

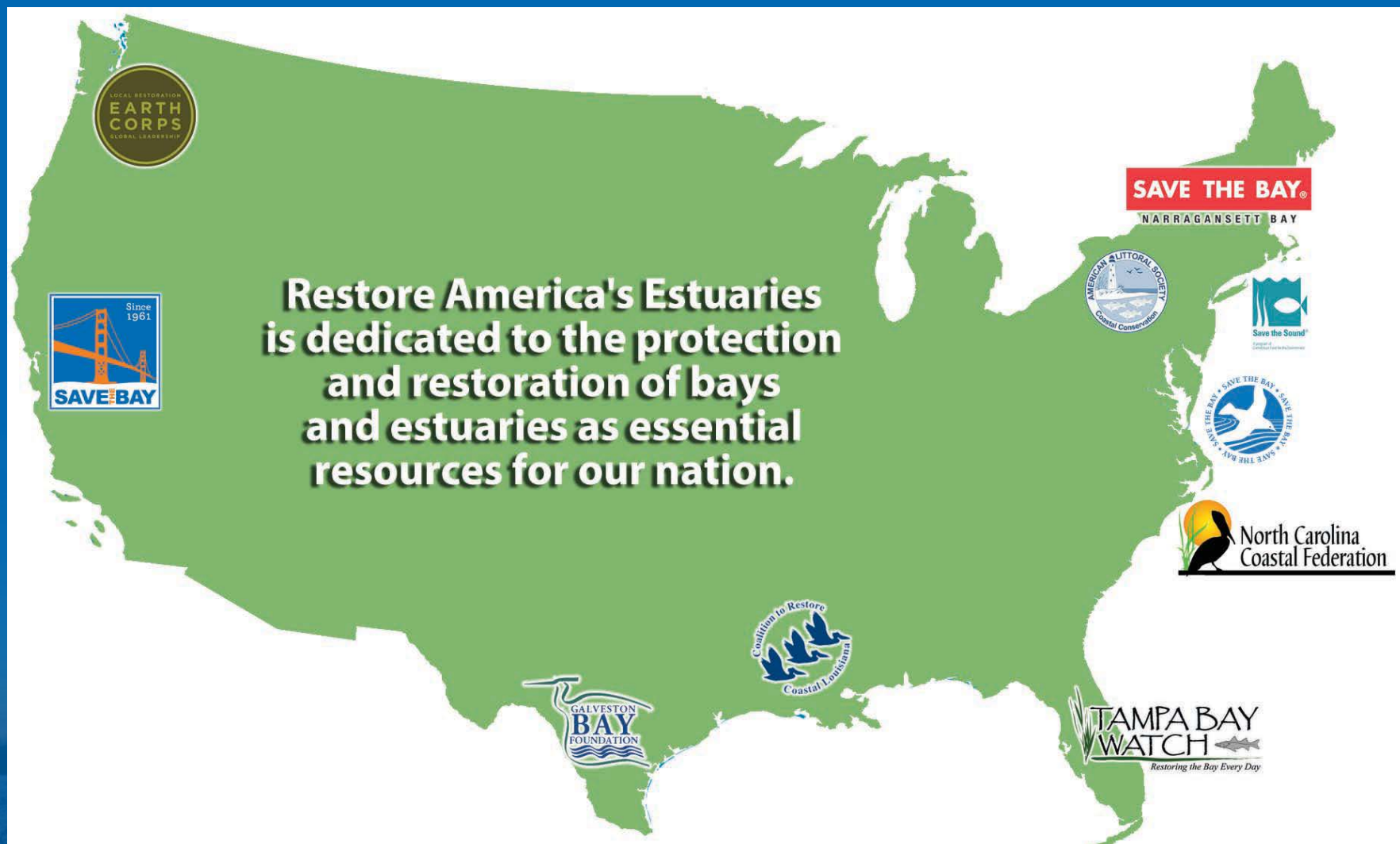
# 2020 SNEP Watershed Grants

*Blackstone River Needs Assessment*

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# About RAE



**Restore America's Estuaries  
is dedicated to the protection  
and restoration of bays  
and estuaries as essential  
resources for our nation.**

[www.estuaries.org](http://www.estuaries.org)

