



NARRAGANSETT BAY ESTUARY PROGRAM

Steering Committee Meeting
Narragansett Bay Commission
June 30, 2023
10:00a-12:30p

Agenda

Topic	Presenter(s)	Shared via Zoom	Formal Committee Action Requested	Start Time
Meeting Open & Introductions	Caitlin Chaffee, Chair	Agenda	Approve March meeting notes.	10:00a
FY2023 Base Workplan & Budget	Mike Gerel, NBEP	PPT	Approve workplan and budget.	10:15a
2023 EPA Program Evaluation Results	Kathleen Kutschenreuter, EPA HQ Caitlyn Whittle, EPA Region 1 Laura Blackmore, Puget Sound Partnership	PPT	None.	11:15a
Public Comment / Break				12:00p
Quarterly Updates	NBEP staff Committee members	PPT	None.	12:05p
Meeting will end promptly at 12:30p				

Decision #1

Does the Steering Committee approve the
March meeting notes?

FY2023 Workplan and Budget (60 minutes)

FY2023 Base Workplan

- “Base” refers to our §320 and SNEP funds
- One Workplan for \$1.1M Base funding
- Similar format and content as last year
- 4 objectives and 17 tasks this year
 - 5 new tasks, absorbs 2 into existing tasks
- Includes new NBEP Ecologist hire
- ✓ SC approved FY2022-FY2023 BIL plan last year—so no action needed now

National Estuary Program Funding Narragansett Bay Estuary Program FY2023 Annual Workplan for §320 and SNEP Funds	
Applicant:	Roger Williams University
Applicant Contact:	Mike Gerel Narragansett Bay Estuary Program 235 Promenade Street – Suite 393 Providence, Rhode Island 02908 (804) 332-1197 mike.gerel@nbep.org
USEPA Region 1 Project Officer:	Caitlyn Whittle U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Region 1 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (OEP06-1) Boston, MA 02109-3912 (617) 918-1748 whittle.caitlyn@epa.gov
QA/QC Plan Required:	Yes
Project Period:	October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2026
Resources Requested:	This is a new award. Total budget is \$2,200,000 (FY2022 funds and required non-federal match). Attachment A provides the FY2023 budget summary and itemized budget for this award.
Federal Cost:	Current request: \$1,100,000 (FY2023 funds)
Non-Federal Match:	The attached match documentation includes \$1,100,000 received from various partners for FY2023.
Abstract:	This Narragansett Bay Estuary Program (NBEP or program) Narrative Workplan (workplan) includes 4 objectives and 17 tasks that will be undertaken with this FY2023 allocation of Clean Water Act §320 and Southeast New England Program (“Base” funding) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to its host, Roger Williams University (RWU). The agreement has a three-year project period (October 1, 2023 – September 2026). This annual NBEP Base Workplan for FY2023 includes efforts that the program has the authority, capability, and funding to complete, have support by the NBEP Steering Committee , and are intended to advance NBEP’s Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) for the program’s Study Area of Narragansett Bay, Little Narragansett Bay, and Coastal Ponds, and their watersheds in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

Summary of FY2023 NBEP Base Workplan Objectives and Tasks

Objective	Task
1. Ensure sound program management consistent with NBEP's mission, bylaws, and CCMP.	a. Program Leadership.
	b. Host Institution Program Support.
	c. Base Workplan and Budget Development.
	d. Committee Support.
	e. Subaward and Contract Management.
	f. Land Acknowledgment Development.
	g. Grant Writing.
2. Provide collaborative regional planning to advance more resilient, sustainable, and equitable natural resource management, use, and enjoyment.	a. Vision 2032 Completion.
	b. Science Working Group Convening.
	c. Regional Research, Restoration, Monitoring, Financial, & Outreach Planning.
	d. Southeast New England Program Support.
3. Communicate science in ways that is understood and useful to researchers, managers, other priority audiences.	a. Science Updates.
	b. Annual Science Event.
	c. Targeted Outreach.
4. Award funding to partners to help implement the CCMP.	a. Small Education and Outreach Subawards.
	b. RIDEM Fish & Wildlife Ecological Data Analyst Subaward.
	c. RINHS Biodiversity Database Subaward.

