



## 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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