

# NARRAGANSETT BAY ESTUARY PROGRAM

Steering Committee Meeting  
December 15, 2022, 1-4pm

# Agenda

Subject	Presenter(s)	Shared via Zoom	Formal Committee Action Requested Today	Time Start
Meeting Open	Regina Lyons, Chair	Agenda	Approve September notes.	1:00p
Quarterly Program Report	Mike Gerel, NBEP Courtney Schmidt, NBEP Mariel Sorlien, NBEP Darcy Young, NBEP	PPT	None.	1:15p
Vision 2032 Update	Darcy Young, NBEP Holly Greening & Rich Batiuk, Coastwise Partners	PPT	None.	1:45p
Committee Member Updates	Committee members	None	None.	2:05p
Steering Committee Meetings in 2023	Mike Gerel, NBEP	PPT	None	2:35p
Public Comment / Break				2:50p
FY2021 Funds Re-Budget Discussion	Mike Gerel, NBEP	PPT	Vote whether to approve shifting half of the left-over FY2021 NBEP budget from personnel/admin costs to habitat planning subawards.	2:55p
Steering Committee Membership Approval	Sue Kiernan, RIDEM Regina Lyons, EPA	PPT	Vote whether to approve the Nominating Subcommittee's slate of Steering Committee appointments.	3:15p
Intern/Extern Ideas Brainstorm	Courtney Schmidt, NBEP	Google Slide	None.	3:35p
Meeting Close	Mike Gerel, NBEP	None	None.	3:55p

## Decision #1

Does the Steering Committee approve the  
September meeting notes?

# NBEP Quarterly Program Report



# Financials

## NBEP Revenue vs. Expenses (12.8.22)<sup>(1),(2)</sup>

### REVENUE

Source	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	Total
§320	\$ 443,322	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ 1,193,322
SNEP		\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000
BIL	\$ -	\$ 909,800	\$ 909,800	\$ 1,819,600
Program Income <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 443,322</b>	<b>\$ 1,912,300</b>	<b>\$ 909,800</b>	<b>\$ 3,265,422</b>

### EXPENSES

Category	FY2021 §320 and SNEP <sup>(4)</sup>			FY2022 §320 and SNEP			FY2022 BIL			FY2023 §320 and SNEP <sup>(5)</sup>			FY2023 BIL			Total		
	Budget	Expenditures	Balance	Budget	Expenditures	Balance	Budget	Expenditures	Balance	Budget	Expenditures	Balance	Budget	Expenditures	Balance	Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Personnel and Fringe	\$ 191,616	\$ -	\$ 191,616	\$ 528,822	\$ -	\$ 528,822	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 720,438	\$ -	\$ 720,438
Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,700	\$ -	\$ 12,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,700	\$ -	\$ 12,700
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,700	\$ -	\$ 3,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,700	\$ -	\$ 3,700
Contracts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,350	\$ -	\$ 100,350	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,350	\$ -	\$ 100,350
Other	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ 225,000	\$ 277,833	\$ -	\$ 277,833	\$ 909,800	\$ 3,900	\$ 905,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 909,800	\$ -	\$ 909,800	\$ 2,322,433	\$ 3,900	\$ 2,318,533
Subawards	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ 225,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ 909,800	\$ 3,900	\$ 905,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 909,800	\$ -	\$ 909,800	\$ 2,294,600	\$ -	\$ 2,294,600
Other Administrative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,833	\$ -	\$ 27,833	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,833	\$ -	\$ 27,833
<b>Total Direct</b>	<b>\$ 416,616</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 416,616</b>	<b>\$ 923,405</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 923,405</b>	<b>\$ 909,800</b>	<b>\$ 3,900</b>	<b>\$ 905,900</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 909,800</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 909,800</b>	<b>\$ 3,159,621</b>	<b>\$ 3,900</b>	<b>\$ 3,155,721</b>
<b>Total Indirect<sup>(7)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 26,706</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 26,706</b>	<b>\$ 76,595</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 76,595</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 103,301</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 103,301</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 443,322</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 443,322</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 909,800</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 905,900</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 909,800</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 909,800</b>	<b>\$ 3,262,922</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,259,022</b>

### NET

Unbudgeted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500
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(1) Listed fiscal years are "EPA fiscal years," that is, they represent the year they were awarded. So an award that runs from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 is considered to be "FY2021" by EPA. More typically, this time period would be considered FY2022.

(2) Note that ONLY expenditures through 12.8.22 are included. All 320/SNEP expenditures are included in FY2021 for the purposes of this report (RWU Finance began billing 320/SNEP costs against the FY2022 budget in their Roger Central tracking systems beginning July 1st as per their June-June fiscal year approach). Discussions are ongoing to figure out how to better align RWU Finance and EPA budgeting, invoicing, and reporting needs in calendar year 2023.

(3) RWU has established an account to capture any donations, sponsorships, or other non-grant related Program Income provided to NBEP. EPA has been made aware of this revenue category. To date, a \$2,500 sponsorship from URI was provided for the NBEP Plastics event.

(4) These numbers represent a proposed re-budget of FY2021 funds left "unencumbered" as of 12.8.22 (\$1,283,276 unbilled-\$839,954 encumbered = \$443,322 unencumbered). Unencumbered funds are split roughly 50/50 between personnel and new subawards in this proposed re-budget represented here that we will discuss today.

(5) Section 320 and SNEP funds for FY2023 have not been awarded yet. These funds are expected by October 2023.

(6) Includes office water, phone, internet, outside printing, registration fees, conference hosting, meals, professional development, advertising, and copy paper.

(7) The RWU budget takes all indirect "off the top" at the beginning of the year, and does not report indirect charged per period or otherwise on an ongoing basis. Therefore, the indirect included in this table is an NBEP calculated figure based on 20% of charged personnel.

