

# 36th Annual Nonpoint Source Conference

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



Tuesday, April 7, 2026

-1:00	Lunch   On your Own	
11:00 - 1:00	Registration   Foyer	
1:00 - 1:45	<p><b>Nitrogen Reduction from Massachusetts Coastal Waters</b>  <i>Regency A&amp;B</i>            Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p>Brian Harrington, Deputy Regional Director, Southeast Regional Office at MassDEP</p>	
1:45 - 2:00	Break	
2:00 - 3:00	<p><b>Flushing With Funding</b>  <i>Regency A&amp;B</i>            Moderator: Coming Soon</p>	<p><b>Regional Chloride Discussion</b>  <i>Mayflower</i>            Moderator: Devon Case, NEIW PCC</p>
	<p><b>A Rhode Island Town's Approach to Septic System Upgrades Within its Central Village</b>            Brandon Blanchard &amp; Chris Hayward, Pare Corporation</p> <p><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 &amp; Betsy Dake, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management</p>	<p><b>Water Quality Impacts of De-Icing Salt in Lake Champlain and its Tributaries</b>            Matt Vaughan, Ph.D., Lake Champlain Basin Program</p> <p><b>Salt Impacts to Private Wells in Connecticut: Investigation and Remediation Challenges</b>            Veronica "Roni" Tanguay, Connecticut Department of Energy &amp; Environmental Protection</p>
3:00 - 3:15	Break	
3:15 - 4:15	<p><b>N-Ough is Enough</b>  <i>Regency A&amp;B</i>            Moderator: Coming Soon</p>	<p><b>Regional Chloride Discussion (continued)</b>  <i>Mayflower</i></p>
	<p><b>Building Stormwater Stewardship: A Digital Communications Toolkit for Local Action</b>            Amy Sauber &amp; Abigail Lyon, Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership</p> <p><b>Impervious Cover Impact Analysis and Future Stormwater Management Strategies in the Great Bay Watershed</b>            Danielle Gaito &amp; Matthew Stamas, US EPA</p>	<p><b>Gaining Traction on Road Salt Reduction</b>            Jamie Carr, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection</p> <p><b>GreenSnowPro is a teen! And, other saltiness from the Granite State.</b>            Ted Diers, Assistant Water Division Director, NHDES</p>
4:15 - 5:30	<p><b>Poster Session   Mayflower</b>  <i>*list of posters at the end of agenda*</i></p>	
5:30 -	Dinner (on your own)	

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Wednesday, April 8, 2026

7:00 - 8:00	<b>Light Breakfast</b>   <i>Mayflower</i>	
8:00 - 9:30	<b>Registration</b> <i>Foyer</i>	
9:30 - 10:15	<b>Regional Welcome</b> <i>Regency A&amp;B</i> Moderator: Devon Case, NEIWPCC  Ken Moraff, Water Division Director, US EPA Region 1	
10:15 - 11:30	<b>Massachusetts Regional Nonpoint Source Coordinator Panel</b> <i>Regency A&amp;B</i> Moderator: TBD  Speaker Coming Soon  Speaker Coming Soon	
11:30 - 11:45	<b>Break</b>	
11:45 - 12:45	<p><b>Seeing is Believing</b> <i>Regency A&amp;B</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p><b>Multimedia Storytelling for NPS Outreach and Education: A Case Study Explainer Video from Elizabeth City, NC</b> Asa Eslocker &amp; Emily DiFranco, Weston &amp; Sampson</p> <p><b>Municipal Stormwater Control Measure (SCM) Inspection and Maintenance (I&amp;M) Guidance</b> Meghan Gehrke, VHB Cambria Ung, City of Cambridge</p>	<p><b>From Bottle to Bay</b> <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p><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</p> <p><b>A Story of Plastic Debris, a Non-Point Source Pollutant, Along the Neponset River</b> Juanita Urban-Rich, University of Massachusetts Boston</p>
12:45 - 2:00	<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 A&amp;B</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 &amp; Jonas Procton, Horsley Witten Group</p>	<p><b>Skills That Stick</b> <i>Regency C</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 Nicole Taylor, The John Hopkins University School of Medicine</p> <p><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</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 A&amp;B</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 &amp; Janet Moonan, 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 Mark Dindorf, Harts Location</p> <p><b>Wet Gets Wetter: Antecedent Moisture Controls on Winter Hydrology and Water Quality in a Drinking Water Supply Watershed</b> Tansy Remiszewski &amp; Brett Boisjolie, 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 Lyndsay Butler, Town of Newmarket, NH</p>	<p><b>Field Trip</b></p> <p>The field trip will visit 2-3 wetland restoration sites in Plymouth, MA that were formerly commercial cranberry bogs.</p> <p>We will be visiting the Town of Plymouth's Foothills and Eel River Preserves and the Mass Audubon Tidmarsh Wildlife Sanctuary to view three restored former commercial cranberry bogs. David Gould from the Town of Plymouth and restoration specialists from the Massachusetts Department of Fish &amp; Wildlife (DFS) Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) will join us to describe the restoration projects.</p> <p><b>Directions and agenda information will be posted on the website.</b></p>
<p>5:30 - 7:00</p>	<p><b>Networking &amp; Social Event   <i>The Cabby Shack</i></b></p>	
<p>7:00 -</p>	<p><b>Dinner   <i>On your own</i></b></p>	

