

FY2009 Narragansett Bay Estuary Program Workplan Status

| <u>PRODUCTS</u> | <u>DUE</u> | <u>STATUS</u> |
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| 1. Narragansett Bay Region Environmental Status and Trends Summary Public Report | <i>July-09</i> | Completed. Printed and out October 09. Distributed to all RI legislators and full stakeholder distribution now underway. |
| 2. S&T Technical Report | <i>July-09</i> | Completed |
| 4. Update CWS web site | <i>July-09</i> | Initial updates completed. Met with Web developer Dec. 1 to make needed updates and develop guidelines for staff access to update web pages |
| 5. Celebration of Roger Williams Paddle Trail | <i>July-09</i> | Completed |
| 3. S&T web site, Version 1 | <i>August-09</i> | NBEP is reviewing current web hosting and resources arrangement for capacity to host restructured S&T information (Dec. 2009); staff is being trained on design software to implement |
| 1. Five targeted dissolved oxygen surveys in Upper and Mid Bay (May-Sept 2009) | <i>September-09</i> | Six surveys successfully completed summer 2009 : 6/18; 7/15 + 23; 8/4 + 13; 9/1 Data to be used for CHRP and RIDEM assessments |
| 3. Five Bay macroalgae survey overflights; high resolution photos of nearshore areas (May-Sept 2009) | <i>September-09</i> | 6 surveys completed: 5-26 ; 7-9; 7-22; 8-18; 9-15; 10-15; density maps completed except for 10/09. Oct. maps and FY2010 data will be completed by intern hire in Spring 2010 |
| 5. Statement detailing coordination of CCMP with SLP | <i>September-09</i> | MOU completed 11/09 between RIBRWCT, RI Statewide Planning and NBEP on linking planning efforts (SLP, CCMP revision, RI State Guide Plan restructuring). |
| 1. Technical stakeholder workshop on Bay indicators and options for indicator reporting system (November 2009) | <i>November-09</i> | Bay science stakeholders participated in Oct 28/29 Biological Condition Gradient Workshop at US EPA AED lab to review biomonitoring data and BCG application to Narragansett Bay. Original planned Nov. 2009 meeting postponed - NBEP, with RIBRWCT and CI, is organizing a January 2010 indicator stakeholder discussion to reach agreement on key ecosystem indicators, discuss monitoring efforts in context of priority indicators, discuss timing, mechanism and resources for ongoing status and trends reporting, and examine how indicators can be used to support ecosystem based management. |
| 1. Conference on streamflow | <i>November-09</i> | Successful evening seminar, "Follow the Water" was held on October 27 at CCRI Warwick. Information can be found under "events" at www.coalitionforwatersecurity.org . |

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| 2. Indicator workshop recommendations summarized in short policy paper | <i>December-09</i> | BCG pilot project "strawman" document being developed in coordination with EPA AED (12/09) which proposes using Greenwich Bay data and available indicators. |
| 5. Report summarizing assessment of relevant NBEP generated data sets (DO surveys and macroalgae) and other data as appropriate (NCA) to be used in RIDEM statewide water quality assessment process | <i>December-09</i> | Brief summary document + maps expected completed by end of Dec. Awaiting information from RIDEM on any available recent NCA data (since Status & Trends Rpt.) |
| 2. Annual summary of monitoring results posted on NBEP web site and shared with partners (December 2009) | <i>December-09</i> | All D.O. 2009 survey data and maps now available on the Brown Insomniac Web site http://www.geo.brown.edu/georesearch/insomniacs/data.html |
| 4. Macroalgae density map (JPG) posted on NBEP web site for year of monitoring (December 2009) | <i>December-09</i> | All Macroalgae maps except for last flight completed (loss of intern has stopped further analysis of Oct survey until Spr 10). All 2009 completed maps (n=15) will be posted on NBEP web site |
| 5. New partner organizations (5) sign on to CTC | <i>December-09</i> | Six new members (AARP,Ecolect, LISC-RI, Providence Foundation, RI Association of Railroad Passengers,SEIU, District 1199) |
| 1. Quarterly NBJ (one hard copy, 3 electronic) | <i>December-09</i> | Electronic edition; Fall 2009 distributed |
| 6. CTC conference to promote sustainable transportation vision and financing solutions | <i>January-10</i> | October 8 conference on Sustainable Transportation vision and action strategy was held in Providence. Follow-up actions incorporated into CTC workplan. |
| 6. Participation in water quality assessment meetings | <i>February-10</i> | To be coordinated by RIDEM DWR; awaiting RIDEM schedule for these |
| 1. Quarterly NBJ (one hard copy, 3 electronic) | <i>February-10</i> | Electronic edition; Fall 2009 distributed; Winter edition in draft form |
| 4. Report documenting recommendations to monitoring to support reporting on ecological indicators in Narragansett Bay and other estuarine waters | <i>March-10</i> | Report will likely utilize information from BCG pilot strawman (see #12 above) and suggestions by Env. Monitoring Collaborative and other monitoring stakeholders. |
| 1. Preliminary Bay region vision, goals and objectives | <i>March-10</i> | Initiated CCMP revision/integrated planning effort Nov. 2009; developing straw goals/objectives document and stakeholder engagement strategy |
| 4. Land & Water Conservation Summit March 2010 | <i>March-10</i> | Planning underway. March 27, 2010. |