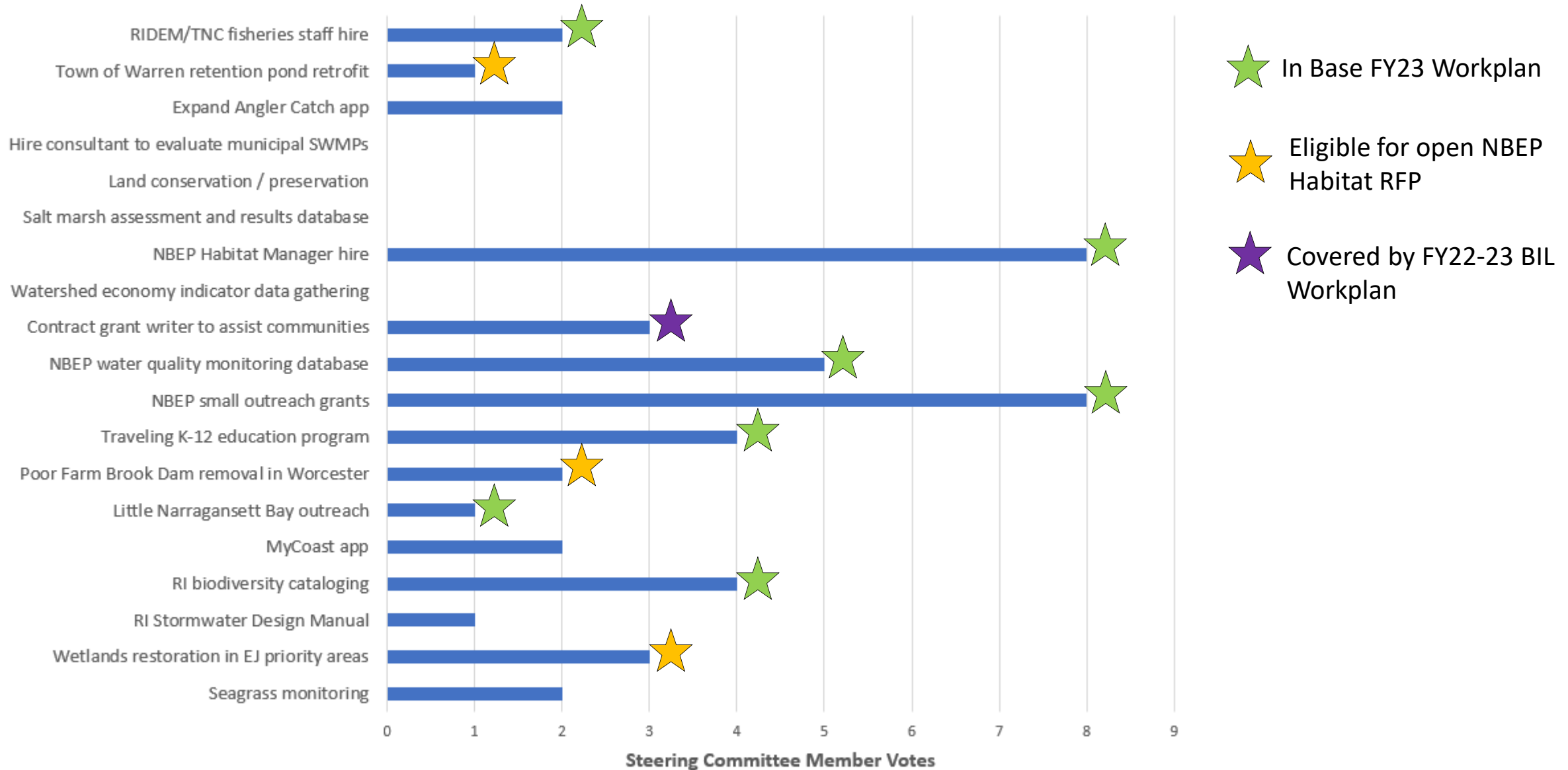
NEPORT Reporting Tasks now included under leadership

Blackstone Initiative Task work continued in FY2023 BIL Workplan

Five New Tasks

- **Task 1e: Subaward and Contract Management**—pulled this work out from existing Program Leadership Task based on the time staff will spend managing what we expect to be 30 subawards into 2024.
- **Task 2c: Regional Plans**—with expanded staff, Vision 2032 to be complete, and regional needs, it will be timely to pursue Research, Engagement, and Finance Plans, as well as assist in prioritization of habitat restoration and monitoring.
- **Task 4a: Small Education and Outreach Grants**—been pleased with new programs and partnerships from modest awards to the Blackstone Watershed Council and RISD and would like to expand connections.
- **Task 4b: RIDEM Ecological Data Analyst**—support contract hire to fill staffing gap to assemble existing fish and wildlife data, run and build models, and coordinate with others to assess system changes and inform adaptation.
- **Task 4c: RINHS Biodiversity Database**—fill data availability gap in RI by creating a working prototype database that offers a curated index of best available biodiversity data that is useful to RINHS/stakeholders and maximizes continuity with other national/state systems.

March 2023 SC Funding Ideas



FY2023 Base Budget

Expense Category	Notes	\$320	SNEP	Total
Salary*	5 FTEs and undergraduate interns (includes Ecologist hire)	\$472,721		\$472, 721
Fringe		\$173,009		\$173,009
Travel		\$9,250		\$9,250
Contracts**	Includes community engagement contracts, non-RWU interns	\$33,750		\$33,750
Subawards				
Small Outreach Grants	5-10 grants for outreach and education		\$57,375	\$57,375
RIDEM	Funds to help Divisions of Marine Fisheries and Fish & Wildlife to hire Ecological Data Analyst		\$75,000	\$75,000
RINHS	Fund RINHS to create working state biodiversity database		\$100,000	\$100,000
Other Administrative		\$33,168		\$33,168
Meals		\$8,100		\$8,100
Events		\$1,500		\$1,500
Total Direct Costs:		\$731,497	\$232,375	\$963,872
Indirect Costs:	16.2% on salaries, fringe, travel, supplies, consultants, and first \$25K of subawards. Not on participant support costs.	\$118,503	\$17,626	\$136,128
Total Expenses:		\$850,000	\$250,000	\$1,100,000

*Project to have 8 months for personnel leftover in FY2022 budget.

**Funds for Vision 2032 and Land Acknowledgment contracting are left in FY2022 budget.

FY2023 Match

**NARRAGANSETT BAY
ESTUARY PROGRAM**

NON-FEDERAL MATCH CERTIFICATION FORM

EPA Cooperative Agreement Roger Williams University for Narragansett Bay Estuary Program

Period of Performance October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

Organization _____

Itemization of Non-Federal Match Contributed

Salary

<u>Staff Name</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>	<u># Hours</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Fringe Benefits: (Fringe Benefit Rate: _____) _____

Travel: _____

Supplies: _____

Projects (option to add project specifics on page 2): _____

Indirect Costs: (Indirect Rate: _____) _____

Total Costs: _____

Contact

Upon request, supporting documentation shall be available to the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program by contacting the following person.

Name _____
Phone/Email

Certification

I certify that the costs for these services are provided as non-federal matching funds to the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program for the listed period of performance and are not used to match other federally funded project.

Name _____
Title

Signature _____
Date

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- Require \$1.1M in non-federal match funding for Base award
 - No BIL match requirements for this year
- \$680,299 provided so far—need \$419,701 more
- RWU cannot submit application to EPA without all match in place
- Please provide completed forms to Mike ASAP
- Thank you!!!

