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Susan Sullivan

Executive Director

Susan Sullivan accepted the appointment to serve as NEIWPCC's executive director in 2017, following twenty-eight years on the Commission staff. She joined NEIWPCC in 1989 as an environmental analyst, and from 1997 to 2017 served as the Commission's deputy director.



Ms. Sullivan coordinates and helps implement policies and programs of the highest priority to state and federal agencies and oversees all of NEIWPCC's operational and programmatic activities, including contracts and grants. Her extensive responsibilities include providing overall supervision of the Commission's staff and office operations.

Ms. Sullivan advises NEIWPCC's Commissioners, state and federal agency staff, and the public on multiple water-related matters. She works with state staff to reach consensus on technical aspects of complex issues and serves as a technical writer on position papers. She also represents NEIWPCC and our member states through leadership roles with various regional and national organizations. This includes serving on the board of directors of the Association of Clean Water Administrators and on the executive and steering committees of the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program.

Ms. Sullivan is a Community of Practice Director for the Committee Leadership Council of the Water Environment Federation (WEF). She is also delegate at large in WEF's House of Delegates, where she is a member of the body's Budget Committee.

Before becoming deputy director, Ms. Sullivan served as NEIWPCC's assistant director for water quality protection and training. She oversaw the management of all Clean Water Act program activities as well as the operation of the Commission's Environmental Training Center in South Portland, Maine. Ms. Sullivan was also NEIWPCC's project officer for environmental education, water quality planning and standards, wetlands protection, nonpoint source pollution, watershed management, resource protection, residuals management, combined sewer overflows, stormwater, and wastewater treatment plant management.

Education:

M.S., Environmental Science, New Jersey Institute of Technology

B.S., Environmental Biology, Southampton College

Management and Leadership Certificate, Middlesex Community College

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