

**TOWN OF MILLBURY  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

**January 11, 2022**

**6 PM**

**Present:** Mary Krumsiek, Katie McKenna, Scott Despres, Chris Naff, David Delaney, Jayne Davolio and Sean Hendricks

**Zoom:** tperry, SDM Ipad, Stephanie Covino, ariordan, MSullivan3, Michael,

**Regular Session 6 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Mass Military Support Foundation Empowerment Center**

- Donald Cox & Tom Turco

Donald Cox is the president of Mass Military Support Foundation, a state wide non-profit veteran and military support group which started on Cape Cod in 2017 to help veterans and military families. During COVID they provided 22 million meals to citizens all over Massachusetts including people who didn't have a military background. Currently they operate from a warehouse in Foxboro but since that is going away, a part of the program is getting moved to Millbury at the old IBA building. They will have a distribution warehouse which will support local pantries, churches and soup kitchens. They currently have two one building on Cape Cod and one in Springfield. Additionally, they also provide food to those at risk, Coats for vets, and are involved in Operation Backpack which supports military families. Millbury is the perfect location and are they are excited to become a part of the community. Chairman Krumsiek asked how can people sign up to volunteer and Donald said that it is through their website [mmsfi.org](http://mmsfi.org) or email Donald at [doncox@mmsfi.org](mailto:doncox@mmsfi.org). Selectman Despres asked when the program will start and Donald said they hope by around March. Donald also talked about how the volunteers transport people to the warehouse to pick the things they need and they also do deliveries. Food 4 vets was another program they did during COVID which provided 5.6 million meals until they switched over another program. Selectman Naff asked if they have been in touch with the Veterans Affairs Task force as that would be a good resource and they could maybe provide joint resources and Donald said yes that would be awesome. He also added that they have a mobile 28 door trailer which has food, clothes and hygiene products that they use to help towns provide resources for the underprivileged. He would like to bring that down to Millbury as well. He stated that he will be in Millbury 2-3 days a week and could meet up with the Veterans Task Force. William Kane with Saint. Vincent De Paul's asked if they just serve veterans or others in the community and Donald replied their main focus is veterans but they also try to help everyone out. Mr. Kane welcomed Donald and the organization, he asked how their program would work with the other food pantries in the community. Donald replied that they have a lot of corporate partners which helps them get the food and resources, the interaction would be to help

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provide and share the resources with the pantries. Currently they are coordinating with 150 pantries a week. William added that it would be really great for their organization to collaborate with the pantries in Town and Donald said that sounds great and they will do that once the building is all set. Sean stated everyone is very glad that the group is coming to Millbury.

### **Resolution to Support the Blackstone River Watershed Needs Assessment Report & Blackstone Watershed Collaborative**

- Stefanie Covino

Stefanie stated that the Watershed is 48 miles long and it goes from Worcester to Pawtucket. It covers 30 communities and has a 438' drop. The Blackstone Watershed Collaborative started in September 2021 with 180 representatives and 100+ organizations. The goal is to implement the 20 priorities from the Needs Assessment Report over the course of 5 years. The main focus is to improve local watershed health and help against climate change. Stephanie talked about the importance of the organizations that are working to improve the Watershed and mentioned the other different programs they work with. The program ZAP50 is collaborating with them to help achieve the assessments and needs. 8/27/2022 is the large clean up and improvements at the watershed and 9/10/2022 is the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration. Ray Kelley is helping with the Millbury Coordination to work with ZAP50. They are working with all sorts of school, groups and organizations to expand. Selectman Despres asked are there any events in the summer and Kelley replied that they wanted to put the clean up the closest to the anniversary day and they will be having ZAP events from Spring through Summer on Saturdays. Another question Selectman was where does the funding come from and Kelley said they have corporate sponsors, different towns can donate and Cumberland RI is also giving money. Selectman Despres read the resolution.

**\*See attached\***

Motion to adopt the Resolution in Support of the Blackstone River Watershed needs Assessment Report made by Selectman Despres, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman McKenna and on roll call vote with Selectman Krumsiek, Selectman Naff, Selectman McKenna Selectman Delaney and Selectman Despres all in favor, the following vote was approved 5-0.

### **Roadway Advisory Committee**

There was discussion between the Board and RAC Committee member Tom Perry. The Board decided to review the charge and add this item to the next BOS meeting agenda.