Executive Committee Action

- On June 8th, 2023, the Executive Committee(EC) voted to send the FY2023 Workplan and Budget to the Steering Committee for review and consideration for approval
- Staff made the changes highlighted yellow in the Workplan and Budget to respond to EC and RWU Finance comments and add specifics to the RIDEM and RINHS subawards.

Questions, Feedback?

Decision #2:

Does the Steering Committee approve the FY2023 Base Workplan and Budget?

FY2023 EPA Program Evaluation Results (45 minutes)

Questions, Feedback?

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

**Quarterly Updates
(25 minutes)**

Committee Member Updates

NBEP Staff Updates

Financials

NBEP Financials 4.30.23

Category	Section 320 & SNEP Funds ⁽¹⁾				BIL ⁽²⁾				Program Income		Total Available				Notes
	Budget	Total Spent	Total Encumbered	Total Available To	Budget	Total Spent	Total Encumbered	Total Available To Spend	Awarded	Spent	Budget	Total Spent	Total Encumbered	Total Available to Spend	
Salary	\$860,038	\$454,657	\$454,657	\$405,381	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$860,038	\$454,657	\$454,657	\$405,381	Expect to have \$400K for personnel on 9/30/21= 8 months of salary in bank
Fringe	\$278,259	\$97,483	\$97,483	\$180,776	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$278,259	\$97,483	\$97,483	\$180,776	
Travel	\$13,175	\$6,045	\$6,045	\$7,130	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$13,175	\$6,045	\$6,045	\$7,130	Will carry over into FY23
Office Supplies	\$7,254	\$10,399	\$10,399	-\$3,145	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500		\$7,754	\$10,899	\$10,899	-\$2,645	
Contracts	\$116,200	\$19,776	\$46,014	\$70,186	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$116,200	\$19,776	\$46,014	\$70,186	\$65K for Vision 2032 consultants in FY23
Subawards	\$1,309,942	\$192,090	\$1,084,996	\$224,946	\$1,819,600	\$54,684	\$909,800	\$909,800			\$3,129,542	\$246,774	\$1,994,796	\$1,134,746	\$675K for new Habitat RFP; remaining \$460K for Year 2 BIL capacity
Meals	\$8,160	\$5,591	\$5,591	\$2,569	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$8,160	\$5,591	\$5,591	\$2,569	
Event Hosting	\$2,400	\$3,912	\$3,912	-\$1,512	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$4,000	\$5,512	\$5,512	\$88	
Prof Development	\$4,515	\$207	\$207	\$4,308	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$4,515	\$207	\$207	\$4,308	Will carry over into FY23
Phone	\$11,128	\$8,582	\$8,582	\$2,546	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$11,128	\$8,582	\$8,582	\$2,546	
Printing	\$5,479	\$299	\$299	\$5,180	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$5,479	\$299	\$299	\$5,180	Will carry over into FY23
Advertising	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$200	\$0	\$0	\$200	
Registration Fees	\$1,250	\$1,798	\$1,798	-\$548	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$900	\$900	\$2,150	\$2,698	\$2,698	\$352	
Total Direct	\$2,618,000	\$800,839	\$1,719,983	\$898,017	\$1,819,600	\$54,684	\$909,800	\$909,800		\$2,500	\$4,440,600	\$858,523	\$2,632,783	\$1,810,817	
Indirect	\$169,151	\$88,019	\$88,019	\$81,132	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$169,151	\$88,019	\$88,019	\$81,132	
Total	\$2,787,151	\$888,858	\$1,808,002	\$979,149	\$1,819,600	\$54,684	\$909,800	\$909,800	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$4,609,751	\$946,542	\$2,720,802	\$1,891,949	

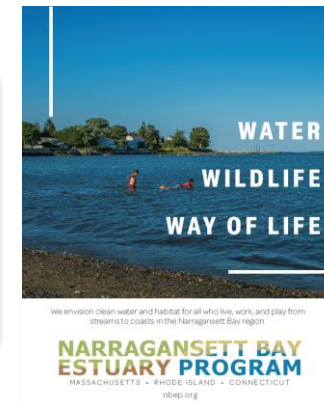
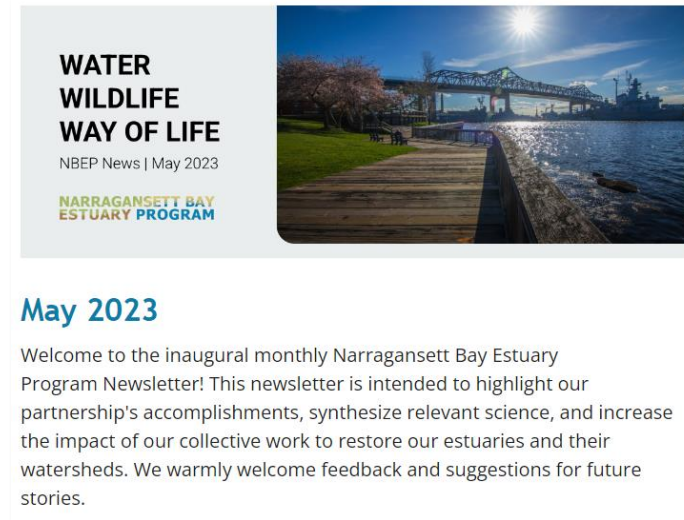
(1) Includes all Section 320 and SNEP monies awarded to RWU/NBEP for EPA years FY2021 and FY2022. This **DOES NOT include** FY2023 Section 320 (\$850K) and SNEP (\$250K) funding totalling \$1.1M expected by October 1, 2023.

(2) Includes all BIL monies awarded to RWU/NBEP for EPA years FY2022 and FY2023.

(3) Total Encumbered includes all funds that have been spent OR obligated to a specific external party via our workplan and/or formal agreement. These funds may not have been fully spent yet, but are **not** available for other purposes.