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| 1. Participate on TAC for RI Coastal Habitat Restoration Trust Fund | <i>March-10</i> | Pre-proposal review (Dec 1) completed. Full proposals will be reviewed in early 2010. |
| 1. Quarterly NBJ (one hard copy, 3 electronic) | <i>April-10</i> | Electronic edition Fall 2009; Winter edition in draft form |
| 2. At least 3 presentations on vision/goals/objectives to key stakeholders | <i>May-10</i> | Part of CCMP revision/integrated planning rollout for Spring 2010 |
| 7. ExploreRI.org includes at least 200 sites | <i>May-10</i> | Work in progress. Collaboration with Taunton River Watershed Alliance needed to finalize Taunton River sites. |
| 1. At least 5 new organizations adopt customer relation software | <i>May-10</i> | The Infrastructure Collaborative will end in April 2010. A grant extension and revised workplan were approved by Third Sector New England. Five organizations are using the software. |
| 7. Background memorandum on nutrient criteria development based on review and summary other states' nutrient criteria efforts with outline for potential strategy for Bay criteria development; strategy to include | <i>June-10</i> | Contacted EPA HQ requesting info on any state criteria documentation available (11/09). Meeting with EPA AED planned for Jan '10. |
| 1. Annual NBEP application | <i>June-10</i> | Draft FY2010 budget will be presented at Dec. 2009 MC meeting |
| 2. EPA and other grants management and reporting | <i>June-10</i> | Ongoing |
| 3. NBEP strategi planning activities targeting funding, communications, science, etc. | <i>June-10</i> | NBEP will conduct staff strategic planning meetings Dec. 2009 followed by MC input |
| 4. Program and project budgeting | <i>June-10</i> | Draft FY2010 budget will be presented at Dec. 2009 MC meeting |
| 5. Program personnel management, staff evalutaions, training and task assignments | <i>June-10</i> | Evaluation forms complete; Mid year staff evaluations will occur in January 2010; evaluation of program director will be addressed through recommendations by NBEP MC Finance Committee |
| 1. Quarterly meetings of NBEP MC | <i>June-10</i> | (Sept 09, Dec 09, Mar 10, June 10). Sept meeting complete. |
| 2. Publication of NBEP Quarterly Reports | <i>June-10</i> | Sept. report completed; December report drafted for Dec. MC meeting |
| 4. Participation in Statewide Planning watershed policy document | <i>June-10</i> | MOU completed 11/09 between RIBRWCT, RI Statewide Planning and NBEP on linking planning efforts (SLP, CCMP revision, RI State Guide Plan restructuring). |
| 1. Quarterly NBJ (one hard copy, 3 electronic) | <i>June-10</i> | On track. Electronic issue completed 4 Dec. 09. Hard Copy subject to communication strategy and MC discussions/decisions. |