### **Vote on the ABCC 's 2022 Annual Licensing Report**

The Town Clerk stated only the chair needed to sign this report. She then provided the population of the town which is 13,831, no licenses were unapproved, she provided the Board with the funds the Town has received and violations. Everything is ready to go and the Board just needs to approve it.

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Selectman Despres read the following statements:

“Acting under authority contained in M.G.L Ch.138, s17, as amended, our Board at a meeting held on January 11, 2022, estimated that the temporary increased resident population of Millbury, as July 10, 2022 will be 13,831.

This estimate was made and voted upon by us at a meeting called for the purpose, after due notice to each of the members of the time, place and purpose of said meeting, and after investigation and ascertainment by us of all the facts and after cooperative discussion and deliberation. The estimate is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

The above statements are made under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Motion to certify that the premises described in the 2022 renewal applications for the above mentioned municipality are now occupied, used or controlled by the licensee and will be on January 1, 2022. The 2021 Renewal Applications have been approved by the Local Licensing Authorities and forwarded to the ABCC by Selectman Despres, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman McKenna, and on roll call vote with Selectman Krumsiek, Selectman Naff, Selectman McKenna and Selectman Delaney and Selectman Despres all in favor, the following vote was approved 5-0.

### **Second Reading of the Surplus Goods Disposition Policy**

The Board approved the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

### **Discussion on The Town's Policy Manual Table of Contents**

Selectman Despres asked the Town Manager if this is a list of everything that was reviewed from the book. Selectman McKenna stated they should be Selectman policies and Town policies. Sean said the Board could rescind and then review the policies. The Board agreed to do that.

### **Recap/announcement of 2022 Board and Town Manager goals and objectives**

Chairman Krumsiek stated the Goals and objectives for the Board: Review Fire Board of Engineers interview/selection process, Finish policy review/codification, Review dog hearing process, Determine feasibility/level of elderly tax exemption, Support MPD exit from civil service, Support creation of small business assistance utilizing ARPA funds

Chairman Krumsiek then stated the Goals and objectives for the Town Manager : Conduct review of fees charged for various Town services, Hire DPW director, Hire HR professional, Formulate a five-year Capital Improvement Plan (for FY2024 budget), Ensure Armory Village Phase II stays on budget, and Evaluate/update multi-family dwelling bylaws

Selectman Despres stated that the goals and objectives can be fine tuned especially for the Town Manager. We should add it in the time line so the goals for the Town Manager so they can be added for updates in the Town Manager quarterly report.

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### **Discussion of Town Manager's DPW leadership reorganization plan**

Sean stated that the needs of the DPW can be addressed with co directors, one person can work on the Highways and Parks and another person can work with planning and sewer operations with an engineering supplement. Sean wants to maximize the engineering aspect of the director and have other people working on the projects. This plan would serve the Town well and be efficient. Chairman Krumsiek asked to see what the Town has spent on engineering at the some point in the near future. Sean said yes and added that we could try this process and see how it goes. Selectman McKenna stated that she would like the engineering skills being used directly as in the past they have been used in the background. We should add it as a requirement moving forward and Sean agreed. He also added that we should have someone to overlook municipal buildings.

### **Management Update\*See Attached**

### **Review and Approve Previous Minutes**

The Board did not Review and Approve the minutes from December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as it was in an executive session and the matter is still ongoing.

### **Dates to Remember**

- Nomination papers for town election, Signature papers are due March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Campaign Finance for 2021 due January 20<sup>th</sup> 2022, Dog License purchased June 30<sup>th</sup> 2022, otherwise a fee of \$30 will be added, Town Census is out

### **Roundtable Discussion and Citizens Feedback**

Selectman Krumsiek asked for a mask mandate and Sean said it will be available on the Sharepoint On a Good Note: Selectman Delaney thanked the Millbury Police for their professionalism and support with assisting his daughter when her father-in-law suddenly passed away this past weekend, Selectman Krumsiek thanked the Millbury Police when they attended the call at the store, Chairman Krumsiek had a grand-daughter on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. She shares a birthday with Elvis

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**8:10 Executive Session**

Executive session in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Section 21(a)(3):  
To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body, as declared by the Chair-Topic: Sr Center  
Motion to enter executive session by Selectman Naff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Delaney and on roll call vote with Selectman Krumsiek, Selectman Naff, Selectman McKenna and Selectman Delaney and Selectman Despres all in favor, the following vote was approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fleming, Secretary

Mary Krumsiek

Katie McKenna

Scott Despres

Chris Naff

David Delaney



Handwritten signatures in blue ink over horizontal lines. From top to bottom, the signatures appear to be: Mary Krumsiek, Katie McKenna, Scott Despres, Chris Naff, and David Delaney. The signature for David Delaney is a large, stylized 'D' that extends below the line.