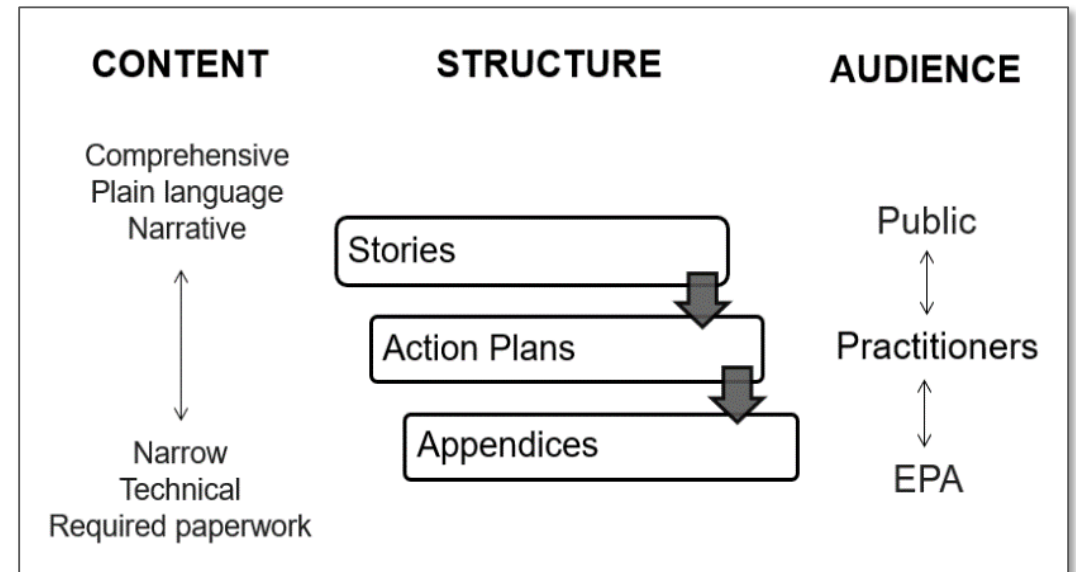
Communications

- Launched monthly newsletter in May to highlight NBEP and partner projects, recent relevant papers, and other interesting news
 - May edition: 509 recipients, open rate ~56%, 661 clicks
 - Please reach out with story ideas and other feedback
- Hats and fact sheets for all!



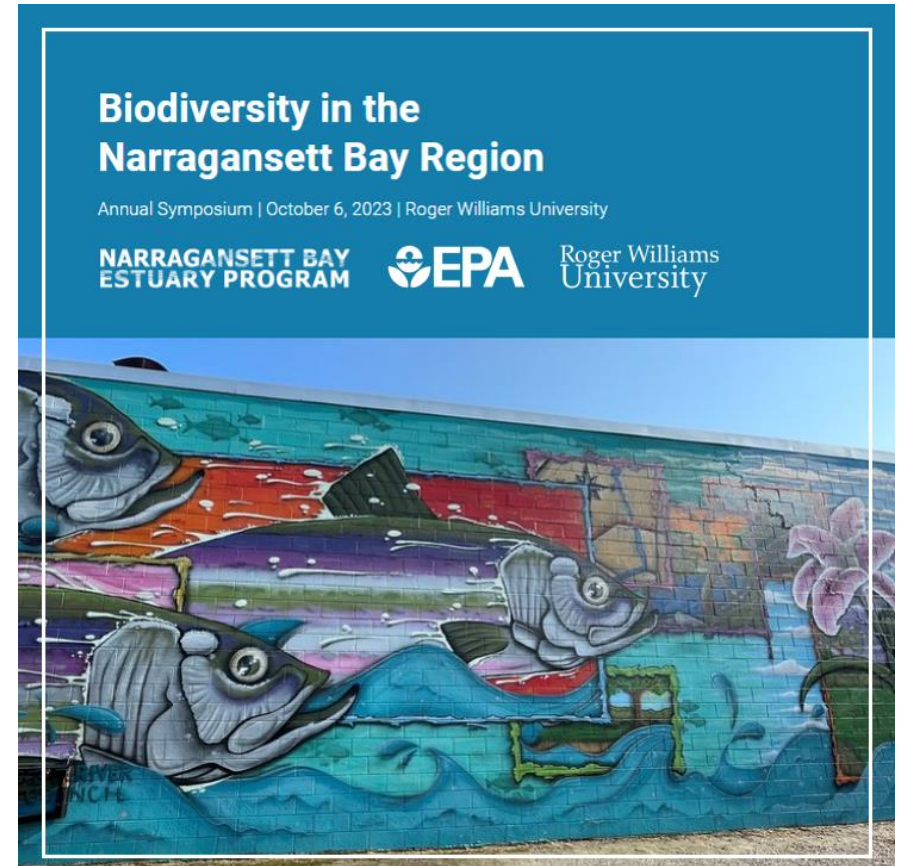
Vision 2032

- 4/12 Meeting “Goals, Roles, and Stories” - 34 attendees
 - CoastWise Partners facilitated the meeting and reviewed findings of their February interviews with NBEP partners (findings summary available on Vision 2032 website)
 - Identified five Vision 2032 objectives that most need and are most ready for goals in the next 10 years.
 - NBEP will write V32 **actions** or **tasks** for each objective to identify *and set* (not reach) goals
- Action Plans and stories in development this summer and fall
- Plan to be done June 2024