# FY2021 Workplan & Budget Amendment

- Draft paperwork in place to support an FY2021 Workplan and Budget Amendment that describes plans for left-over FY2021 funds—money that remains “unencumbered” as of 12/8/22
- \$443K is left-over, and we propose to split 50/50 for personnel and new RFP for habitat/access subawards\*
- This change requires approval by the Steering Committee (later today) and then EPA

\* Note this is less than the \$671K listed as left-over at the November Executive Committee meeting. This is because these numbers presented to the EC were as of 10/4/22 and we have continued to spend these monies and proceeded with two new subawards (\$60K for BU and \$50K for Blackstone Collaborative) that were below the \$70K threshold requiring approval.

<b>Attachment B: Program Narrative</b> <b>National Estuary Program Funding</b> <b>Narragansett Bay Estuary Program</b> <b>EPA Support FY2021-FY2023</b>  <i>Amendment #2: December 8, 2022</i>	
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<b>Project Period:</b>	October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2024

# FY2022 Subaward Paperwork



- FY2022 Workplans included 10 direct subawards as per current best practice for advancing projects, especially in new areas
- Created standardized guidance and templates that streamlined the process as much as possible
- 7 agreements now in place; 2 pending signatures and 1 pending approval to provide an advance for working capital
- Despite direct awards and streamlining, paperwork for federal awards through RWU remains extensive
- Meeting federal financial requirements and Justice 40 goals are not well aligned—very challenging for all involved
- Will learn from these awards and proposed RFP and decide how to proceed with 2023 funds

# 2023 Program Evaluation


- NBEP and Region 1 just learned we are scheduled for an EPA HQ Program Evaluation in 2023
- All NEPs are subject to a PE every 5 years
- NBEP last reviewed in 2018, apparently a year late, so we're up next year
- Set schedule from January to August
  - Kick-off meeting in January
  - PE package due to EPA in April
  - EPA on-site visit to present preliminary findings to Steering Committee in June
  - Results letter to us by August





# New Data Stories & Tools

Clean Water and Quahogs: Changes in Narragansett Bay

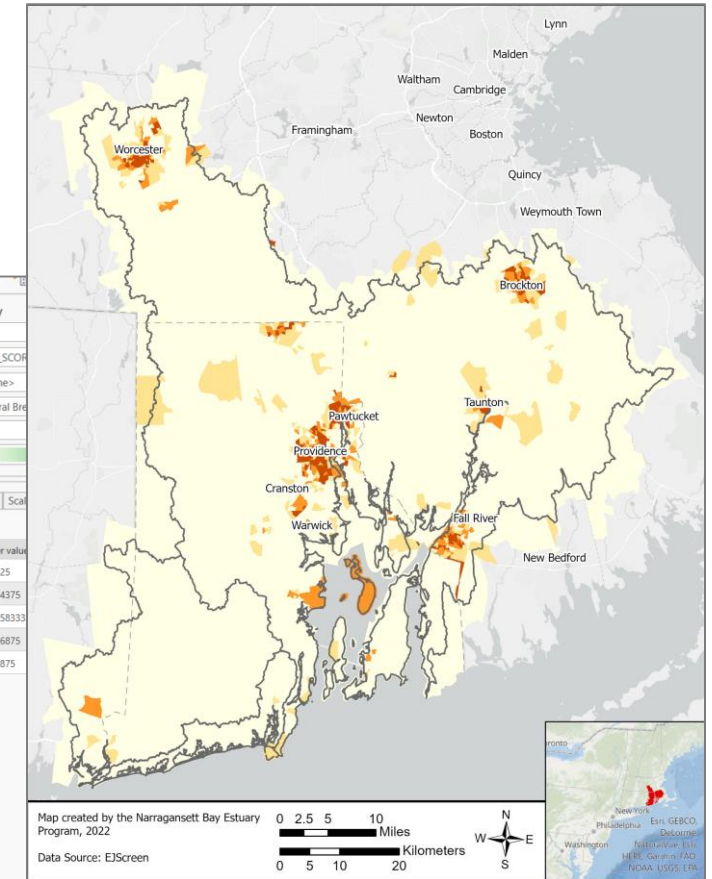
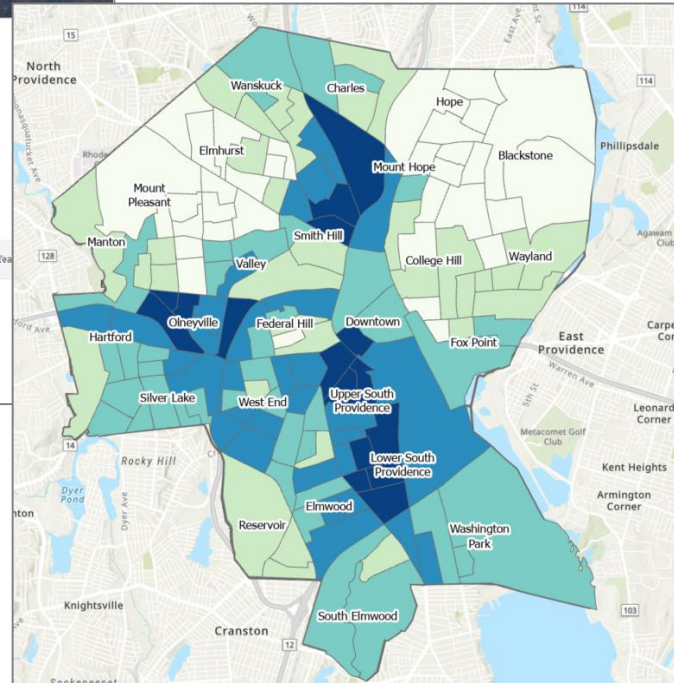



## Clean Water and Quahogs: Changes in Narragansett Bay

NBEP\_GIS  
October 26, 2022

Historic Closures Shellfishing (2020) Shellfish and Bacteria Twenty Years of Change Wastewater Treatment Upgrades Looking Forward Learn More Compare Year

Quahogs, also known as hard shell clams, are a popular, simple to gather shellfish. Whether served as stuffies or chowder, quahogs are a staple in New England. They have a long history in the region.