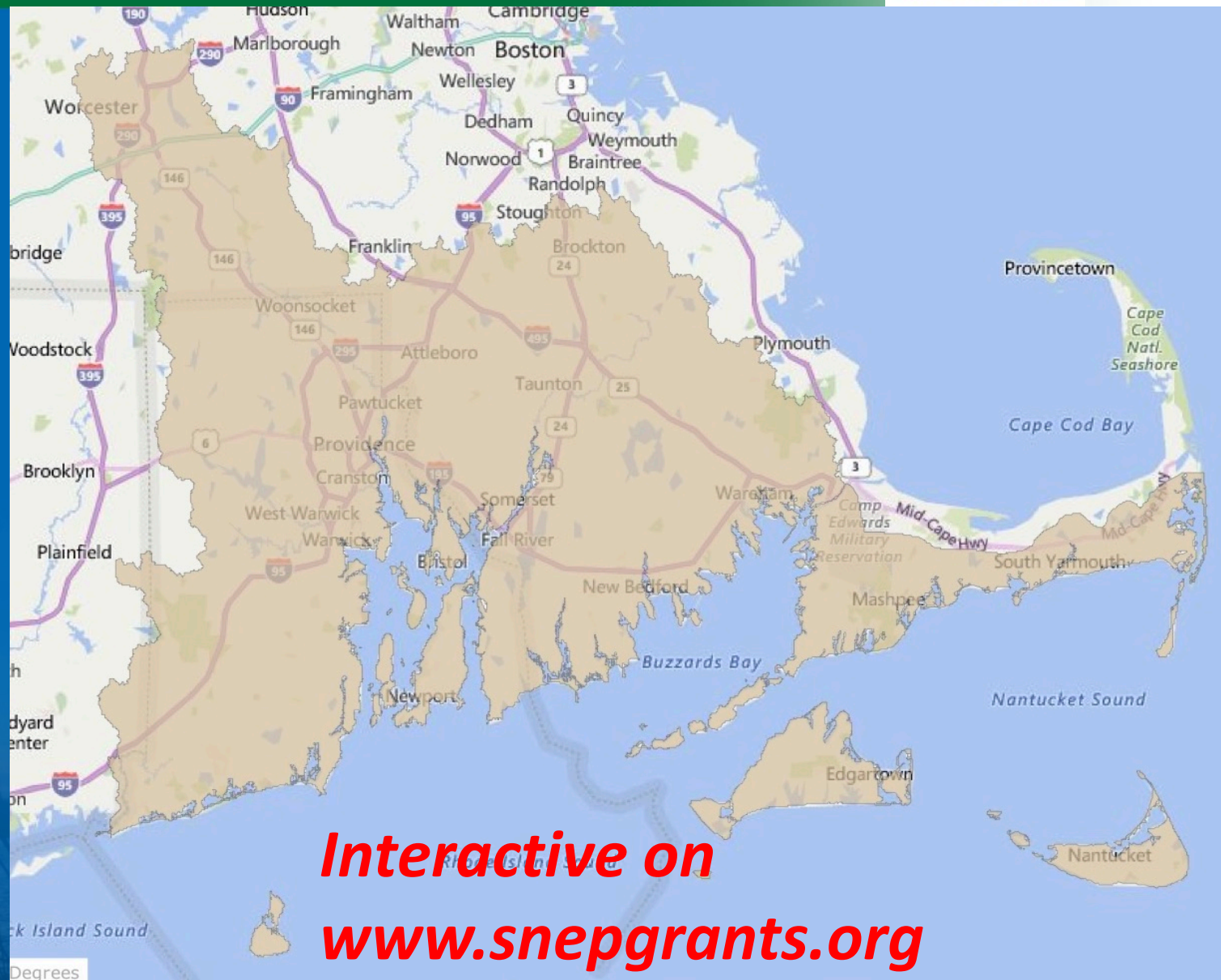
# About SNEP



**Federal Program Managed by EPA Region 1 (Boston) since 2014**  
**RAE manages SNEP Watershed Grant Program (since 2018)**

SNEP Mission: Foster **collaboration** among regional partners across southeast New England's coastal watersheds to **protect and restore water quality, ecological health and diverse habitats** by sharing knowledge and resources, promoting innovative approaches, and leveraging economic and environmental investments to meet the needs of current and future generations.

# SNEP Funding Region



***Interactive on  
[www.snepgrants.org](http://www.snepgrants.org)***

# 2018 & 2019 SNEP Watershed Grants



- \$6.6M total awards
- 30 grants ranging from \$15k - \$500k
- Equally split between RI & MA
- Diverse projects & applicants
- Strong partnerships
- Solid technical foundation
- Collaboration, information sharing and outreach
- Projects with multiple benefits

# 2020 SNEP Watershed Grants



- Big change – streamlined one-step proposal
- \$2M planned
- Generally: \$100k - \$500k
- Smaller & larger grants will be considered (more below)
- RFP & info on [www.snepgrants.org](http://www.snepgrants.org)
- Eligible applicants:
  - State agencies
  - Municipalities
  - Tribes
  - Regional planning organizations
  - Governmental subdivisions (commissions, etc.)
  - 501c3 non-profit organizations
  - Academic institutions
  - Federal agencies & funding are not eligible as applicants, for funding or match; but may partner on project team or supplement funding.

# 2020 Grant Schedule



- Released RFP April 1
- Webinars April 14 & 30
- Proposal Due May 29
- Decisions June/July
- Contract start date August 1
- Announcements September
- Completion of work: Dec. 31, 2022
- Grant close-out: Jan. 31, 2023 (30 months from contract date)

# 2020 Funding Priorities



- Address SNEP program goals (see [www.epa.gov/snecwrp](http://www.epa.gov/snecwrp));
- Reduce nutrients and nutrient impacts on coastal ecosystems;
- Develop and implement innovative approaches and practices that provide multiple benefits for communities and ecosystems;
- Establish and support sustainable partnerships;
- Foster environmental equity and the restoration or improvement of urban landscapes and communities;
- Foster coastal resilience and adaptation to changing climate and environmental conditions;
- Restore coastal and watershed habitats such as rivers and wetlands;
- Measure and assess the effectiveness of environmental programs and projects;
- Analyze, interpret and communicate environmental data; and
- Build upon or implement existing watershed, water quality, or other environmental plans.



# Match Requirements



- 25% of overall project cost or 33% of award
- Cash or in-kind
- Must be non-federal
- Commitments needed upon award
- Again, no letters!

# Other Considerations



- Reimbursable grant
- Expected contract date Aug. 1, 2020
- Projects up to 30 months duration
- Indirect costs – see RFP
- Semi-annual reports
- Federal purchasing and contracting requirements – see RFP

# Other RAE Funding



- NEP Coastal Watersheds Grant
- National competition
- \$1 million nationwide
- See [estuaries.org](http://estuaries.org) for RFP
- Letters of Intent Due August 7

# Questions?



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***Looking forward to your  
application!***