

# 36th Annual Nonpoint Source Conference

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



Tuesday, April 7, 2026

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

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\*Agenda is subject to change

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

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<p>2:00 - 3:00</p>	<p><b>Don't Bog Us Down</b> <i>Regency</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p><b>The Merrill Pond Projects: Restoring Singletary Brook</b> Daniel Buttrick, Tighe &amp; Bond</p> <p><b>Coastal Resiliency and Hazard Mitigation Planning</b> Geoffrey Glover, Horsley Witten Group</p>	<p><b>Curb Appeal</b> <i>Atlantic</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p><b>Great Bay Street Cleaning Study</b> James Houle, University of New Hampshire</p> <p><b>Establishing Vermont's O&amp;M program for non-regulatory clean water projects</b> Jill Sarazen, University of Vermont, Lake Champlain Sea Grant</p>
<p>3:00 - 3:30</p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>	
<p>3:30 - 5:30</p>	<p><b>\$\$ Make It Rain \$\$</b> <i>Regency</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p><b>From Funding to Implementation: Massachusetts Case Studies in Nature-Based Solutions for Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction</b> Alex Simpson, Weston &amp; Sampson</p> <p><b>Storytelling, Science, and Stewardship: A Creative Approach to Participatory Watershed Planning in the Upper Saco River Corridor</b> Laura Collins, New England Environmental Finance Center</p> <p><b>Wet Gets Wetter: Antecedent Moisture Controls on Winter Hydrology and Water Quality in a Drinking Water Supply Watershed</b> Tansy Remiszewski, Department of Conservation and Recreation</p> <p><b>From Rejection to Renewal: Strengthening Voter Support for Stormwater Investment in Newmarket, NH</b> Andrea Berry, New England Environmental Finance Center</p>	<p><b>Field Trip</b> Coming Soon</p> <p>Field trip description coming soon.</p> <p><b>Directions and more information will be posted on the website.</b></p>
<p>5:30 - 7:00</p>	<p><b>Dinner   On Your Own</b></p>	
<p>7:00 - 9:00</p>	<p><b>Networking &amp; Social Event   The Cabby Shack</b></p>	

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Thursday, April 9, 2026

7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast   <i>Mayflower</i>	
8:30 - 9:30	<p><b>Tide and True</b> <i>Regency</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p><b>OURSHORE - Maine's Guide to Nature-based Shoreline Stabilization</b> Alex Wong, Maine DEP</p> <p><b>Case Studies Protecting and Improving Coastal Habitat and Water Quality in Massachusetts</b> Kathleen Mason, Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management</p>	<p><b>Power of Play</b> <i>Atlantic</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p><b>Guiding Outreach for Stormwater Pollution through a Regional Stormwater Stewardship Trail</b> Brenda Zollitsch, Bangor Area Stormwater Group</p> <p><b>Community at the Center: A Co-Design Approach for Climate Adaptation Planning in a Shared Watershed</b> Beth Kirmmse, Fuss &amp; O'Neill</p>
9:30 - 9:40	Break	
9:40 - 10:40	<p><b>Skills That Stick</b> <i>Regency</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p><b>From Research to Practice: Designing a Green Infrastructure Microcredential to Address Plastic Pollution and Workforce Gaps</b> Shannon Hogan, Urban Harbors Institute</p> <p><b>X-Cel-ing at Maintenance: A Collaborative Approach to Maintaining Green Stormwater Infrastructure and Educating Future Water Conservationists.</b> Gemma Kite, Horsley Witten Group</p>	<p><b>Local Leads The Way</b> <i>Atlantic</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p><b>Building Community Capacity to Address Stormwater Issues with Nature-Based Solutions</b> Alexandra Gulachenski, New England Environmental Finance Center</p> <p><b>Watershed Planning, Partnerships and Public Education to Address Non-Point Source in a Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Ancestral Pond</b> Jason Steiding, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe</p>
10:40 - 10:50	Break	

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Thursday, April 9, 2026

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

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## Poster Presentations

### **The Vulnerability of Water Conveyance Infrastructure Due to a Changing Climate in the Context of a Changing Landscape**

Michael Simpson, Antioch University New England

### **Collaborating for Clean Water: Partnership Pathways to Amplify Federal Funding**

Kyle Gray, 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, 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.

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

Erin Grimes, Geosyntec Consultants

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

Gena Morin, UMass Boston

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

Jenna Bartholomew, Connecticut DEEP.

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