- ✓ Quahog StoryMap published in October
- ✓ Providence EJ tool completed this month
- ✓ New NBEP EJ tool next summer

# Plastics Event



- 75 attendees
- Excellent speakers, especially keynote
- Some take homes:
  - Humans have had a relationship with plastic since Industrial Revolution
  - More plastic in bottled water than tap
  - Clothing sheds microplastic
  - Need to reduce upstream sources while cleaning downstream
- 5-page summary of event and video to be posted on website this winter

# Outreach Highlights

9/16 - RIDOH re: Climate and Health Equity Zones	11/3 - Project Drawdown re: responding to climate change
9/22 - URI Sea Grant re: Plastics event	11/4 - Roger Williams Park re: SNEP grant announcement
9/29 - Project STEAM'd Podcast re: Urban watersheds	11/4 - CERF Governing Board meeting
9/29 - TNC-RI, Blackstone Collab, BRWC re: Fish advocacy	11/9 - RWU School of Social and Natural Sciences meet re: partnering
9/30 - Coastwise Partners re: Vision 2032 support	11/11, 12/13 - SNEP Ecosystem Services Subcommittee meeting
10/5 - EPA NEP EJ Workgroup re: BIL equity tool	11/14 - SNEP Steering Committee meeting
10/11 - NEP Directors meeting re: Dec RAE conference	11/15 - CFRF re: ghost gear
10/12 - RI Rivers Council meeting re: Vision 2032 talk	11/15 - Resilient Taunton Watershed Network
10/14 - SNEP Green Infrastructure Meeting	11/15 - MIT re: aquaculture, eel grass interactions
10/14, 11/16, 12/9 - City of Providence re: City EJ Tool	11/17-11/18 – Annual NEERS meeting, NBEP talk
10/14 - RWU re: LOI for PFAS Grant	11/18 - EPA AECD re: public access
10/19 - WRWC re: Salmon Street project visit	11/22 – URI re: NB seaweed study
10/20 - RIIB Info Session re: Municipal Resilience Program	11/22 – NBNERR re: Succotash project planning meeting
10/21 - RWU Advancement re: Stem K-5 project	11/29 – RI Habitat Trust Fund Pre-Proposal Committee
10/26 - Island Foundation re: EJ group capacity funding	11/29 – Bryant University re: NBEP update
10/26, 11/1, 11/3, 11/8, 11/10 - NEP Fall EJ Forums	12/1 - URI Coastal Institute re: CI strategic plan
10/27, 12/12 - Kerri Arsenault re: Vision 2032 story support	12/1 - Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association re: partnering
10/28 - URI re: Optimum nitrogen CHRP proposal	12/4-12/8 - RAE Conference in New Orleans
10/31 - FSU, St Andrews and St Joseph Bays Estuary Program	12/14-12/15 - Coastwise, STB, NBNERR, WRWC re: study area tour/discussion

# Status of 24 Existing Subawards


Project	Location	Source	Award	Bal	Status
Audubon Society of RI	Providence, RI	SNEP 2021	\$73,000	\$42,468	Collecting data on effectiveness of GI after large rainstorms
Town of Barrington, RI	Barrington, RI	SNEP 2021	\$33,700	\$28,858	Collecting data on existing stormwater infrastructure and GI
Town of Bristol, RI	Bristol, RI	SNEP 2021	\$70,818	\$70,818	Engaged with contractor; developing QAPP
Clark University	Blackstone Watershed, RI/MA	SNEP 2021	\$25,000	\$25,000	Held training sessions to broaden community partnership
City of East Providence, RI	East Providence, RI	SNEP 2021	\$45,000	\$45,000	Selected engineering firm and held project kick-off meeting
Groundwork RI	Providence, RI	SNEP 2021	\$92,099	\$89,353	Completed QAPP and held stakeholder engagement meetings
Groundwork Southcoast	Fall River, MA	SNEP 2021	\$25,000	\$0	Project done; outreach led to Cook Pond project \$215K SNEP award
NB National Estuarine Research Reserve	Prudence Island, RI	§320 2021	\$50,015	\$50,015	Developing scope of work and contacting potential landscaping firms
Southern RI Conservation District	Westerly, RI	SNEP 2021	\$75,000	\$5,694	Finalized QAPP; developed outreach materials and conceptual plans
Town of South Kingstown, RI	South Kingstown, RI	§320 2021	\$99,000	\$99,000	Finalized QAPP; Collecting data and finalizing locations
Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council	Providence, RI	SNEP 2021	\$60,410	\$58,531	Met with site owner, and Nuevo Voces to establish outreach team
Blackstone River Watershed Council	Central Falls to Pawtucket, RI	§320 2021	\$10,000	\$5,550	Purchased PFDs, printed educational materials, paid speaker
RI School of Design	Blackstone Watershed, RI/MA	§320 2021	\$15,000	\$5,303	Project complete; Paddle and materials complete 8/14/22
Boston University	Narragansett Bay, RI/MA	§320 2021	\$110,954	\$110,954	Agreement in development
NBNERR	South Kingstown, RI	SNEP 2022	\$200,000	\$200,000	Agreement executed 11/9/22
Clark University	Blackstone Watershed, RI/MA	§320 '21/SNEP '22	\$100,000	\$100,000	Agreement executed 11/17/22
Environmental Council of RI / REJC	Providence, RI	BIL 2022	\$100,000	\$100,000	Agreement in development.
SRPEDD	Taunton River Watershed, MA	BIL 2022	\$100,000	\$100,000	Agreement executed 11/16/22
Old Colony Planning Council	Brockton to Plymouth, MA	BIL 2022	\$75,000	\$75,000	Agreement executed 11/29/22
Groundwork Southcoast	Fall River, MA	BIL 2022	\$75,000	\$75,000	Agreement executed 12/2/22
Save The Bay	NB and Coastal Ponds, RI/MA	BIL 2022	\$100,002	\$100,002	Agreement executed 11/21/22
Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association	Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed, RI	BIL 2022	\$134,800	\$134,800	Agreement executed 11/10/22
Nature Conservancy of RI	Valley Falls to Pawtucket, RI	BIL 2022	\$300,000	\$300,000	Agreement executed 11/3/22;
Blackstone River Watershed Council	Central Falls to Pawtucket, RI	BIL 2022	\$15,000	\$11,100	Agreement executed 10/25/22; hosted intertribal gathering
Totals:			<b>\$1,984,798</b>	\$1,807,446	



