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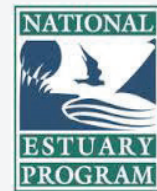


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OUR MISSION We catalyze scientific inquiry and collective action to restore and protect the Narragansett Bay region's water quality, wildlife, and quality of life.

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WATER

WILDLIFE

WAY OF LIFE

We envision clean water and habitat for all who live, work, and play from streams to coasts in the Narragansett Bay region.

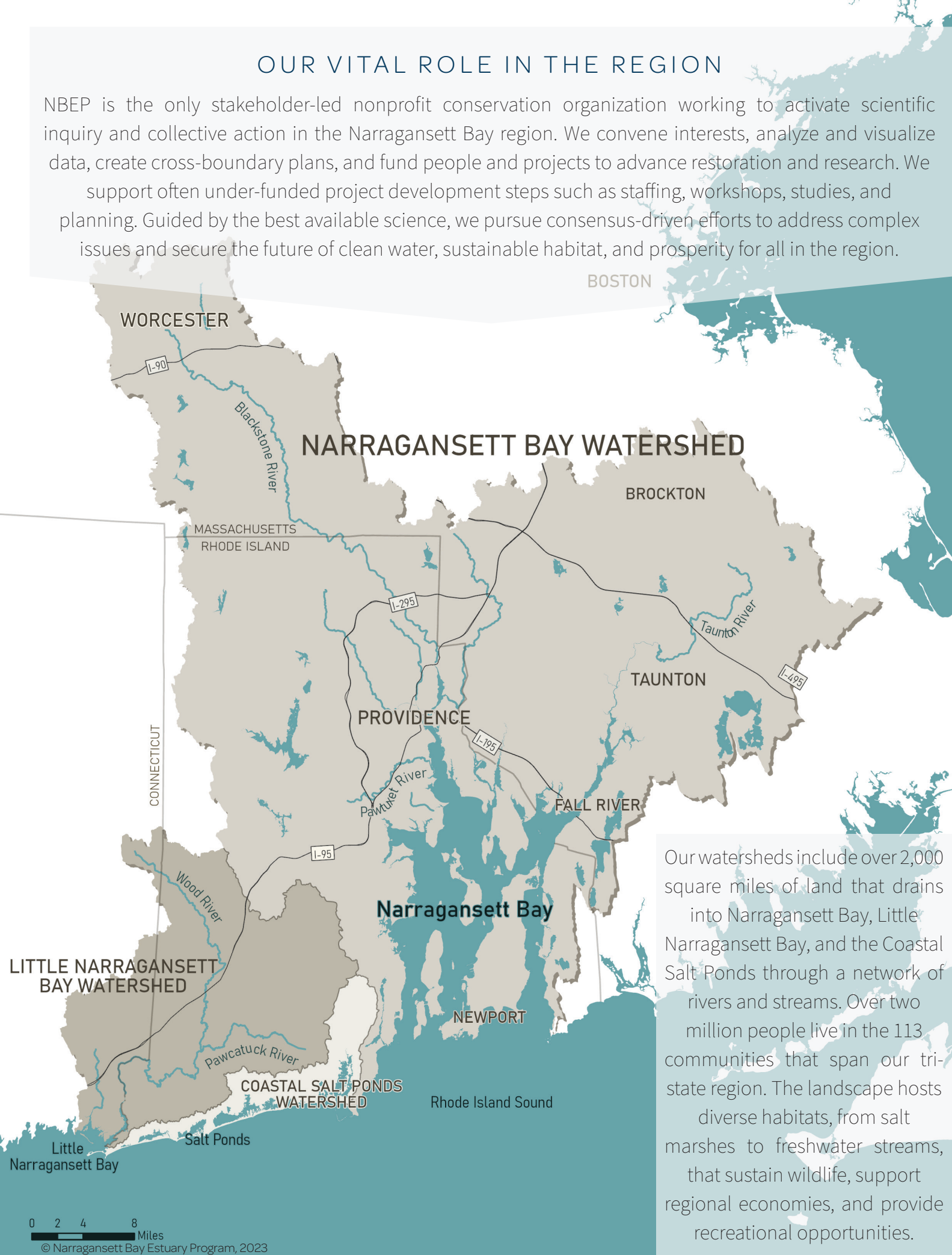
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OUR VITAL ROLE IN THE REGION

NBEP is the only stakeholder-led nonprofit conservation organization working to activate scientific inquiry and collective action in the Narragansett Bay region. We convene interests, analyze and visualize data, create cross-boundary plans, and fund people and projects to advance restoration and research. We support often under-funded project development steps such as staffing, workshops, studies, and planning. Guided by the best available science, we pursue consensus-driven efforts to address complex issues and secure the future of clean water, sustainable habitat, and prosperity for all in the region.



Our watersheds include over 2,000 square miles of land that drains into Narragansett Bay, Little Narragansett Bay, and the Coastal Salt Ponds through a network of rivers and streams. Over two million people live in the 113 communities that span our tri-state region. The landscape hosts diverse habitats, from salt marshes to freshwater streams, that sustain wildlife, support regional economies, and provide recreational opportunities.

VISION 2032

We are developing the next Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the Narragansett Bay region, called Vision 2032. In crafting the plan, we are using a community-driven, cooperative process that reflects the best available science and diverse local voices.

Vision 2032 is a regional call to action for shared efforts that can measurably improve the region's water quality, wildlife, quality of life, and access to nature over the next ten years. It will feature compelling stories and a short list of specific actions that address the most pressing problems facing our region.

HOW WE HELP

Convening We bring together diverse interests to set and reach common restoration goals.

Science communication With innovative storytelling tools, we highlight important issues and celebrate successes.

Funding Since 2019, NBEP has directed over \$2.6 million in funding to restoration, research, and community engagement projects that address regional priorities.



Convened thousands of stakeholders to build consensus around priority estuary and watershed issues since our founding in 1985.



Launched a public, online data hub in 2020 to synthesize information on environmental conditions and trends.



With partners, funded the restoration of over 7,500 acres of habitat in the Narragansett Bay region since 2006.



In 2017, published 24 stressor and condition indicators in the 2017 *State of Narragansett Bay and Its Watershed Report*.



Funded over 150 scientific and policy studies to inform management and restoration.