

Green Infrastructure

Grants Webinar

January 31, 2024
11:30a-1:30p

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GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS PROGRAM

In 2021, the [Narragansett Bay Estuary Program](#) (NBEP), hosted at [Roger Williams University](#), awarded 11 grants totaling \$649,000 to support green-infrastructure and capacity-building projects for municipalities, local organizations, and universities across Rhode Island and Massachusetts. These projects align natural and engineering processes to improve water quality, reduce flooding, and increase efficiency of the water supply, while offering a range of co-benefits, including climate resilience, wildlife habitat, public health, and other socioeconomic and community enhancements. This grant program was funded under the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) [Southeast New England Program](#) (SNEP).

AGENDA

Time	Presentation
11:30a–11:40a	Introduction <i>Courtney Schmidt, Narragansett Bay Estuary Program</i>
11:40a–12:00p	Building Capacity Stormwater Planning in the Woonasquatucket River Watershed <i>Alicia Lehrer and Campeones, Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council</i>
12:00p–12:20p	Advancing Green Infrastructure in the Blackstone Watershed <i>Stefanie Covino and Caliegh McLaren, Blackstone Watershed Collaborative</i>
12:20p–12:40p	Developing the Plans Blackstone Parks Gateway Projects <i>Rick Richards, Blackstone Conservancy</i>

Time	Presentation
12:40p–1:00p	Monitoring after Installation Monitoring Green Infrastructure Function for Future Planning Success <i>Ryan Kopp, Audubon Society of Rhode Island & Stormwater Innovation Center</i>
1:00p–1:10p	Closing <i>Courtney Schmidt, Narragansett Bay Estuary Program</i>

ABOUT NBEP

The Narragansett Bay Estuary Program ([NBEP](#)) is one of 28 place-based National Estuary Programs, first established in 1987 by an amendment to the federal Clean Water Act, overseen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The estuary program uses a voluntary, community-driven approach to enhance water quality, wildlife, and quality of life across our study area, which includes the Narragansett Bay, Little Narragansett Bay, Coastal Ponds, and their watersheds in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. The Narragansett Bay Estuary Program is hosted by the Community Partnerships Center at Roger Williams University.