

NBEP Work Plan Development (FY20)

Work Plan Task	Existing Work Plan	Continues in New Plan	Ideas for New Plan
Task 1a: NBEP Program Leadership	X	X	
Task 1b: NEIWPCCLowell Program Management	X	X	
Task 1c: NBEP Work Plan and Budget Development and Tracking	X	X	
Task 1d: Individual NBEP Staff Work Plan Development	X	X	
Task 1e: Support of NBEP Oversight and Advisory Committees	X	X	
Task 1f: Steering Committee Membership Update	X	X	
Task 1g: Communications Strategy Addendum	X		
Task 1h: Case Statement	X		
Task 1i: Finance Plan	X	X	
Task 1j: CCMP	X	X	
Task 2a: Status and Trends Science Updates	X	X	
Task 2b: Priority Science Strategy	X		
Task 2c: Data Management Protocol	X		
Task 2d: NEP Bay and Watershed Research Program	X	X	
Task 2e: Watershed Science*	X	X	
Task 3a: NEPORT	X	X	
Task 3b: Watershed Protection and Restoration Projects	X	X	
Task 4a: Southeast New England Program	X	X	
Task 4b: Southeast New England Program Subawards	X	X	
Task 5a: Blackstone River Watershed Needs Assessment	X	X	
Task 5b: Social Science Workshop	X		
Task 5c: Technical Transfer and Outreach	X	X	
New Idea #1: Study Area Funder Workshop Bring together government, private, corporate, and other funders with interest in the study area for one (1) gathering to enable greater coordination, process streamlining, and delivery of funds for CCMP implementation.			X
New Idea #2: Open Table Discussions Around Indicators* Convene meetings, and as appropriate, ongoing working groups, to create open and safe spaces for better coordination and knowledge-building around priority research needs, management options, and other questions related to NBEP's indicators. Subjects may include water clarity, salt marsh, SAV, HABs, social science, and modeling.			X
New Idea #3: Cross-boundary Watershed Planning* Build on existing state and municipality-specific programs and learning from our current Blackstone Needs Assessment project, by providing specialized watershed planning and analysis to at least one (1) relatively small-scale effort that spans state and municipal boundaries. Planning areas may include Seekonk-Swansea-Warren-Barrington and like areas plagued by geopolitical lines that can frustrate watershed-wide planning. Project would start in 3Q FY20 after Blackstone is complete.			X
New Idea #4: Participatory Science Support* Assist and analyze information that results from participatory science from at least (1) one effort that is of sufficient credibility and rigor (e.g., created using standard methods/operating procedures) to support Science Updates or are otherwise advance answers to question of interest. Information collected by commercial fisherman, students, or artists collected information are examples.			X

*Depending on their design, these efforts are generally consistent with existing Tasks 2a, 2e, and 3b.