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7:30 - 8:30	<b>Breakfast   <i>Mayflower</i></b>	
8:30 - 9:30	<b>Tide and True</b> <i>Regency A&amp;B</i> Moderator: Coming Soon	<b>Power of Play</b> <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Coming Soon
	<p><b>OURSHORE - Maine's Guide to Nature-Based Shoreline Stabilization</b>                      Alex Wong &amp; Jordan Kimball, 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>Guiding Outreach for Stormwater Pollution through a Regional Stormwater Stewardship Trail</b>                      Brenda Zollitsch, Bangor Area Stormwater Group                      Megan Hess, Town of Orono, ME</p> <p><b>Community at the Center: A Co-Design Approach for Climate Adaptation Planning in a Shared Watershed</b>                      Beth Kirmmse &amp; Lynn Rae, Fuss &amp; O'Neill</p>
9:30 - 9:40	<b>Break</b>	
9:40 - 10:40	<b>Curb Appeal</b> <i>Regency A&amp;B</i> Moderator: Coming Soon	<b>Local Leads The Way</b> <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Coming Soon
	<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, Lake Champlain Sea Grant                      Rachel Buchanan, Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation</p>	<p><b>Building Community Capacity to Address Stormwater Issues with Nature-Based Solutions</b>                      Alexandra Gulachenski, New England Environmental Finance Center                      Danica Belknap, SNEP Network Liaison</p> <p><b>Watershed Planning, Partnerships and Public Education to Address Non-Point Source in a Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Ancestral Pond</b>                      Jason Steiding &amp; Dale Oakley Jr., Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe</p>
10:40 - 10:50	<b>Break</b>	

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<p>10:50 - 11:50</p>	<p><b>Streamlining Success</b> <i>Regency A&amp;B</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p><b>Microbial Source Tracking to Inform Community-Based Water Quality Interventions</b> Sarah Esenther &amp; Michael Pascucilla, East Shore Health Department</p> <p><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</p>	<p><b>Keep the Hay; Save the Bay</b> <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p><b>Quantifying Colloid-Facilitated Phosphorus (Pcoll) 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 A&amp;B</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 &amp; Allyson Snell, The Nature Conservancy</p> <p><b>Going Green to Get Blue: Watershed Implementation for Queen Sewell Pond</b> Michelle West &amp; Sydney Stanton-Sheetz, Horsley Witten Group</p>	<p><b>Tool Time</b> <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Coming Soon</p> <p><b>Climate Adaptation Stormwater Standards (CASS): A New Era in Stormwater Management</b> Arrianna Proia &amp; Julie Wood, 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 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.

**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

**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