



MASSACHUSETTS Rivers Alliance



Rainwater Readiness

Stormwater
Workshops

In-Person Session

Thursday, September 25th, 2025

Blackstone River Valley Heritage Center at Worcester

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AGENDA

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| 8:30 – 9:00 | Registration and Light Breakfast |
| 9:00 – 9:10 | Welcome Remarks <i>Monica Driggers, Massachusetts Rivers Alliance</i> |
| 9:10 – 9:30 | Why Does Stormwater Management Matter? <i>Max Rome, Charles River Watershed Association</i> |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | Morning Session 1: Updating Stormwater By-Laws <u>The Watershed Protection Standard Toolkit: Materials to Adopt and Implement a Stormwater Design Standard that Protects Watersheds While Supporting Growth</u> <i>Sarah Nalven and Caroline Herzog, VHB</i> <u>Adopting the Climate Adaptation Stormwater Standard in the Charles River Watershed</u> <i>Arrianna Proia, Charles River Watershed Association</i> |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Morning Break |
| 10:45 – 11:30 | Morning Session 2: Municipal Stormwater Funding <u>Implementing a Stormwater Utility: Lessons Learned</u> <i>Eilish Corey, Town of Wellesley</i> Extended Q&A on Municipal Stormwater Utilities <i>Eilish Corey, Town of Wellesley</i> <i>Natalie Koncki, Tighe & Bond</i> <i>Mary Tchamkina, Raftelis</i> |
| 11:30 – 1:00 | Lunch |



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| 1:00 – 2:00 | <p>Afternoon Session 1: Regional Stormwater Collaborations</p> <p><u>Greenscapes: A Regional Approach to Stormwater Education</u> <i>Molly Courson and Emma Huguen, Ipswich River Watershed Association</i> <i>Macklen Wier, Merrimack Valley Planning Commission</i></p> <p><u>Regional Stormwater Utilities</u> <i>Mary Tchamkina, Raftelis</i></p> <p>Interactive Activity</p> |
| 2:00 – 2:15 | Afternoon Break |
| 2:15 – 3:15 | <p>Afternoon Session 2: Stormwater Asset Management</p> <p><u>Holistic Municipal Stormwater Planning: Solving Problems While Building Connections</u> <i>Ken Calder and Meredith Roberts, Capital Strategic Solutions</i></p> <p><u>Scaling Asset Management Programs for Effective Community Impact</u> <i>Natalie Koncki and Cassandra LaRochelle, Tighe & Bond</i></p> |
| 3:15 – 3:30 | <p>Closing Remarks</p> <p><i>Lydia Olson, Massachusetts Rivers Alliance</i></p> |

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