



# Dam Removal & Ecological Restoration 101 Training

Thursday, October 26, 2023 at Clark University's Tilton Hall (950 Main St Worcester MA 01610)

- 8:30**            **Registration**
- 9:00**            **Welcome: Beth Lambert, Division of Ecological Restoration**
- 9:10**            **Workshop Sessions (*consecutive*)**

## **Planning to Implementation - Recognizing and Stepping through the Process**

Jim Turek, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

This provides the broad strokes overview of the (many) steps to a successful dam removal, including feasibility studies, timelines, best practices, case study examples, and matching tools to restoration priorities.

## **Getting Public Support: Defining Goals for Successful Outreach & Buy In**

Neil Shea, Ipswich River Watershed Association

Dam removal can be a divisive topic. Public engagement, outreach, and education strategies are critical to formulate early on in the process in order to reach the most people and the right people. Distilling the science and technical details of these complex projects can be tricky, but very important!

## **It's Complicated... Dam Removal Permitting**

Kristopher Houle, US Fish and Wildlife Service

It can be a long and complicated process, but we'll review what permits are needed and when, as well as touch on the need to understand ownership and liability.

## **Finding the Funds to Make It Over the Finish Line**

William Hinkley, MA Energy and Environmental Affairs

How do we fund these complicated projects? How does EEA judge proposals and what are eligible costs? How do you break out the components of your project and budget/fundraise accordingly?

- 11:00**            **Lunch & Networking**
- 12:10**            **Charette Overview & Facilitated Break Out Session: Putting it into practice**
- 4:00**            **Report Out, Wrap Up, and Next Steps**
- 4:30**            **End**

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