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| 2. Ongoing development, content management of NBEP web site | <i>June-10</i> | Ongoing work; will be addressed in NBEP communications strategy |
| 3. Ongoing use and development of onling tools such as wikis to enhance NBEP work | <i>June-10</i> | Ongoing work |
| 4. Organize and participate in public outreach events included NBEP organization of outreach event when the EPA vessel is docked at GSO | <i>June-10</i> | Bold event completed and successful. Other events under development. |
| 5. Provide Bay ecosystem and program information to local, state, and federal officials as needed | <i>June-10</i> | Ongoing work |
| 3. NBJ focused on Bay vision and goals | <i>June-10</i> | Will be produced as work on CCMP revision/integrated planning progresses - Spring 2010 |
| 2. Provide technical assistance to communities to incorporate demand management strategies | <i>June-10</i> | CWS partnering with the RI Association of Realtors on a water conservation class which will be part of the Green Awareness Program. |
| 3. Provide assistance to the WRB, Town of NK, DEM, QDC and other partners in the HAP pilot | <i>June-10</i> | CWS (Harold Ward) serves on WRB and chairs the Water Allocation committee. Development of allocation framework is in progress. All CWS members support and assist as needed in this work. |
| 6. At least four Paddle10 celebrations with trips on rivers throughout the NB Region | <i>June-10</i> | Paddle09 completed and successful. Planning for Paddle10 underway. |
| 1. Provision of tech assistance to partners in the Blackstone | <i>June-10</i> | Ongoing. |
| 2. Project management/outreach/tech assistance to Pawtuxet River dam removal | <i>June-10</i> | Wetlands Permit submittal delayed by sediment issues. Met with CRMC & DEM on 16 Nov. to develop sampling plan. Submitted sampling plan for approval to agencies on 20 Nov. Waiting for agency response before contracting sampling. |
| 3. Participation in workgroups and technical support to partnership implementing fish passage along the Ten Mile | <i>June-10</i> | Ongoing. |
| 4. Implement Somerset Marsh restoration | <i>June-10</i> | Ongoing. |
| 5. Tech assistance and grant development for other projects | <i>June-10</i> | Ongoing--submitted preproposals for Phase 2 Pawtuxet restoration work to CRMC in November. Met in November with City of Providence and others to discuss potential restoration projects. |

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| 2. Ongoing participation in policy development/issue papers regarding river restoration, permitting, restoration priorities | <i>June-10</i> | Ongoing |
| 3. Participation in meetings concerning bay monitoring and the update to the RI Water Monitoring Strategy being coordinated by RIDEM | <i>July-10</i> | To be coordinated by RIDEM DWR |
| 9. Ongoing participation in Coastal Hypoxia Research Project (2009-2010) | <i>July-10</i> | NBEP attends all CHRP meetings of Pls. Surveys (macroalage + D.O.) completed in 2009. Monthly summer surveys planned for 2010. |
| 8. Preliminary review of Bay biological monitoring data as part of ecological indicator development and to determine applicability in development of Biological Condition Gradient project – dependent on EPA project schedule | <i>October-09</i> | Biological Condition Gradient Workshop completed Oct 28/29 at EPA AED. Over 40 local researchers and other environm. professionals attended. Discussions centered around difficulty choosing acceptable "minimally disturbed" indicators. BCG pilot project "strawman" document being developed in coordination with EPA AED (12/09) which proposes using Greenwich Bay data and available indicators. |
| 4. Technical review reports on state permitting and remediation projects | <i>Over grant period</i> | Submitted comments to FERC for proposed Swift River hydro plan on Pawcatuck; participating in DEM meetings on Manchester St. permit |
| 7. Proposal to Packard Foundation for using the NB Region to test ecosystem management | <i>Over grant period</i> | Packard, in light of recession's impact on fund raising, is re-evaluating its ecosystem based efforts and has put discussion of pilot with NBEP on hold |
| 2. Donor Member workshop (Sept 2009) and at least one more workshop for strengthening conservation organizations | <i>May-09</i> | Two workshops in fall 2009 were successfully completed -- October 8 "Making the Most of your Annual Appeal" and November 7 "Trail Mapping" . |
| 3. Participation in the BRWCT Stormwater Collaborative | <i>Over grant period</i> | Dependent on RIBRWCT action in organizing this effort; no meetings scheduled |
| 3. Creation of NBEP Policy Committee | <i>Invitations sent July 2009</i> | DEP Commissioner Laurie Burt has accepted an invitation to participate and has asked that Mass CZM Director Deerin Babb-Brott be included on the committee. No answer yet received from CRMC and SWP; invitations re-sent on September 17 |