

# 36th Annual Nonpoint Source Conference

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



Tuesday, April 7, 2026

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

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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 - 10:15	<b>Regional Welcome</b> <i>Regency A&amp;B</i> Moderator: Devon Case, NEIW PCC Steve McCurdy, Woodard and Curran, and NEIW PCC Commissioner Ken Moraff, Water Division Director, US EPA Region 1 TBD, MassDEP	
10:15 - 11:30	<b>Massachusetts Regional Nonpoint Source Coordinator Panel</b> <i>Regency A&amp;B</i> Moderator: Padmini Das, MassDEP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alison Dixon, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission</li> <li>Dani Marini-King, Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission</li> <li>Michelle Tinger, Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District</li> <li>Meghan Siudzinski, Massachusetts Association of Conservation Districts</li> <li>Iain Ward, New England Consulting Services, Inc.</li> </ul>	
11:30 - 11:45	<b>Break</b>	
11:45 - 12:45	<b>Seeing is Believing</b> <i>Regency A&amp;B</i> Moderator: Judy Rondeau, MassDEP	<b>From Bottle to Bay</b> <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Christina Madonia, US EPA
	<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> Sara Molla & Theresa McGovern, VHB	<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	<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: Judy Rondeau, MassDEP</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: Meghan Selby, MassDEP</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: Richard Friesner, NEIW PCC</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 Grace Little, FB Environmental</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 wetland restoration sites in Plymouth, MA that were formerly commercial cranberry bogs.</p> <p>We will be visiting the Town of Plymouth's Eel River Preserves and the Mass Audubon Tidmarsh Wildlife Sanctuary to view two restored former commercial cranberry bogs. Staff 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>Please note that parking is very limited, carpooling is highly encouraged.</b></p> <p><b>Directions and agenda information will be posted on the website.</b></p>
<p>5:30 - 7:00</p>	<p><b>Free Networking &amp; Social Event   The Cabby Shack   30 Town Wharf, Plymouth, MA</b> Light appetizers will be provided.</p>	
<p>7:00 -</p>	<p><b>Dinner   On your own</b></p>	

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7:30 - 8:30	<b>Breakfast   <i>Mayflower</i></b>	
8:30 - 9:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tide and True</b> <i>Regency A&amp;B</i> Moderator: Malcolm Harper, MassDEP</p> <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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Power of Play</b> <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Christina Madonia, US EPA</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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Curb Appeal</b> <i>Regency A&amp;B</i> Moderator: Meghan Selby, MassDEP</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, Lake Champlain Sea Grant Rachel Buchanan, Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Local Leads The Way</b> <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Padmini Das, MassDEP</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: Malcolm Harper, MassDEP</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: Christina Madonia, US EPA</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: Padmini Das, MassDEP</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: Richard Friesner, NEIW PCC</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

**Innovative Strategies to Restore Degraded Riparian Forested Buffers; Investigating Myco-Phytoremediation**  
Jess Rubin & Josef Gorres, UVM