# vision 2032



- Vision 2032 Subcommittee met September 16<sup>th</sup> in Providence
  - “Final” 4 goals, 14 objectives, and 39 actions
  - Added *Goal #4: Assure safe and equitable access to and use of nature*
- Hired Coastwise Partners to assist with watershed planning
- Next steps this winter
  - Staff creating Draft Action Plans and completing action-specific outreach
  - Hire writers and designer and map out stories and document format
- Next meeting in February
- Looking to be done and done Jan 2024

Plan Structure		
Plan Element	Audience	Includes...
Story  The Environmental Storytelling Studio	Public	5 linked “feature” stories by environmental authors that open selected chapters of plan & that are suitable for separate publication. “Illustrate the macro in the micro”
Action Plans	Partnership	39 2-page Action Plans
Appendices	EPA	“Box-checks”—Comparison to 2012 CCMP, Climate Vulnerability Assessment Table, etc.



# Vision 2032

## Coastwise Partners Introduction and Lessons Learned

Steering Committee Meeting

December 15, 2022



**NARRAGANSETT BAY  
ESTUARY PROGRAM**



## Who we are



**Holly Greening**

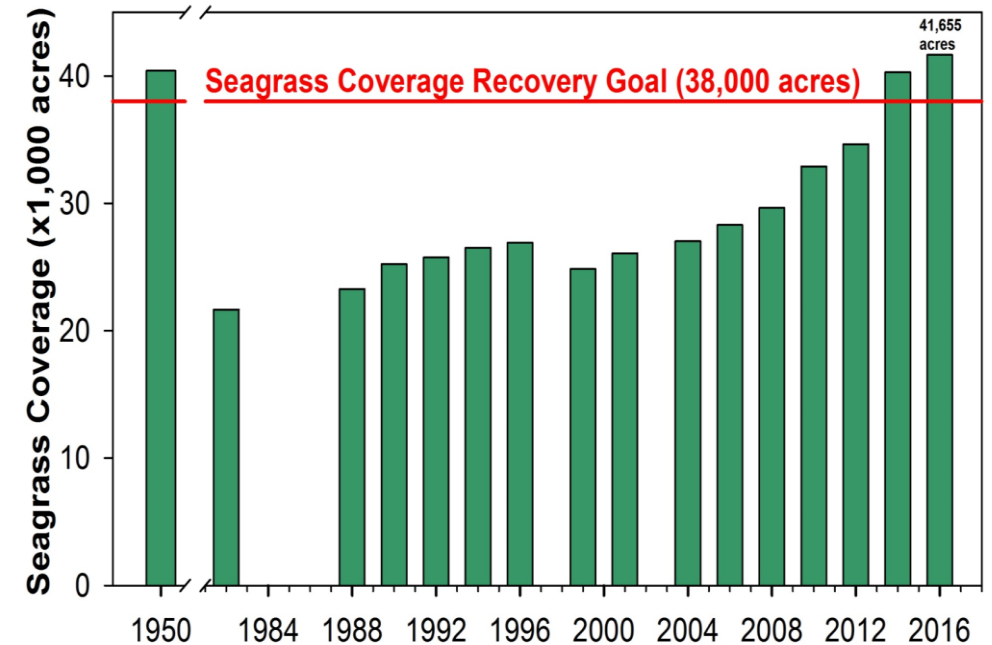
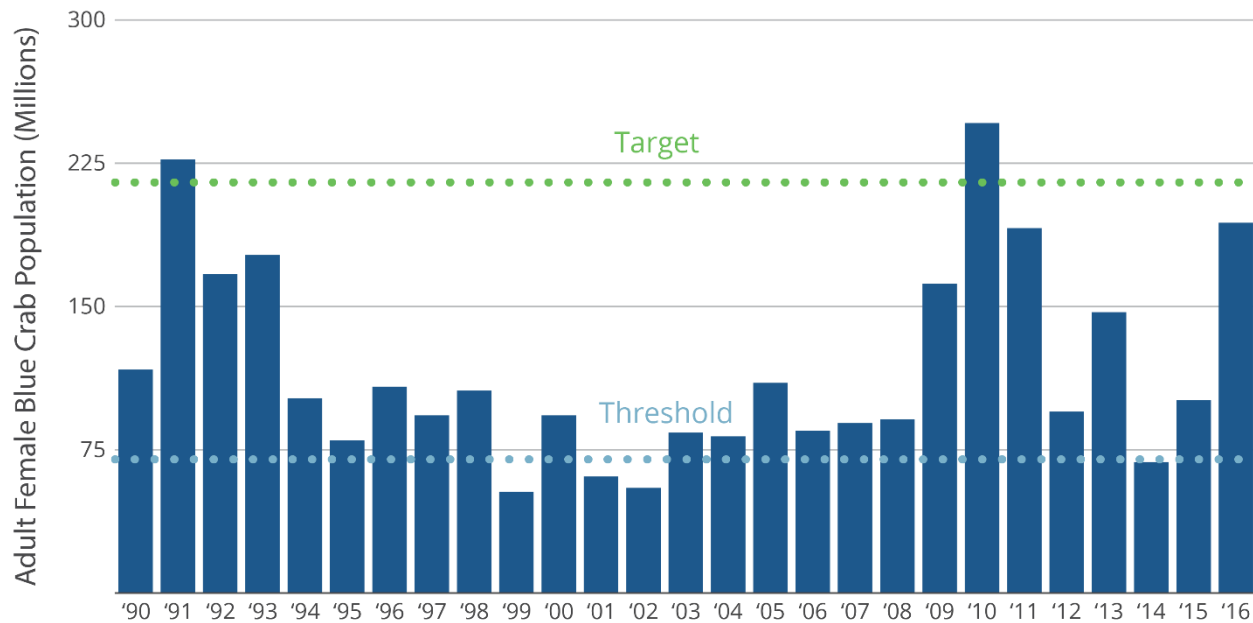
Executive Director Tampa Bay Estuary Program. Facilitated Tampa Bay Estuary Program's successful nutrient management and seagrass recovery strategy.