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### MANAGEMENT UPDATE

To: **Board of Selectmen  
Municipal Staff**

From:

  
**Sean Hendricks**

Date: **January 11, 2022**

#### Updates:

- **McCracken Rd TIP:** The notices of taking are nearly complete, and the checks are being cut. We are working on a supplemental taking that will include 5-6 parcels that were subject to a county easement and were therefore not taken by the Board's November Order. We hope to finish that process in the next few weeks. The project itself should be advertised by DoT in the coming weeks, with construction hoped/expected to begin in late summer/early fall.
- **ARPA funds:** Currently, the following projects are being procured or underway for the following: Windle Field improvements design, Woolie World parking design, MJSHS Foods Program Room improvements design, MJSHS Weight Room improvements design, Asa Waters A/C improvements, Rt. 146 utilities extension feasibility. We are in the process of identifying small business assistance loan/grant programs that may have been effective in other towns. We would like to emulate one of those programs, so we can help ensure the survival of the most vulnerable of our local businesses. With the release of the Treasury Department's Final Rule regarding use/implementation of these funds, which expanded eligible uses, we are optimistic that we will be able to utilize these funds for one or two bridge projects. The Final Rule also establishes a standard valuation of lost revenue formula, which will allow the Town to recover lost revenues due to Covid without going through the potentially tedious process of identifying such revenue, if it exists. This standard valuation functions like the standard deduction on personal income taxes, which gives taxpayers the option to choose itemization or a standard deduction, whichever is most favorable.
- **Fire HQ:** The Fire HQ Building Committee had its first meeting with CHA, its OPM. CHA is very experienced in these projects and seems very enthusiastic about our project. The RFQ for design services has been posted to all required outlets. The initial big goal is to have a project cost in place for Town Meeting in May, when we will request a borrowing authorization for the project.
- **Planning Board:** We were gratified to see the Planning Board vote to adopt the use of ipads/electronic devices. This will help ease the administrative burden on staff, drastically reduce our use of paper, and provide for timely posting of Board/project materials for the members to access at their convenience.
- **IT:** The Town's new website template has been approved. We're moving on to the departmental pages. We also received approval/authorization for our domain change to [millburyma.gov](http://millburyma.gov). In just a few weeks, we'll unveil our new platform.

- **MOB:** We are in the process of converting the former Veteran's Agent office into what will be the new home of HR. The former HR office in the TM office will be used for storage and emergency management purposes. We are also in the process of cleaning out the DPW director office. Thanks to Sherri Brousseau and Amy Riordan for all of their help culling through reams of old documents and making these offices habitable and functional for their new occupants, whom we hope to welcome this quarter.
- **FY 2023 Budget:** We are pretty much through the departmental portion of next year's budget development. We're waiting/establishing insurance and revenue numbers.
- **Personnel:** Job postings for an HR professional, Assistant Town Accountant, and Town Engineer are nearing completion. We're hoping to get those on the street in the next couple of weeks.
- **Covid-19 tests:** While Millbury was not eligible to receive test kits from the Commonwealth, we were able to procure kits through our partnership with the Worcester DPH. Julie VanArsdalen and I picked up nearly 750 kits, which we have been distributing from Town Hall and the Senior Center, primarily to residents who are over age 60 or those who may have health issues. Some kits have been used to ensure that staff are healthy; most have gone to residents. We don't have enough kits to stage a mass, unrestricted giveaway, but we're looking into using ARPA funds to purchase kits directly from the manufacturer via a contract the state negotiated.
- **Mask mandate:** At its emergency meeting on January 7, the BoH voted to order a mask mandate for all businesses in Town, effective 8am on Wednesday, January 12. BoH staff sent emails and made phone calls to our local businesses, informing them of the mandate and providing a template for signage. The BoH will evaluate the Covid situation at its February 9 meeting and determine if continuation of the public health order is appropriate.
- **In memoriam:**
  - We were saddened to hear of the passing of Lisa Redmond, longtime reporter for Millbury-Sutton Chronicle who passed away last week.
  - Our condolences go out to the DPW's Eric LeClaire, MPL's Lisa Boudreau, and retired police Chief Donald Desorcy, each of whom lost their mother recently.