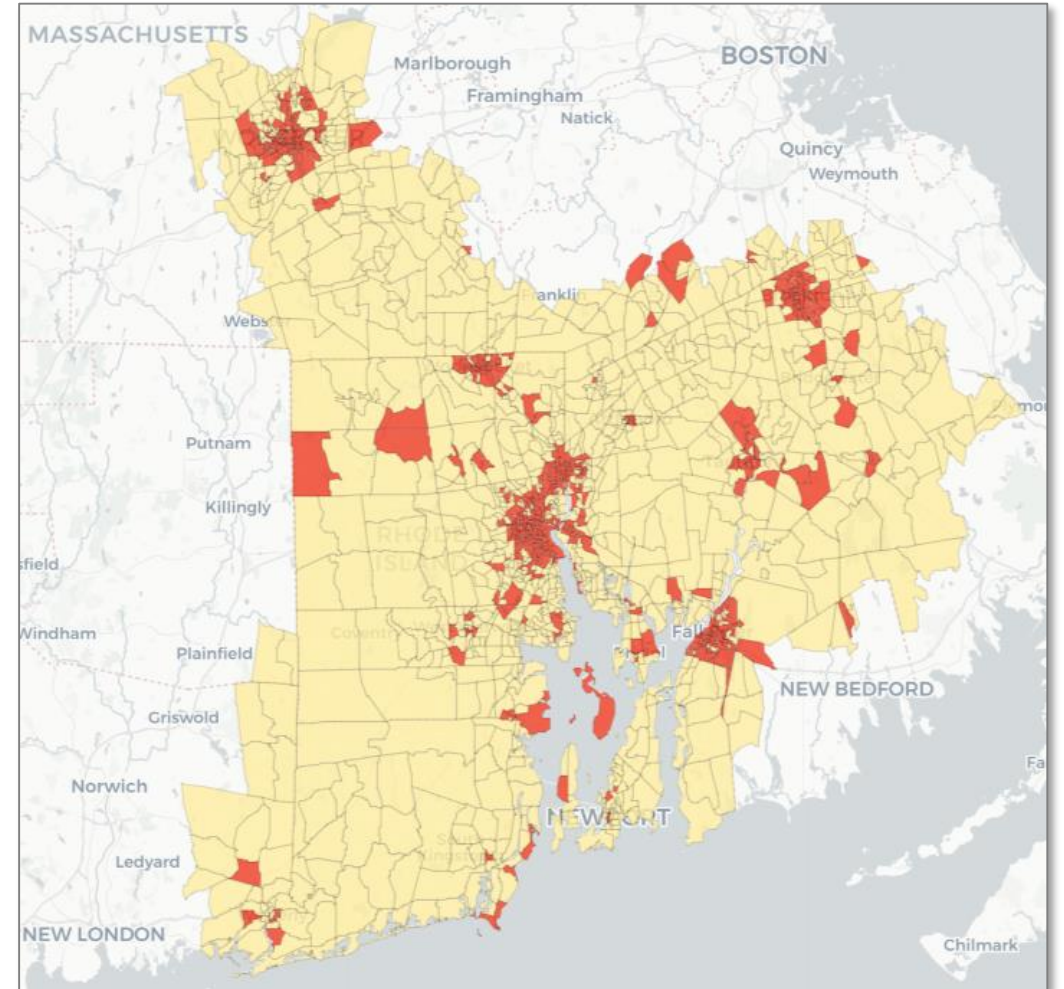
NBEP Annual Event: Biodiversity

- Public symposium on Friday, October 6, 2023 at RWU to highlight regional biodiversity and rare species stories, challenges, and opportunities
- Featured species will run the gamut from Atlantic sturgeon to fungi to beach-nesting birds
- Reach out if you are interested in planning or if you have a wildlife story to pitch



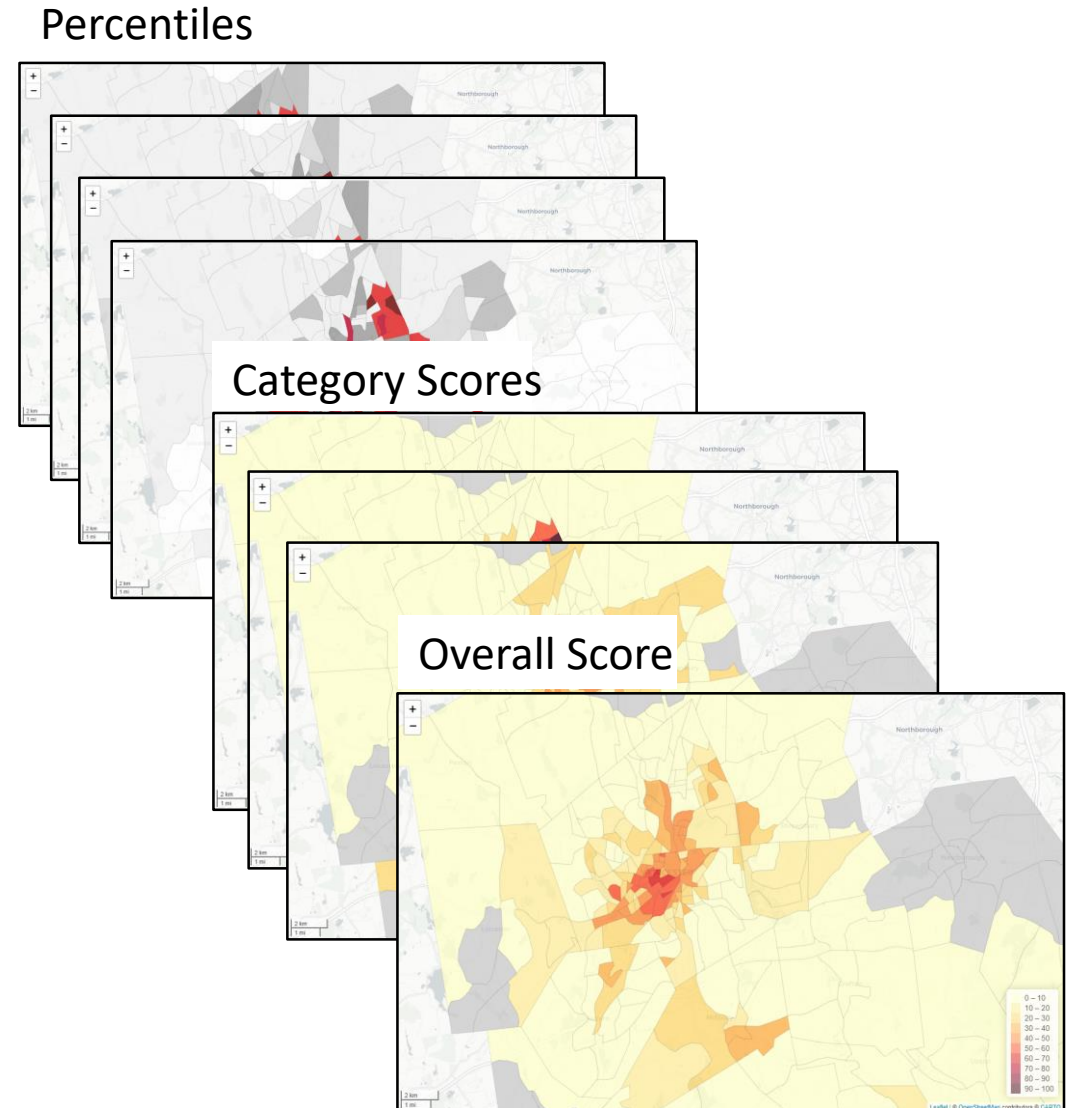
Equity Plan Next...

