

## Blackstone Needs Assessment Meeting #2

Blackstone Heritage Corridor Visitor Center in Worcester

3 Paul Clancy Way, Worcester, MA

March 11, 2020

9:00am to 12:00pm

## AGENDA

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### INTRODUCTION

9:00-9:15am

*Mike Gerel, Narragansett Bay Program*

- Mike welcomes the group, ask for introductions, and walks through the agenda.

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### WHY ARE WE HERE TODAY?

9:15-9:45am

*Mike Gerel, Narragansett Bay Estuary Program*

- Mike to describe the origins of this project, purpose and obligations under our EPA Southern New England Program (SNEP) funding, outcomes of the project kick-off meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>, money available for participant capacity and consultants, and a rough timeline.

**Desired Outcome:** Attendees understand the background, required deliverables, timeline, and funds available to support this project.

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### PLANS AND PEOPLE LIST

9:45-10:15am

*Julia Bancroft, Narragansett Bay Estuary Program*

- Julia walks through a handout and asks participants to share additional plans and people that could aid this work.

**Desired Outcome:** Participants identify additional plans that should inform this project and other people who should join future meetings.

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### IDENTIFY NEEDS

10:15-11:45am

*All attendees*

- Mike and Julia lead a break-out group exercise where attendees will identify priority needs. Attendees will rotate through different stations each focused on one of six priority subject areas arising from the 2004 Blackstone River Watershed Five-Year Action Plan and the December kick-off meeting. A "cross-walk" table that compares 2004 and initial 2020 priority subject areas and an overview table of the 2004 document will be provided. A brief summary discussion will follow, with plans to share the full results prior to the next meeting.

**Desired Outcome:** The work of the 2004 document is fully acknowledged and considered, initial thoughts from November are shared, and all have the chance to share their perspective on needs as of March 2020.

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### ACTION ITEMS

11:45am-12:00pm

*Mike Gerel, Narragansett Bay Estuary Program*

- Mike reviews any action items captured today and informally polls for location/date/time for next meeting.