As always, Town staff is here to help/answer any questions.

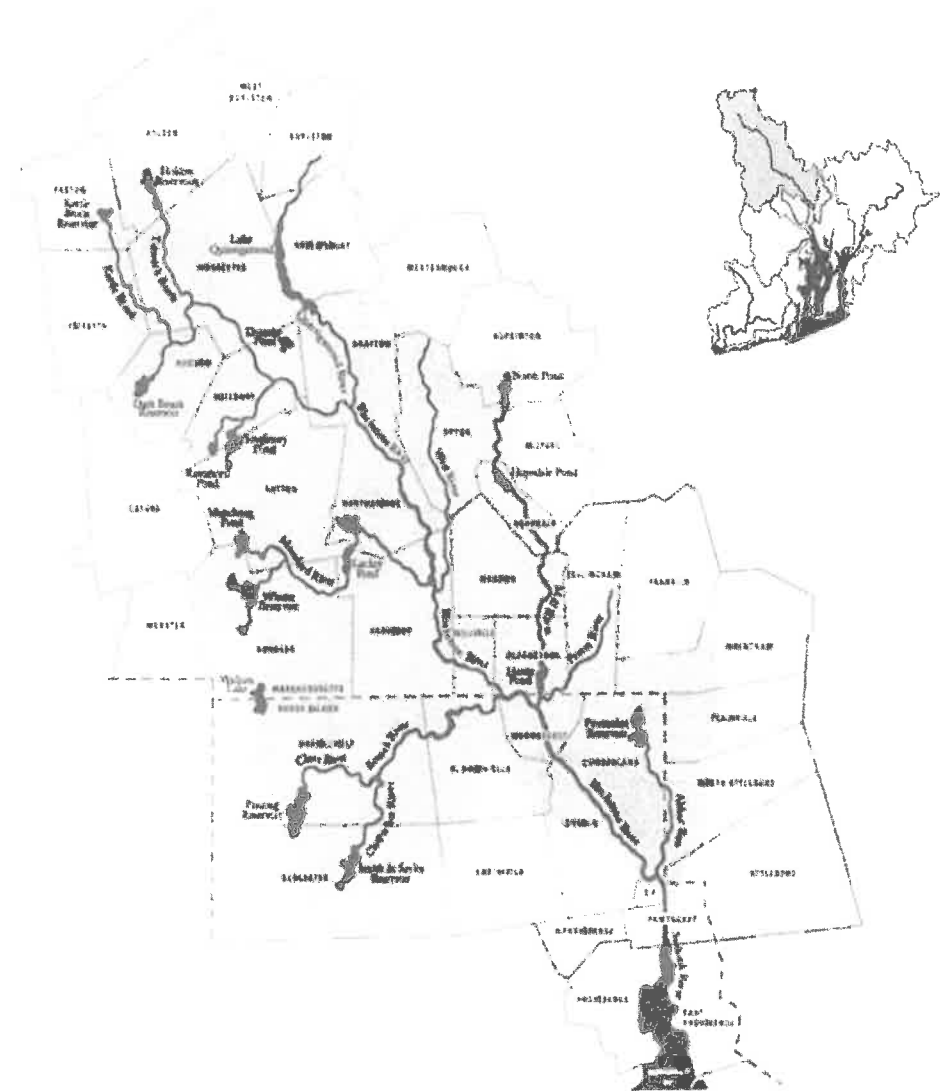
Be well.

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# Blackstone Watershed Collaborative

Millbury Board of Selectmen  
January 11, 2022

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Program Manager  
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# Blackstone Watershed

- 48 miles long
- Drops 438'
- 39 communities
- 2 states



# Industrial revolution: “America’s hardest working river”



*Above: Slater Mill, America's first water-powered cotton-spinning mill in Pawtucket, RI (c.1790)*



*Above: Canal boats pulled by horses. Below: Canal*



# A River of National Significance

1900s – “Hardest working river in America”

1990 – EPA sponsored report “most polluted river in America” (toxic sediments)