- Required by EPA for match waiver for FY2024-FY2026 BIL funds
 - Not awarding these funds until 2024 so don't need waiver until then
- Plan must include:
 - Definition of underserved communities
 - Current baseline of investment in these communities
 - Numeric target (% of BIL funds) that will benefit these communities
 - Activities planned to meet target
- ~10-pp plan due July 14th (extension of 6/1 deadline)
 - Will include static NBEP EJ map and EJMap tool
- Final plan formally submitted **after** committees review/approval at their August/September meetings
- Look for plan in August



New NBEP EJMap Tool

- Interactive tool based on EPA's EJScreen
 - Also includes data from EPA, CDC, NOAA, NLCD, and First Street
- Builds on NBEP existing EJ tool
- Allows users to build custom EJ map based on user-selected location and metrics
 - Includes 30 metrics in 4 categories (see next slide)
 - Creates score by category and overall
 - Can download map and raw data
- Most likely users are municipalities or project proposal writers looking to assess and address EJ impact
- Open source code so others can create their own tools
- Will include NBEP, RI, MA, and CT maps and links
- In beta will launch summer 2023



EJMap Categories & Metrics

Social Vulnerability

- People of Color
- Low Income
- Less than High School Education
- Limited English Speaking
- Under Age 5
- Over Age 64
- Unemployment Rate

Health

- Life Expectancy
- Cancer
- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Mental Health
- High Blood Pressure

Environmental Burden

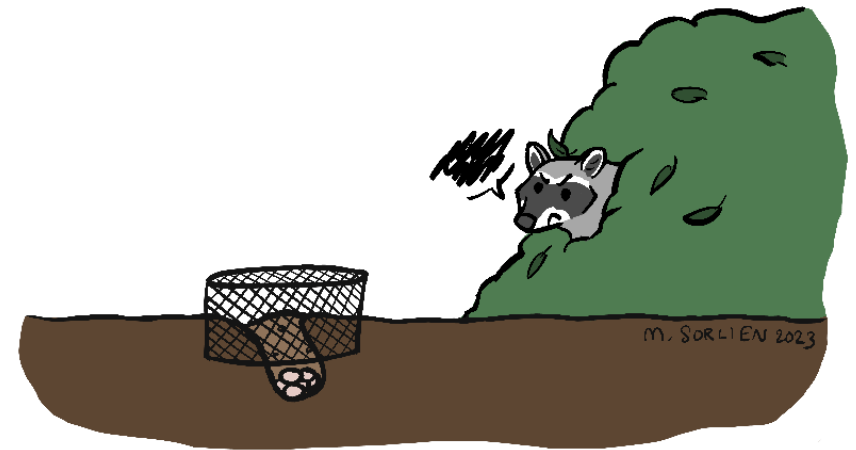
- Diesel Particulate Matter
- Particulate Matter 2.5
- Ozone
- Air Toxics Cancer Risk
- Respiratory Hazard Index
- Lead Paint
- Traffic Proximity
- RMP Facility Proximity
- Hazardous Waste Proximity
- Superfund Proximity
- Wastewater Discharge
- Underground Storage Tanks
- Impervious Surfaces
- Lack of Trees

