

36th Annual Nonpoint Source Conference

April 7-9, 2026 | Hotel 1620, Plymouth, Massachusetts



Tuesday, April 7, 2026

11:00 - 12:00	Registration Foyer	
1:00 - 1:45	Plenary Session <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Coming Soon	
	Nitrogen Reduction from Massachusetts Coastal Waters Speaker Coming Soon	
1:45 - 2:00	Break	
2:00 - 3:00	Flushing <u>With</u> Funding <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Coming Soon	Regional Chloride Discussion <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Coming Soon
	A Rhode Island Town's Approach to Septic System Upgrades Within its Central Village Brandon Blanchard & Chris Hayward, Pare Corporation	Speakers Coming Soon
	Leveraging Section 319 and State Bond Funding with Rural Development Funding to Remove Failed On-Site Systems in the Mount Hope Bay Watershed Sean McCormick & Betsy Dake, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management	Speakers Coming Soon
3:00 - 3:15	Break	
3:15 - 4:15	N-Ough is Enough <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Coming Soon	Regional Chloride Discussion (continued) <i>Regency C</i>
	Building Stormwater Stewardship: A Digital Communications Toolkit for Local Action Amy Sauber & Abigail Lyon, Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership	Speakers Coming Soon
	Impervious Cover Impact Analysis and Future Stormwater Management Strategies in the Great Bay Watershed Danielle Gaito & Matthew Stamas, US EPA	Speakers Coming Soon
4:15 - 5:30	Poster Session Mayflower <i>*list of posters at the end of agenda*</i>	
5:30 -	Dinner (on your own)	

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Wednesday, April 8, 2026

7:00 - 8:00	Light Breakfast <i>Mayflower</i>	
8:00 - 9:30	Registration <i>Foyer</i>	
9:30 - 9:45	Regional Welcome <i>Regency A&B</i> Speaker Coming Soon	
9:45 - 10:15	Speaker Coming Soon	
10:15 - 11:30	Massachusetts Regional Coordinator Panel <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: TBD	
	Speaker Coming Soon	
11:30 - 11:45	Break	
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11:45 - 12:45	Seeing is Believing <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Coming Soon	From Bottle to Bay <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Coming Soon
	Multimedia Storytelling for NPS Outreach and Education: A Case Study Explainer Video from Elizabeth City, NC Asa Eslocker & Emily DiFranco, Weston & Sampson Municipal Stormwater Control Measure (SCM) Inspection and Maintenance (I&M) Guidance Meghan Gehrke, VHB Cambria Ung, City of Cambridge	Resilience in Planning for Resilience in Water Quality: Successes and Challenges During the Coppermine Brook Stormwater Management Improvements Project Samantha Dow, Connecticut DEEP A Story of Plastic Debris, a Non-Point Source Pollutant, Along the Neponset River Juanita Urban-Rich, University of Massachusetts Boston
12:45 - 2:00	Lunch <i>Mayflower</i>	

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2:00 - 3:00	Don't Bog Us Down <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Coming Soon	Skills That Stick <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Coming Soon
	The Merrill Pond Projects: Restoring Singletary Brook Daniel Buttrick, Tighe & Bond Coastal Resiliency and Hazard Mitigation Planning Geoffrey Glover & Jonas Procton, Horsley Witten Group	From Research to Practice: Designing a Green Infrastructure Microcredential to Address Plastic Pollution and Workforce Gaps Shannon Hogan, Urban Harbors Institute Nicole Taylor, The John Hopkins University School of Medicine X-Cel-ing at Maintenance: A Collaborative Approach to Maintaining Green Stormwater Infrastructure and Educating Future Water Conservationists. Lisa Holden, X-Cel Education Gemma Kite, Horsley Witten Group
3:00 - 3:30	Break	
3:30 - 5:30	\$\$ Make It Rain \$\$ <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Coming Soon	Field Trip Coming Soon
	From Funding to Implementation: Massachusetts Case Studies in Nature-Based Solutions for Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction Alex Simpson & Janet Moonan, Weston & Sampson Storytelling, Science, and Stewardship: A Creative Approach to Participatory Watershed Planning in the Upper Saco River Corridor Laura Collins, New England Environmental Finance Center Mark Dindorf, Harts Location Wet Gets Wetter: Antecedent Moisture Controls on Winter Hydrology and Water Quality in a Drinking Water Supply Watershed Tansy Remiszewski & Brett Boisjolie, Department of Conservation and Recreation From Rejection to Renewal: Strengthening Voter Support for Stormwater Investment in Newmarket, NH Andrea Berry, New England Environmental Finance Center Lyndsay Butler, Town of Newmarket, NH	Field trip description coming soon. Directions and more information will be posted on the website.
5:30 - 7:00	Dinner On Your Own	
7:00 - 9:00	Networking & Social Event The Cabby Shack	