1986 – Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor

1997 – American Heritage River Designation

2002 – EPA & Army Corp of Engineers “Urban Rivers” pilot

2014 – Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park



Working  
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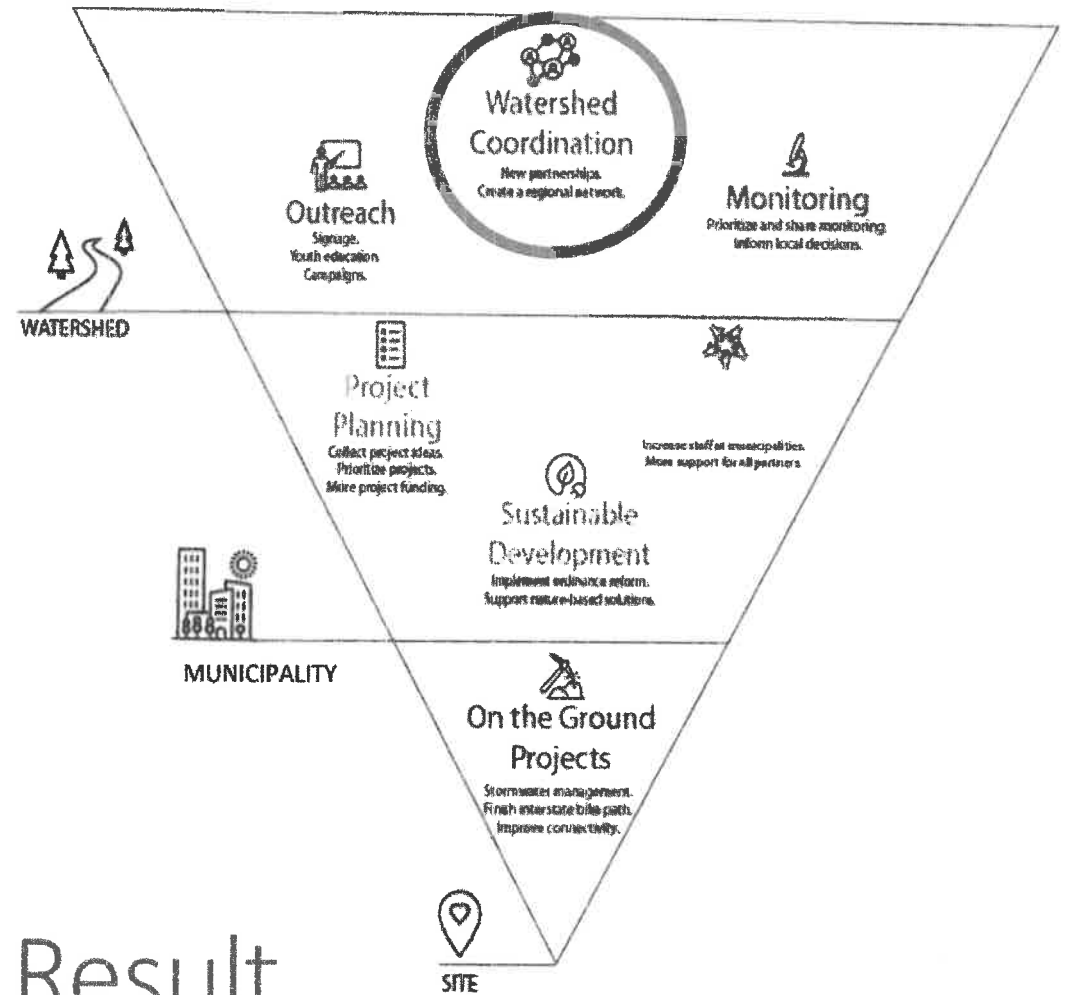
## **NARRAGANSETT BAY ESTUARY PROGRAM**

- 2 years
- 8 meetings
- 33 attendees (avg)
- 140 people
- 40 organizations
- 11 govt agencies

# BLACKSTONE RIVER WATERSHED NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT

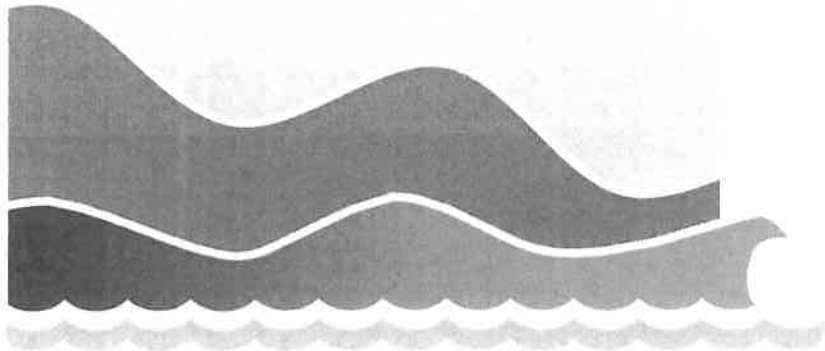
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## Result

