

## Blackstone Needs Assessment Kick-off Meeting

Cumberland Public Library (off Monastery Drive)

1464 Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland, RI 02864

December 11, 2019

10:00am-12:00pm

Call-in#: 712-775-7031, Pin #853616

### AGENDA

#### INTRODUCTION

10:00-10:15am

*Mike Gerel, Narragansett Bay Program*

- Mike welcomed the group, ask all to introduce themselves, and walks through the agenda.

#### WHY ARE WE HERE TODAY?

10:15-10:45am

*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, and money available for participant capacity and consultants.

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

#### NEEDS BRAINSTORM

10:45-11:30am

*Julia Bancroft, Narragansett Bay Estuary Program*

- Julia leads a group exercise to capture initial perspectives on priority needs (from regional to hyper-local) in the Blackstone around water, wildlife, and quality of life.

**Desired Outcome:** Initial needs are captured to inform future meeting process, project scope, and next steps for the assessment.

#### WHO ELSE SHOULD JOIN US?

11:30-11:50am

*Julia Bancroft, Narragansett Bay Estuary Program*

- Julia will take input on geographies, organizations, and individuals who are not represented today should be invited to participate and who should make invites.

**Desired Outcome:** A list of new people to invite and those doing the inviting is in place.

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

11:50-12:00am

*Mike Gerel, Narragansett Bay Estuary Program*

- Review action items captured today, preview next meeting, and set next meeting.