**Rich Batiuk**

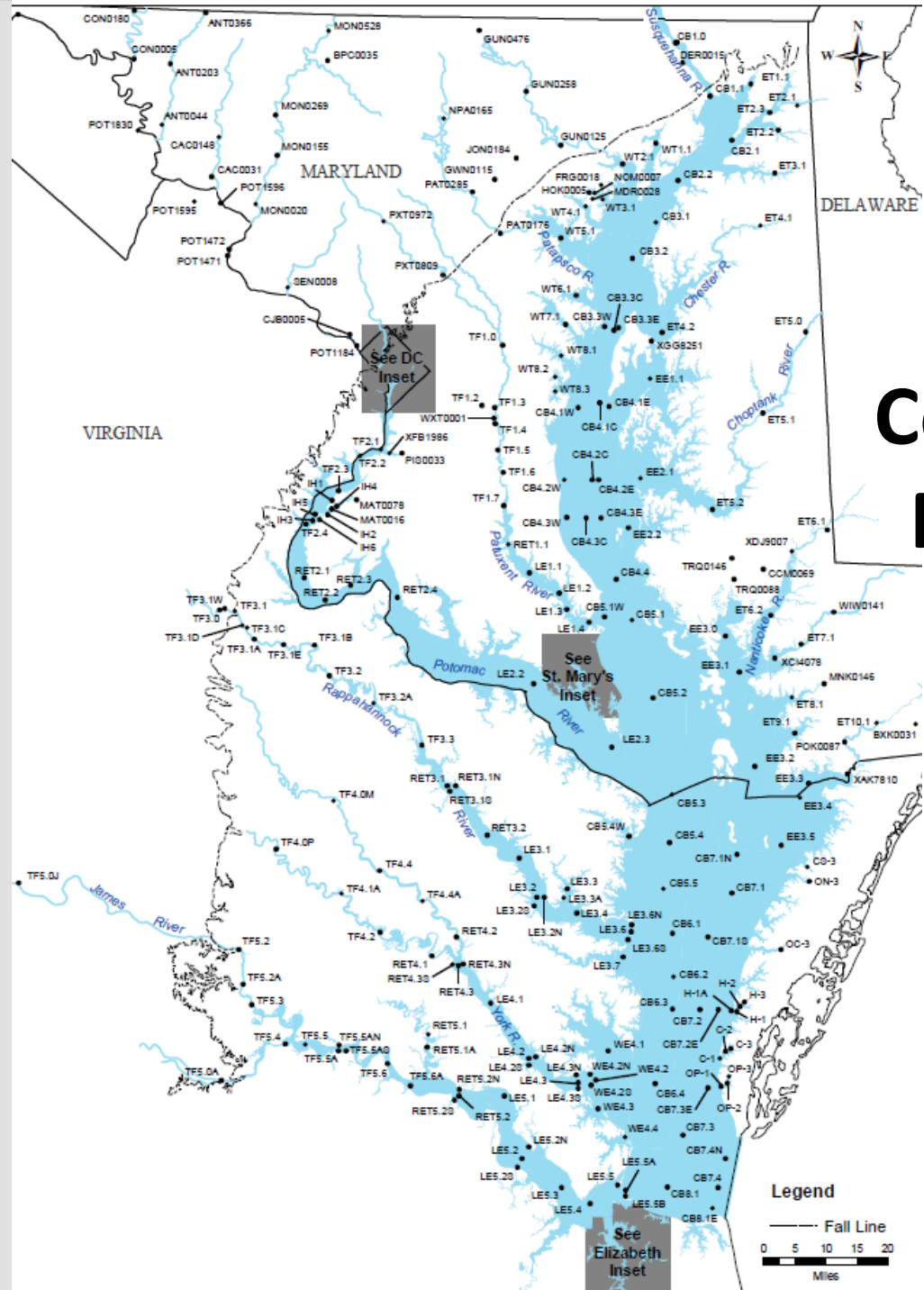
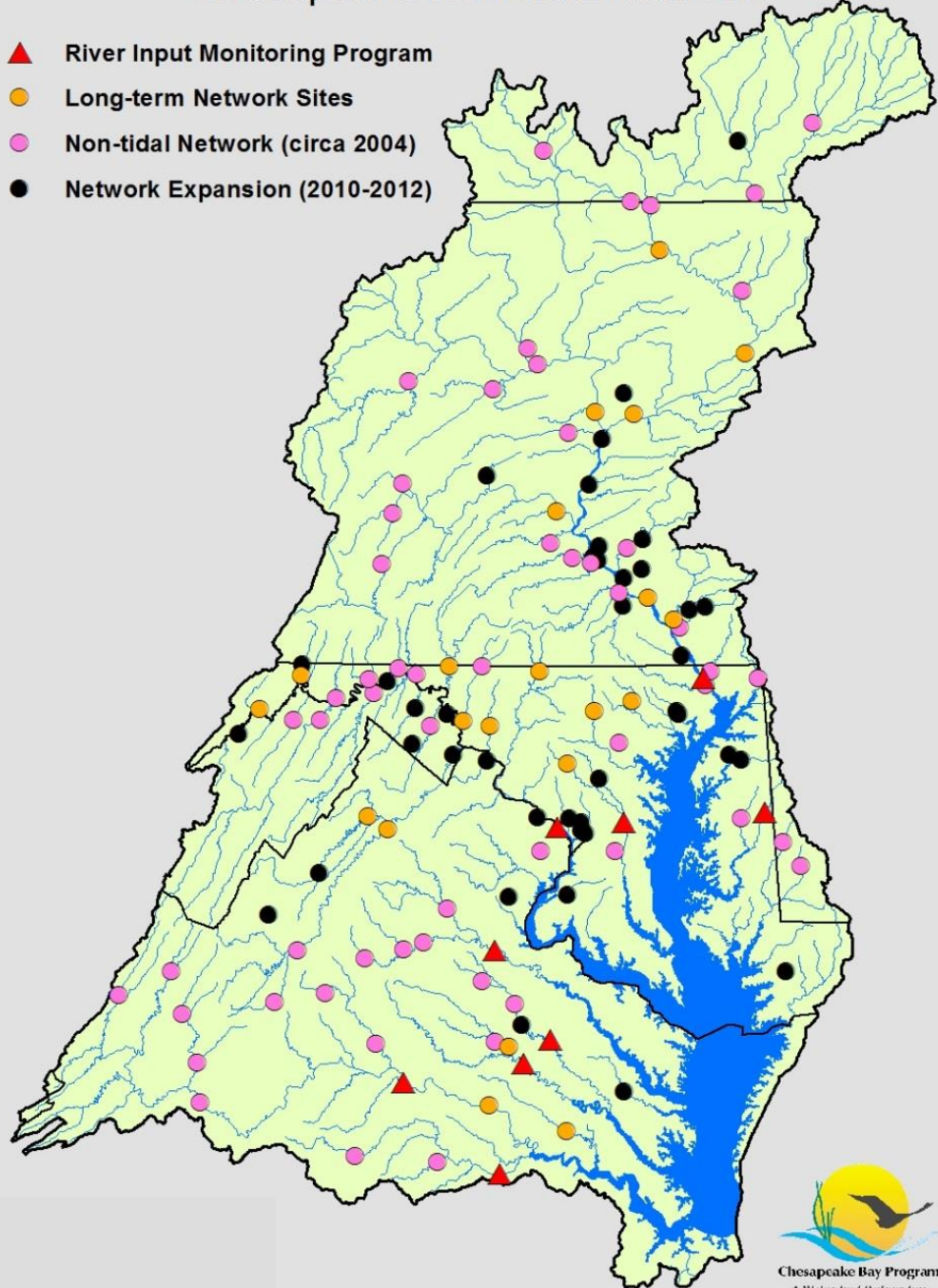
Chesapeake Bay Program, Associate Director for Science, Analysis and Implementation. Instrumental in designing Chesapeake Bay Program's extensive cooperative approach to meeting Bay targets.

