

BLACKSTONE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

MEETING #1 TOP NEEDS

1. **Watershed Coordination**
 - Inclusive network (existing partners, new, EJ communities)
 - Technical transfer
 - Resource/capacity pooling
2. **Flexible Capacity Funding (that works)**
 - For town/regional planning – sewage
 - For student education programs
 - Capacity for NGOs
3. **Field Projects**
 - Restoration
 - Stormwater BMPs
 - Septic repair/regulation
 - Fish and eel passage/dams
 - Trash in and around waterways
 - Bikeway/public access*
 - Protection
 - Easement/purchase of riparian lands
 - Public access to nature in rural and urban areas*
4. **Outreach**
 - Celebrate and share the good
 - Educational signage at road/river crossing and public access points
 - Family educational programs for kids and adults, river adventures
5. **Monitoring**
 - Baseline monitoring
 - River use survey
 - Support/sustain existing monitoring
 - More monitoring at small tributaries
 - More QAPP'd data from citizen sciences efforts
 - Existing stormwater/MS4 efforts – is it working?
 - Targeted monitoring – DO and bacteria