



NARRAGANSETT BAY ESTUARY PROGRAM

The Resilient
Taunton
Watershed
Network
(RTWN)

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, Fall River, MA

- 8:30am **Registration and Networking**
- 9:00am **What We Know: State of the Taunton River Watershed and its connection to Narragansett Bay**
Narragansett Bay Estuary Program (NBEP), Program Director
- 9:15am **Invited Opening Speakers**
Commissioner Martin Suuberg
(MA and RI Elected Officials, TBD)
- 10:00am **Celebrating our Local Champions: Awards**
- 10:15am **Coffee Break and Networking**
- 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 Enviroscape
- 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 the Taunton River and its surrounding lands
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 your local partners at the tables where you can 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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