

# 36th Annual Nonpoint Source Conference

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



Tuesday, April 7, 2026

11:00 - 12:00	Registration   Foyer	
	<b>Plenary Session</b> Regency A&B Moderator: Coming Soon	
1:00 - 1:45	<b>Nitrogen Reduction from Massachusetts Coastal Waters</b> Speaker Coming Soon	
1:45 - 2:00	Break	
2:00 - 3:00	<b>Flushing With Funding</b> Regency A&B Moderator: Coming Soon	<b>Regional Chloride Discussion</b> Regency C Moderator: Coming Soon
	<b>A Rhode Island Town's Approach to Septic System Upgrades Within its Central Village</b> Brandon Blanchard & Chris Hayward, Pare Corporation	<b>Water Quality Impacts of De-Icing Salt in Lake Champlain and its Tributaries</b> Matt Vaughan, Ph.D., Lake Champlain Basin Program
	<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 & Betsy Dake, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management	<b>Salt Impacts to Private Wells in Connecticut: Investigation and Remediation Challenges</b> Veronica "Roni" Tanguay, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
3:00 - 3:15	Break	
3:15 - 4:15	<b>N-Ough is Enough</b> Regency A&B Moderator: Coming Soon	<b>Regional Chloride Discussion (continued)</b> Regency C
	<b>Building Stormwater Stewardship: A Digital Communications Toolkit for Local Action</b> Amy Sauber & Abigail Lyon, Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership	Speaker Coming Soon!
	<b>Impervious Cover Impact Analysis and Future Stormwater Management Strategies in the Great Bay Watershed</b> Danielle Gaito & Matthew Stamas, US EPA	Speaker Coming Soon!
4:15 - 5:30	<b>Poster Session   Mayflower</b> *list of posters at the end of agenda*	
5:30 -	<b>Dinner</b> (on your own)	

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7:00 - 8:00	Light Breakfast   Mayflower	
8:00 - 9:30	Registration Foyer	
9:30 - 10:15	<b>Regional Welcome</b> Regency A&B Moderator: Devon Case, NEIWPCC  <b>Ken Moraff, Water Division Director, US EPA Region 1</b>	
10:15 - 11:30	<b>Massachusetts Regional Coordinator Panel</b> Regency A&B Moderator: TBD  Speaker Coming Soon  Speaker Coming Soon	
11:30 - 11:45	Break	
11:45 - 12:45	<b>Seeing is Believing</b> Regency A&B Moderator: Coming Soon  <b>Multimedia Storytelling for NPS Outreach and Education: A Case Study Explainer Video from Elizabeth City, NC</b> Asa Eslocker & Emily DiFranco, Weston & Sampson  <b>Municipal Stormwater Control Measure (SCM) Inspection and Maintenance (I&amp;M) Guidance</b> Meghan Gehrke, VHB Cambria Ung, City of Cambridge	<b>From Bottle to Bay</b> Regency C Moderator: Coming Soon  <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  <b>A Story of Plastic Debris, a Non-Point Source Pollutant, Along the Neponset River</b> Juanita Urban-Rich, University of Massachusetts Boston
12:45 - 2:00	Lunch   Mayflower	

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

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

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		Streamlining Success Regency A&B Moderator: Coming Soon	Keep the Hay; Save the Bay Regency C Moderator: Coming Soon
10:50	-	<b>Microbial Source Tracking to Inform Community-Based Water Quality Interventions</b> Sarah Esenther & Michael Pascucilla, East Shore Health Department	<b>Quantifying Colloid-Facilitated Phosphorus (Pcoll) Loss from Vermont Agricultural Watersheds to Lake Champlain</b> Amasha Withana, The University of Vermont
	11:50	<b>Finding the Easy Button: Enhancing Watershed Management with a New Prioritization Tool for Cost-Effective BMP Selection in Delaware</b> Helen Smith, Devereux Consulting	<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
11:50 - 12:00			<b>Break</b>
		If You Plan It... Regency A&B Moderator: Coming Soon	Tool Time Regency C Moderator: Coming Soon
12:00	-	<b>Better Together: A Community-Centered Planning Approach for a Clean, Connected, Climate Resilient Merrimack River Watershed</b> Emma Gildesgame & Allyson Snell, The Nature Conservancy	<b>Climate Adaptation Stormwater Standards (CASS): A New Era in Stormwater Management</b> Arrianna Proia & Julie Wood, Charles River Watershed Association
	1:00	<b>Going Green to Get Blue: Watershed Implementation for Queen Sewell Pond</b> Michelle West & Sydney Stanton-Sheetz, Horsley Witten Group	<b>The Watershed Protection Standard (WPS) Toolkit: Materials to Help Local Governments Protect their Watersheds in Partnership with Development</b> Theresa McGovern, VHB James Houle, UNH Stormwater Center

## 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.

**Improving Water Quality in Miacomet Pond, Nantucket, MA: The Role of Dredging and Beneficial Reuse in Nutrient Management**  
Erin Grimes & Chris Greene, Geosyntec Consultants

**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 Ambrogi, 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

**Retention of Microplastics in Rain Gardens: Mesocosm Study and Field Study**  
Gena Morin & Juanita Urban-Rich, UMass Boston

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