$848 million from Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023.
  - Webinars: 5/8, 1-2pm: [https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_wpq8qcrVQz67DqdjPCar1A](https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_wpq8qcrVQz67DqdjPCar1A) and 5/11, 1-2pm: [https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_nvoQgZCFTwCWdS\\_FYTH5kg](https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_nvoQgZCFTwCWdS_FYTH5kg)

## Job opportunities:

- NEIWPC <https://neiwpc.org/about-us/careers/>
  - RI (but also MA): Seasonal Invasive Species Intern (helping with water chestnut in the Blackstone!)
  - RI: Environmental Analyst – Office of Water Resource Monitoring Program
  - RI: Environmental Analyst – Underground Storage Tank Program
  - MA: Business Operations Intern
  - MA: Contracts/Legal Intern for Water Resource Protection
  - MA: Youth and the Environment Program Coordinator/ Wastewater Division
- City of Worcester [Planning Division – Planning Analyst](#)
- Blackstone Watershed Collaborative [Program Coordinator/Restoration Coordinator](#)
- Food Solutions New England (with Wildlands, Woodlands, Farmlands & Communities, via University of NH Sustainability Center) – [Policy Program Director](#)



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  - [Climate Scientist](#)
  - [Deputy Director of Climate Adaptation & Resilience / Climate Finance Strategist](#)
  - [Deputy Director of Climate Equity and Environmental Justice](#)
  - [MVP Program Coordinator](#)
- MA Department of Environmental Protection
  - [Environmental Analyst III Bureau of Water Resources](#)
  - [Environmental Analyst IV](#)
  - [Program Coordinator II Bureau of Waste Site Clean Up](#)
  - [Environmental Engineer IV Bureau of Water Resources](#)
  - Summer Internships (Contracted student intern):
    - Office of General Counsel  
<https://massanf.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=230004PK>
    - Water Quality Certification  
<https://massanf.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=230004PS>
    - Drinking Water  
<https://massanf.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=230004U3>
    - Watershed Planning Program Non Point Source Section  
<https://massanf.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=230004U5>
    - Watershed Planning Program Surface Water  
<https://massanf.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=230004S8>
    - Watershed Planning Program Total Max Daily Load  
<https://massanf.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=230004S6>
    - Watershed Planning Program Data Mgmt & Water Quality Assessmt  
<https://massanf.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=230004S5>
    - Bureau of Air Waste/Air Quality  
<https://massanf.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=230004S2>
    - Municipal Waste Reduction Branch  
<https://massanf.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=230004QL>
- MA Division of Ecological Restoration
  - [Ecological Restoration Technical Services Branch Manager](#)
  - [Social Media and Outreach Coordinator](#)
  - [Ecological Restoration Program Manager—Cranberry Bogs](#)
  - [Ecological Restoration Program Manager—Dam Removal](#)
  - [Ecological Restoration Specialist – Coastal Wetlands Restoration](#)
  - [Ecological Restoration Specialist – Dam Removal](#)
- Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition [Development and Communications Coordinator](#)
- Conservation Law Foundation
  - [Foundation Relations Coordinator](#)
  - [Communications & Grants Coordinator](#)
- Groundwork Lawrence [Development Manager](#)
- Mass Audubon
  - [Coastal Waterbird Program Crew Leader](#)
  - [Education Coordinator](#)
  - [Project Manager, Rivers to Sea](#)





# Blackstone Watershed Collaborative Meeting: Agenda

March 17, 2022, 10am-12pm

Zoom <https://clarku.zoom.us/j/91977706024> Call: 646-876-9923 Meeting ID: 919 7770 6024

- Merrimack River Watershed Council [Water Quality Project Manager](#)
- Sudbury Valley Trustees [Director of Land Protection](#)
- Audubon Society of RI [Associate Director of Development](#)
- Eastern RI Conservation District [Environmental Field Technician](#)
- Native Edible Designs [Gardener & Crew Leader](#)
- RI Department of Environmental Management [Seasonal Water Monitoring Field Intern](#)