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Thursday, April 9, 2026

7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast <i>Mayflower</i>	
8:30 - 9:30	<p>Tide and True <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p>OURSHORE - Maine's Guide to Nature-Based Shoreline Stabilization Alex Wong & Jordan Kimball, Maine DEP</p> <p>Case Studies Protecting and Improving Coastal Habitat and Water Quality in Massachusetts Kathleen Mason, Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management</p>	<p>Power of Play <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p>Guiding Outreach for Stormwater Pollution through a Regional Stormwater Stewardship Trail Brenda Zollitsch, Bangor Area Stormwater Group Megan Hess, Town of Orono, ME</p> <p>Community at the Center: A Co-Design Approach for Climate Adaptation Planning in a Shared Watershed Beth Kirmmse & Lynn Rae, Fuss & O'Neill</p>
9:30 - 9:40	Break	
9:40 - 10:40	<p>Curb Appeal <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p>Great Bay Street Cleaning Study James Houle, University of New Hampshire</p> <p>Establishing Vermont's O&M Program for Non-Regulatory Clean Water Projects Jill Sarazen, Lake Champlain Sea Grant Rachel Buchanan, Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation</p>	<p>Local Leads The Way <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p>Building Community Capacity to Address Stormwater Issues with Nature-Based Solutions Alexandra Gulachenski, New England Environmental Finance Center Emma Williamson, Town of Auburn</p> <p>Watershed Planning, Partnerships and Public Education to Address Non-Point Source in a Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Ancestral Pond Jason Steiding & Dale Oakley Jr., Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe</p>
10:40 - 10:50	Break	

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Thursday, April 9, 2026

<p>10:50 - 11:50</p>	<p>From Cacti to Coastline <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p>Microbial Source Tracking to Inform Community-Based Water Quality Interventions Sarah Esenther & Michael Pascucilla, East Shore Health Department</p> <p>Strategic Shift: Pairing Direct Funding and Local Expertise for Effective NPS Control in Arizona (tentative) Caitlin Burwell & Elizabeth Boettcher, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality</p>	<p>Keep the Hay; Save the Bay <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p>Quantifying Colloid-Facilitated Phosphorus (P_{coll}) Loss from Vermont Agricultural Watersheds to Lake Champlain Amasha Withana, The University of Vermont</p> <p>Building Barns and Financial Capacity: How a Conservation District Combined 6 Grants to Manage Agricultural NPS Pollution from a Connecticut Dairy Farm Marlene Krajewski, Connecticut DEEP</p>
<p>11:50 - 12:00</p>	<p>Break</p>	
<p>12:00 - 1:00</p>	<p>If You Plan It... <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p>Better Together: A Community-Centered Planning Approach for a Clean, Connected, Climate Resilient Merrimack River Watershed Emma Gildesgame & Allyson Snell, The Nature Conservancy</p> <p>Going Green to Get Blue: Watershed Implementation for Queen Sewell Pond Michelle West & Sydney Stanton-Sheetz, Horsley Witten Group</p>	<p>Tool Time <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p>Climate Adaptation Stormwater Standards (CASS): A New Era in Stormwater Management Arrianna Proia & Julie Wood, Charles River Watershed Association</p> <p>The Watershed Protection Standard (WPS) Toolkit: Materials to Help Local Governments Protect their Watersheds in Partnership with Development Theresa McGovern, VHB James Houle, UNH Stormwater Center</p>

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Poster Presentations

Development of Best Management Practices for Connecticut State Parks, Boat Launches, and Beaches

Jenna Bartholomew, Connecticut DEEP

Collaborating for Clean Water: Partnership Pathways to Amplify Federal Funding

Kyle Gray & Joanne Throwe, Throwe Environmental

Healthy Waters, Healthy Communities: Building Partnerships for Nonpoint Source Solutions that Increase Resilience

Diane Mas, Fuss & O'Neill, Inc.

Finding the Easy Button: Enhancing Watershed Management with a New Prioritization Tool for Cost-Effective BMP Selection in Delaware

Helen Smith, Devereux Consulting

Leveraging Partnerships to Engage Diverse Groups and Build Capacity in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

Sadie Friesen & Delaney Samons, Chesapeake Bay Trust

Mitigating Flood Risk through Wetland (Re)Construction: a Proposal Evaluating the Economic and Environmental Impacts on Cape Cod

Madison Ambrogio, Fitchburg State University

Modeling Vegetated Buffer Performance for Stormwater Management in Maine

Khalid Alvi, Ulteig Engineers Inc.

Kerem Gungor, Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Lake Watershed Action Plans: A Holistic Whole Watershed Approach to Clean Water Project Planning

Alison Marchione, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

PTAP'ing Toward Nutrient Reduction Accountability

James Houle, University of New Hampshire

Flood Mitigation Strategy Development Through Stormwater Modeling for the Town of Bar Harbor

Emma Olson & Andrea Tavera, Jacobs

New York State's NPS Program: Creative Strategies for Participatory and Comprehensive Community Engagement

Gwendolyn Wynkoop, NYSDEC

Navigating Opportunities for Green Stormwater Infrastructure Across Cape Cod's Boat Ramps

Gemma Kite & Janelle Veary, Horsley Witten Group

Eager Beavers: Rewilding a Golf Course with Help from Nature's Engineers

Julianne Busa, Fuss & O'Neill

Cleaning Yarmouth's Waters with a Comprehensive GSI Approach

Michelle West, Horsley Witten Group

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Poster Presentations

Improving Water Quality in Miacomet Pond, Nantucket, MA: The Role of Dredging and Beneficial Reuse in Nutrient Management

Erin Grimes & Chris Greene, Geosyntec Consultants

Retention of Microplastics in Rain Gardens: Mesocosm Study and Field Study

Gena Morin & Juanita Urban-Rich, UMass Boston