

## BLACKSTONE NEEDS ASSESSMENT MEETING #4

August 26, 2020  
1:00pm to 3:45pm

### Joining and Participating in the Meeting

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### Meeting Agenda

Subject	Presenter(s)	Details	Shared via Zoom	Time
<b>Introduction</b>	Mike Gerel, NBEP	Mike will welcome, guide introductions, and review agenda.	Agenda	5 min
<b>Blackstone Network RAE Proposal</b>	Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) [INVITED]	CRRPC will provide an update on their proposal to Restore America's Estuaries to help form a Blackstone Network.	None	10 min
<b>Stormwater Management Presentations</b>	Laurie Connors, Town of Millbury, MA Dave Kurowski, City of Pawtucket, RI Neil Angus, Town of Devens, MA Kathryn Kelly, Narragansett Bay Comm. Kerry Reed, City of Framingham, MA	Five entities active in the Blackstone present their work managing stormwater to support compliance, improve water quality, address flooding and flow issues, enhance climate resilience, and/or enrich local quality of life.	Presentations	90 min
<b>Break</b>				10 min
<b>Passage and Dams Presentations</b>	Scott Jackson, UMASS Amherst Megan DiPrete, Phil Edwards, RI Department of Environmental and John O'Brien, The Nature Conservancy of RI	Presenters will discuss the status of passage and dams in the region and/or tools to advance efforts.	Presentations	35 min
<b>Needs Framework</b>	Mike Gerel, NBEP	Mike will share graphics that organize priority needs determined to date and preview development of the first draft needs assessment.	Graphics	10 min
<b>Meeting Close</b>	Julia Bancroft, NBEP	Julia will highlight any action items and put out call for presentations for next meeting.	None	5 min