Climate

- Flood risk
- Heat Risk
- Coastal Inundation

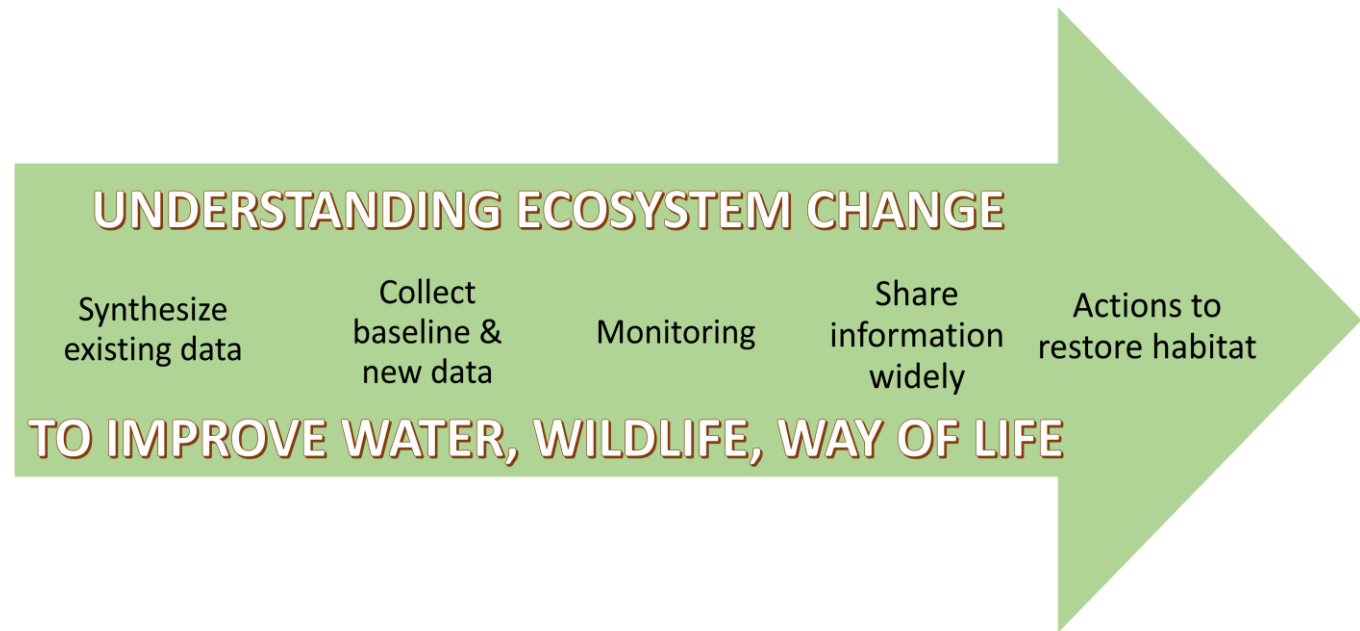
Diamondback Terrapin StoryMap

- Conservation success story
- Only turtle in North America that lives exclusively in salt marshes, coves, and brackish waters
- Endangered in RI, threatened in MA
- Discusses monitoring and conservation efforts by Barrington Terrapin Conservation Project, RIDEM, and Taunton River Watershed Alliance
- Undergoing final revisions before August publication



Regional Research Plan

- NBEP met with individuals and convened SAC to explore regional research needs, hot topics, and how to address them
- Consensus that priorities are
 - Synthesizing data and collecting baseline/new data (1st 2 steps in graphic)
 - Exploring ecosystem change
- Research Plan will inform NBEP funding decisions and assist other entities that undertake/fund research
- Will develop plan by early 2024



Interns

- NBEP can support 4-5 interns per year
- Support 3 RWU interns (these are students of RWU) and 2 contract interns (from outside RWU)
- Interns are paid \$15 or \$20 per hour depending on education level

Intern	Mentor(s)	Project Summary	Start Date	End Date
Ethan Howard	Lilian Jeznach (RWU)	Develop a plastic monitoring procedures for rivers and streams	10/31/22	5/31/23
Nathan Silveira	Pamela Judge & Ahmet Akosman (RWU)	Develop soil erosion control mesh using 3D printed mesh made of soy-based ink	3/6/23	12/20/23
Erica Meier	Caitlin Chaffee (NBNERR)	Develop communication strategy and outreach materials for NBNERR	3/6/23	8/30/23
Mandi Greenhalgh	Joel Singley (RWU)	Research the impacts of habitat and water quality change with removal of Kikemuit dam	5/22/23	12/20/23
<i>TBD*</i>	Heather Kinney (TNC)	Assist TNC with summer monitoring and data analysis	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>

*interviewing interns in the next few weeks

Status of 22 Active Subawards

Project	Location	Source	Award	Bal	Status	Grant Close
Audubon Society of RI	Providence, RI	SNEP 2021	\$73,000	\$37,239	Completed data collection; analyzing data on effectiveness of green infrastructure (GI) after large rainstorms; held training for GI monitoring.	9/30/2024
Town of Barrington, RI	Barrington, RI	SNEP 2021	\$33,700	\$26,940	Analyzing data collected on existing grey stormwater infrastructure to inform GI plans.	9/30/2024
Town of Bristol, RI	Bristol, RI	SNEP 2021	\$70,818	\$70,818	Engineering firm engaged; QAPP finalized.	9/30/2024
Clark University	Blackstone Watershed, RI/MA	SNEP 2021	\$25,000	\$25,000	Working with students to develop projects; continued technical support to MA communities.	9/30/2024
City of East Providence, RI	East Providence, RI	SNEP 2021	\$45,000	\$45,000	QAPP under review.	9/30/2024
Groundwork RI	Providence, RI	SNEP 2021	\$92,099	\$81,731	Collected ata and held stakeholder meetings.	9/30/2024
Groundwork Southcoast	Fall River, MA	SNEP 2021	\$25,000	\$0	Project complete; outreach led to Cook Pond Project \$215K SNEP award.	10/15/2022
NB National Estuarine Research Reserve	Prudence Island, RI	\$320 2021	\$50,015	\$50,015	Currently contracting out the design and engineering work.	9/30/2024
Southern RI Conservation District	Westerly, RI	SNEP 2021	\$75,000	\$0	Project complete; conceptual master plan delivered.	4/18/2023
Town of South Kingstown, RI	South Kingstown, RI	\$320 2021	\$99,000	\$99,000	Final design plans being developed; community meetings in May.	9/30/2024
Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council	Providence, RI	SNEP 2021	\$60,410	\$57,544	Selected new project site; outreach by river champions underway for project.	9/30/2024
Blackstone River Watershed Council	Central Falls to Pawtucket, RI	\$320 2021	\$10,000	\$5,500	Purchased PFDs, printed educational materials, paid speaker	9/30/2024
RI School of Design	Blackstone Watershed, RI/MA	\$320 2021	\$15,000	\$5,303	Blackstone Paddle complete; further events in 2023.	10/31/2023
Boston University	Narragansett Bay, RI/MA	\$320 2021	\$110,954	\$110,954	QAPP finalized; project team convening to plan sampling.	6/30/2024
NBNERR	South Kingstown, RI	SNEP 2022	\$200,000	\$200,000	Project Team assembled; contracting has begun with partners.	12/31/2024
Clark University	Blackstone Watershed, RI/MA	\$320 '21/SNEP '22	\$100,000	\$100,000	Engaged new partners, identified projects, and convened stakeholder meetings, including Lower Blackstone Fish Passage group.	9/30/2023
Environmental Council of RI / REJC	Providence, RI	BIL 2022	\$100,000	\$100,000	Agreement finalization on target for July 2023.	3/30/2023
SRPEDD	Taunton River Watershed, MA	BIL 2022	\$100,000	\$93,808	Headwater Planning, Trail Infrastructure, Canoe River, and Nemasket River projects advanced. Project development ongoing.	9/30/2024
Old Colony Planning Council	Brockton to Plymouth, MA	BIL 2022	\$75,000	\$52,688	won grant (\$47UK) from USEUA; held two-part series to encourage NBS; developing more grant applications; strong project development continuing	9/30/2023
Groundwork Southcoast	Fall River, MA	BIL 2022	\$85,000	\$85,000	Cultivating projects; hiring program staff; won MVP and Climate Safe Neighborhood grants totalling \$183K.	6/30/2023
Save The Bay	NB and Coastal Ponds, RI/MA	BIL 2022	\$100,000	\$85,312	Urban habitat restoration and GI projects advanced; new projects developing.	11/30/2023
Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association	Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed, RI	BIL 2022	\$134,800	\$126,604	Engaged engineering firm; QAPP finalized; field reconnaissance completed; partner meetings held.	6/30/2024
Nature Conservancy of RI	Valley Falls to Pawtucket, RI	BIL 2022	\$300,000	\$290,869	QAPP finalized; held site visit and project kickoff meeting.	12/31/2024
Blackstone River Watershed Council	Central Falls to Pawtucket, RI	BIL 2022	\$15,000	\$1,349	Partnered with Narragansett and Nipmuc Tribes for Spring Fish Migration Parade in May.	9/30/2023

