



The State of the Taunton River Watershed: Building Partnerships for Progress

What We Know, What's Working, and What's Next

Date: Monday, October 1, 2018

Place: Fall River Heritage State Park, 6 Central Street, Fall River, MA



8:30am **Registration and Networking**

9:00am **Welcoming Remarks**

Judith Swift, Narragansett Bay Estuary Program Steering Committee Chair, URI Coastal Institute
Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, Regional Administrator for EPA Region 1

What We Know: State of the Taunton River Watershed and its connection to Narragansett Bay

Nick Wildman, Dam Removal Practice Lead for the Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration and Vice-Chair of the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program Steering Committee
Millie Garcia-Serrano, Regional Director of the Southeast Regional Office at Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Celebrating our Local Champions: Awards

Colleen Brown, Conservation Agent for the Town of Swansea, MA
Ed Tanner, Principal Planner and Zoning Officer for the Town of Bristol, RI
Dighton Conservation Commission

10:15am **Coffee Break and Networking**

Refreshments sponsored by Horsley Witten and Milone & MacBroom; with reusable water bottles provided by Fuss & O'Neill

10:30am **What's Working: Partners Improving Our Waters** (Moderator: Courtney Schmidt, NBEP)

Volunteer water quality monitoring – what are we learning?

Steve Silva, Taunton River Watershed Association (TRWA)

How does the bay respond to changes in the watershed? From the top to the bottom

Richard Carey, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)

Emily Shumchenia, E & C Enviroscope

11:15am **What's Next: Resiliency Through Partnerships** (Moderator: Kate McPherson, Save The Bay)

Protecting land through planning & partnerships: nature based solutions

Stefanie Covino, Massachusetts Audubon

Restoring River and Wetland Habitat Connectivity in the Taunton River Watershed

Beth Lambert, Massachusetts Department of Ecological Restoration (MADER)

Adapting today to save our coastal habitats

Wenley Ferguson, Save The Bay

12:00pm **What Can You Do?**

Building Partnerships for Progress

Topher Hamblett, Save The Bay

Bill Napolitano, Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD)

12:15pm **Connect with Your Partners**

Meet local partners, learn from interesting and useful resource materials (tools, technical capacity, funding opportunities, etc), ask questions, share stories, and built your next idea through a new partnership.

1:00pm **Program Ends, New Partnerships Begins**



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