# Set Numeric Restoration Goals and Measure Progress Towards Achievement



# Chesapeake Non-tidal Network

- ▲ River Input Monitoring Program
- Long-term Network Sites
- Non-tidal Network (circa 2004)
- Network Expansion (2010-2012)

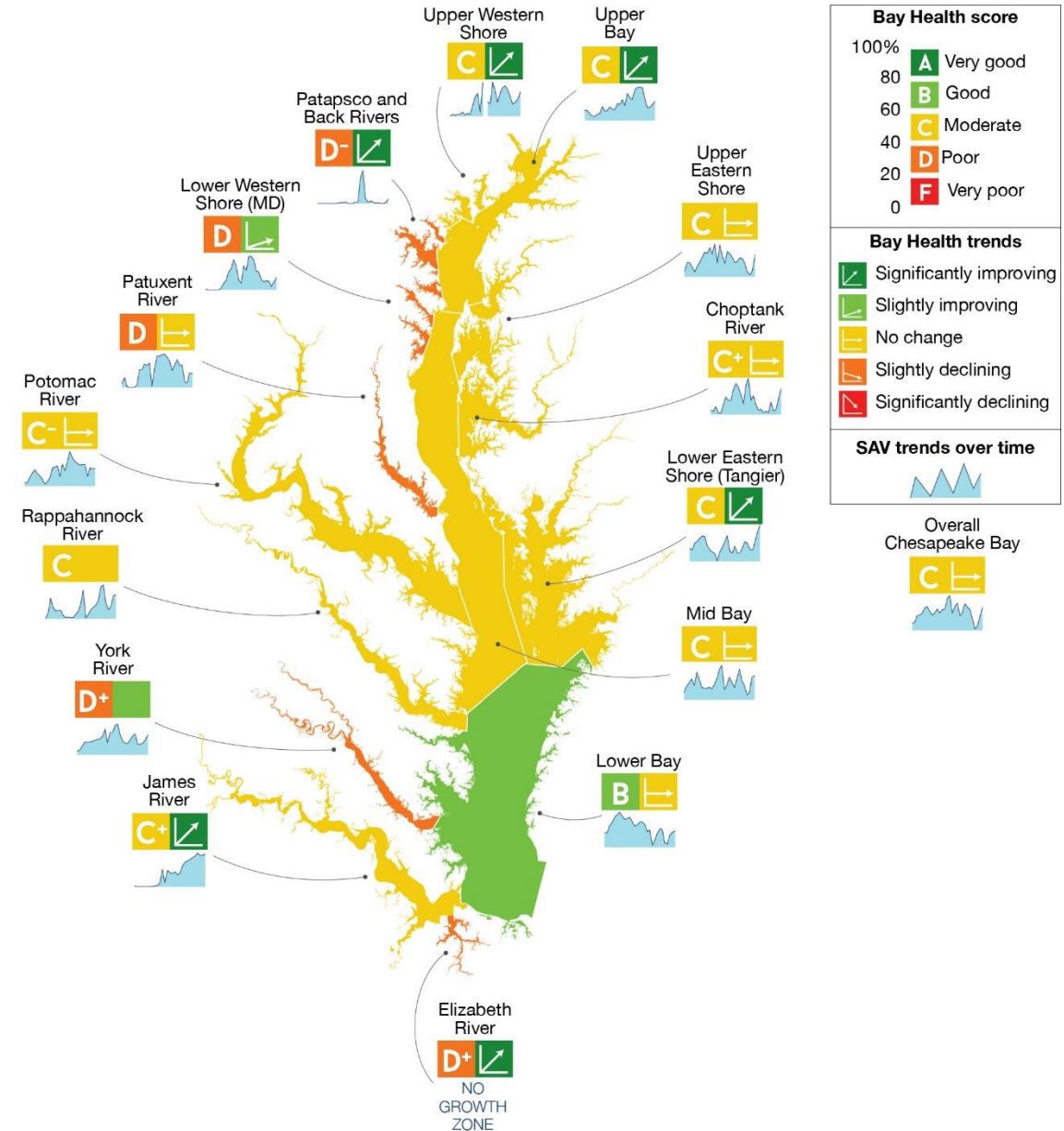


**Build  
Collaborative  
Monitoring  
Networks**



# Keep the Public Regularly Informed on Progress Towards Goals

Year	Old Tampa Bay	Hillsborough Bay	Middle Tampa Bay	Lower Tampa Bay
1975	Red	Red	Red	Green
1976	Red	Red	Red	Yellow
1977	Red	Red	Red	Red
1978	Red	Red	Red	Yellow
1979	Red	Red	Red	Red
1980	Red	Red	Red	Red
1981	Red	Red	Red	Red
1982	Red	Red	Red	Red
1983	Red	Yellow	Red	Red
1984	Red	Green	Red	Yellow
1985	Red	Red	Red	Yellow
1986	Red	Yellow	Red	Green
1987	Red	Yellow	Red	Green
1988	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green
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# Support Inclusive Management Structure for Consensus Decision Making

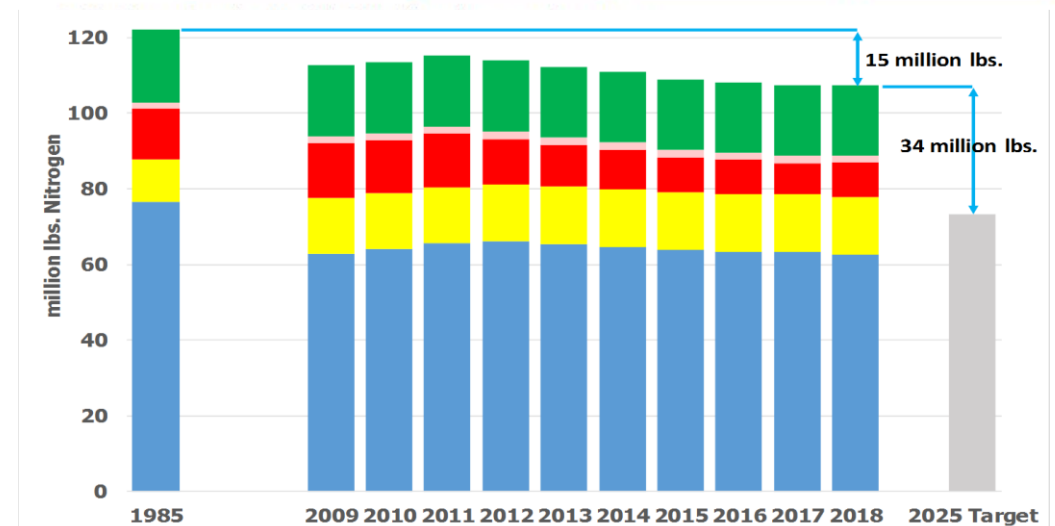
- Ensure the management structure directly reflects the Partnership's Goals, Objectives and Mission
- Institutionalize an independent retroactive and proactive advisory role for the Scientific Community

# Conduct Regular Re-assessments of Goals and Progress and Make Needed Course Adjustments

- Commit to a system of public accountability
- Hold partners accountable to their share of achieving goals

2018 Oversight Status

	Agriculture	Urban/Suburban	Wastewater	Trading/Offsets
Delaware	Enhanced Oversight	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight
District of Columbia	Not Applicable	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight
Maryland	Ongoing Oversight	Enhanced Oversight	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight
New York	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight	Enhanced Oversight	Ongoing Oversight
Pennsylvania	Backstop Action Levels	Backstop Action Levels	Ongoing Oversight	Enhanced Oversight
Virginia	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight
West Virginia	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight



# Successful roles that NEPs play in their study areas: Turning small budgets and unique roles into Big Impacts

- **Facilitate:** defining community-based, scientifically-sound measurable goals and objectives
- **Convene:** partners, agencies, communities, general public
- **Synthesize:** monitoring data, projects conducted in the watershed, progress towards goals
- **'Honest broker':** unbiased source of scientific information, non-partisan
- **Community engagement:** links science, management and policy with the public
- **Education and outreach:** partners and the community



Thank you!