Totals: \$1,994,796 \$1,750,674

Outreach Highlights

3/10--Montrose Environmental re: microplastics	4/6--RINHS re: NBEP Science Event	5/1--URI Equitable Science event
3/14--RTWN Monthly meeting	4/7--Long Pond Workshop w/SRPEDD, STB	5/3--Mass ECAN Conference
3/15--SNEP Network RI Grant Funding Webinar	4/6--URI Sea Grant re: collaboration	5/4--Coastal Institute re: collaboration
3/15--Coastal Institute re: collaboration	4/7--Senator Reed RI staff re: NBEP work, Blackstone	5/9--Resilient Taunton Watershed Network meeting
3/15--RI Shellfish Plan Workshop	4/11-4/13--CoastWise Partners visit	5/10--Rhode Island Rivers Council meeting
3/20-3/23--NEP Spring Meeting in Washington, DC	4/12--Vision 2032 Committee meeting	5/11--Salt Marsh RAMP
3/21--Barrington Special Education Advisory Committee	4/13--Lower Blackstone Dams w/TNC RI, RIDEM	5/15-5/16--URI Plastics Event
3/22--Eastern CT Conservation District, Save the Bay re: collaboration	4/13--Senator Reed in Central Falls	5/16--Long Pond Septic Workshop w/SRPEDD and STB
3/22--Congressman McGovern re: Blackstone update	4/13--New Bedford Resilience District Tour w/GWSC	5/18--RI Sea Grant re: 41N Magazine, Vision 2032
3/22--Senator Whitehouse re: RI project, Blackstone funding	4/14--Mass Audubon re: SAC priorities	5/18--Brian Basterache re: terrapins
3/24--RI NRCS re: collaboration	4/14--presentation for Hack4Oceans at URI GSO	5/21--Spring Migration Parade at Old Slater Mill
3/24--National Network for Ocean and Climate Change meeting	4/14--Blackstone Watershed Collaborative Advisory Group	6/1--STB re: interactive map
3/24--TNC, NOAA at Slaters Mill re: Blackstone fish passage	4/18--Long Pond Outreach w/SRPEDD, STB	6/1--SNEP Network Advisory Committee
3/28--Coastwise Partners re: Vision 2032	4/18--SNEP SWIG LOI Review	6/5--Lower Blackstone Dams Tours
3/29--Zosterapolozza Workshop	4/20--RI Habitat Restoration Hires	6/6--Audubon RI re: NBEP biodiversity event
3/29--RWU Blue Economy Symposium	4/20--NBNERR and URI re: SAV research and monitoring	6/7--WRWC re: NBEP RFP
3/31--URI GSO Harpoon Seminar re: PFAS	4/20--CTDEEP re: SAC priorities	6/8--NBEP Executive Committee meeting
4/3--RINHS Users Group meeting	4/20--CTDEEP, STB re: Little Narragansett Bay, collaboration	6/13--SNEP Forum
4/4--RAE SNEP SWIG Review Committee	4/24--SAC research priorities meeting	6/15--RIDEM re: NBEP funding for hire
4/5--Increasing RI Capacity for Ecological & Community Resilience	4/26--Massachusetts EJ Council	6/15--RINHS, NBNERR re: NBEP funding for database
4/6--Regional eelgrass restoration strategy meeting	4/27-4/29--NEERS meeting	6/16--presentation to Blackstone Collaborative re: EJ tool

Upcoming Dates

- NBEP Habitat/Public Access Planning RFP—proposals due July 21st
- Executive Committee, September 9th, 2023, 2-3:00 pm via Zoom
- Steering Committee, September 14th, 10a-12:30p hybrid in Taunton TBD

Thank you!