And please reach out to us with any follow-up comments, questions, ideas, concerns

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# 2023 Steering Committee Meetings

- Second Thursday of March, June, September, December
- In-person is strong preference (2 in RI, 2 in MA)
  - EC to remain all virtual
- 4-hours, 10am-2pm w/lunch
- If you cannot attend or must arrive late/leave early please do your best to send an alternate
- **Thoughts?**



## Committee Member Updates (30 minutes)

*What role could/should NBEP play that is it not already playing in the region?*

**Public Comment / Break  
(5 minutes)**

# FY2021 Funds Re-Budget

- \$1.78M was shifted from NEIWPC to RWU in October 2021
- Region 1 requested that NBEP reduce the balance of unencumbered FY2021 funds
- Concept of splitting these funds 50/50 between personnel and new subawards was introduced to this committee in March and many project ideas (mostly habitat planning) were captured through September
- \$443K left-over as of 12/9/22

# FY2021 Funds Re-Budget

- Staff propose the following:
  1. Seek Steering Committee and EPA approval to re-budget \$443K of unencumbered funds—\$218K for personnel costs and \$225K for habitat/access planning subawards.
  2. Use an RFP to subaward funds because there are too many viable projects to just pick a few for direct awards.
  3. Up the total funds available in the RFP to \$675K by adding \$450K in Year 2 BIL funds already awarded to NBEP and already approved Workplan for CCMP-consistent projects via an RFP.
  4. Release RFP the first quarter of calendar 2023.

## Decision #2

Does the Steering Committee approve the proposed re-budget of unencumbered FY2021 funds called out as Item 1 in the previous slide?



# Steering Committee Appointments

- NBEP bylaws empower a Nominating Subcommittee to meet annually to consider new members and reappointments to the Steering Committee
- Subcommittee made up of Walt Galloway, Sue Kiernan, and Kate Michaud met on October 24<sup>th</sup> to consider
  - Reappointing 9 members whose terms were expiring in 2022
  - Not reappointing 4 existing members
  - Two replacements
  - Two new members
  - Two new officers
- On November 9<sup>th</sup> the Executive Committee sent the slate of members on the next slide to the Steering Committee for consideration today
- Subsequent to this meeting, Regina confirmed that Caitlin Chaffee and Dave Monti are interested in serving as the new Chair and Vice Chair, respectively

# Proposed 2022 Appointments

Member	Organization	Status	Notes	Decision
Catalina Martinez	NOAA	Reappointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has attended very few meetings</li> <li>Would like to join DEIJ work</li> </ul>	<p><b>Do not reappoint</b></p> <p>Shift to DEIJ Subcommittee</p>
Eric Boettger	NRCS	Reappointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has attended very few meetings</li> <li>No response to inquiry about continuing</li> </ul>	<p><b>Do not reappoint</b></p>
Andrea Coates	MADOT	Reappointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has attended very few meetings</li> <li>Decided she is too busy to continue</li> </ul>	<p><b>Do not reappoint</b></p>
Heidi Ricci	Mass Audubon	Reappointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like to be reappointed</li> </ul>	<p>Reappoint</p>
Caitlin Chaffee	NBNERR	Reappointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like to be reappointed</li> </ul>	<p><b>Reappoint and Elect as Chair</b></p>
Walt Galloway	Public	Reappointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like to be reappointed</li> </ul>	<p>Reappoint</p>
Sue Kiernan	RIDEM	Reappointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like to be reappointed</li> </ul>	<p>Reappoint</p>
Kate Michaud	Warren, RI	Reappointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like to be reappointed</li> </ul>	<p>Reappoint</p>
Rachel Calabro	RIDOH	Reappointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like to be reappointed</li> </ul>	<p>Reappoint</p>
John O'Brien	TNC	Reappointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like to be reappointed</li> </ul>	<p>Reappoint</p>
Nate Vinhateiro	URI	Reappointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like to be reappointed</li> </ul>	<p>Reappoint</p>
Donna Williams	Blackstone Coalition	Reappointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like to be reappointed</li> </ul>	<p>Reappoint</p>
Shaun O'Rourke	RIIB	Consider other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moved to VT</li> </ul>	<p><b>Remove from committee</b></p>
Joe Callahan	Taunton River Watershed	Consider other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has attended very few meetings</li> <li>Suggested replacement from Board</li> </ul>	<p>Keep Joe Callahan for now, add Steve Silva as back-up</p>
Gina DeMarco	Northern RI RCD	Consider other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has taken new job at District</li> <li>Suggested replace with District Manager</li> </ul>	<p>Appoint Molly Allard</p>
Dave Monti	Saltwater Anglers	Consider officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed willingness to be Vice Chair</li> </ul>	<p><b>Elect as Vice Chair</b></p>
Walter Berry	Public	New	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serving as new liaison to RI Rivers Council</li> </ul>	<p>Appoint Walter Berry as new member</p>

## Decision #3

Does the Steering Committee approve the proposed slate of Steering Committee members and officers?

# Intern Needs Exercise

- NBEP has budgeted \$15K for RWU interns and \$8K for interns from other schools
- Interns can work with NBEP in Providence or on-site with committee members and other partners
- NBEP funding one RWU student to support RWU faculty microplastics research
- Do you have a need? We want to help!
- Take the next 10 minutes to share at least one idea (what they'll do, where sit, who to call) on the Google Slide link below and pasted in the Chat

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1LLrZnV9nyvU7xaSKw-FsNm9ckKdYKbs9s0guRxTBZJU/edit?usp=sharing>

# Quarterly NBEP Newsletter Coming Early 2023

Because you are such a fan of our quarterly program reports...



- ★ Partner Project Highlights
  - NBEP Science
- ★ 5 Questions with \_\_\_\_\_
  - Fun polls
  - Where in the Watershed (GIS Updates)
  - Narragansett Bay in the News
  - Incentives for forwarding to colleagues and friends – help us grow our audience



# Meeting Close

- Upcoming meetings
  - Executive Committee, February 14, 2023, 1-3pm via Zoom
  - Vision 2032 Subcommittee, week of February 20<sup>th</sup> 2023, 10am-4pm in-person location TBD
  - Steering Committee, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm in-person location TBD
- Thank you for your time this past year!