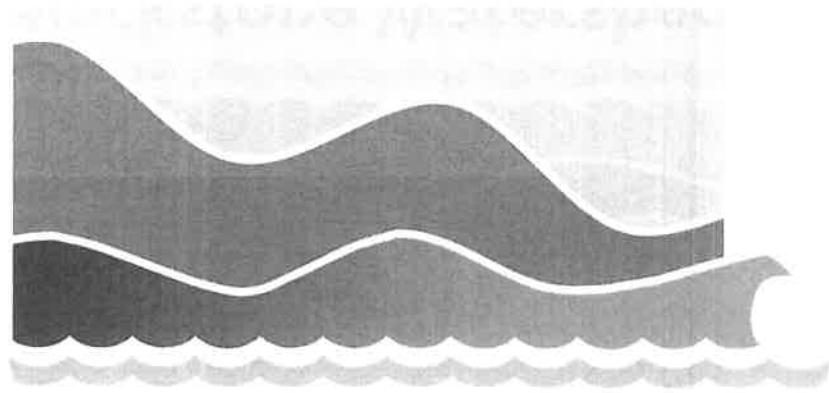
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**Blackstone Watershed  
Collaborative**

- ▶ • Began September 2021 in response to NBEP work & meets monthly
- ▶ • Over 180 individuals representing 100+ organizations & agencies
- ▶ • Implement the 20 priorities in Needs Assessment Report over 5 years
- ▶ • Improve local watershed health and resilience in the face of development and climate change
- ▶ • Lens of equity & justice

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**Blackstone Watershed  
Collaborative**

▶ Because together,  
we can achieve more

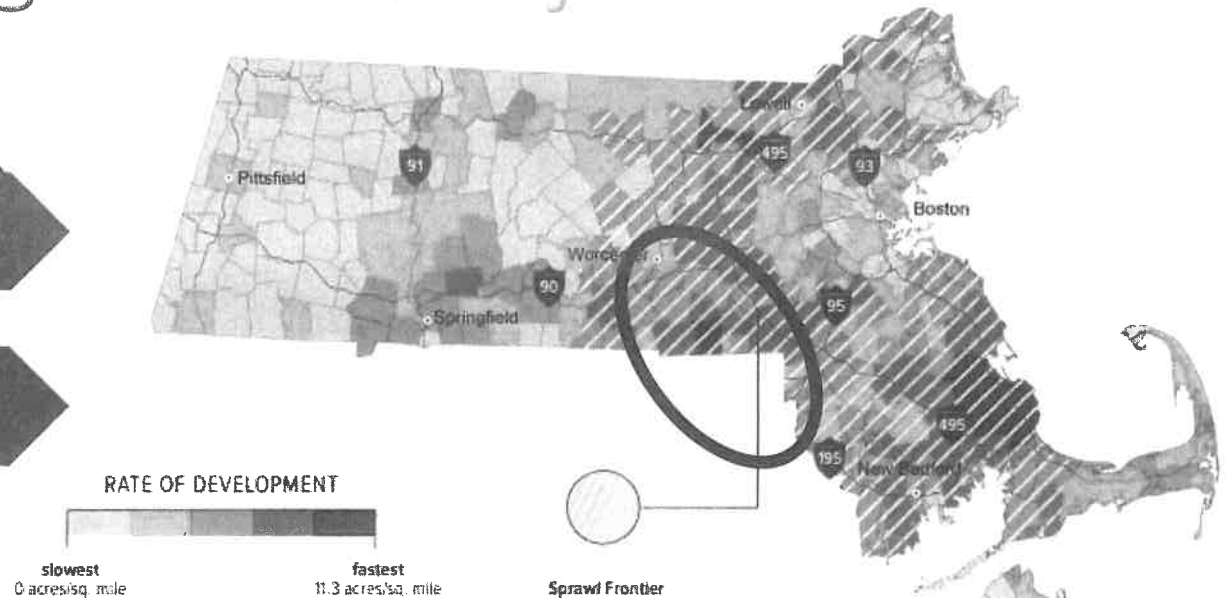
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- Large-scale funding
  - Prioritization of projects
  - Building off one another vs recreating the wheel
  - Increased impact
  - Unified messaging

# Current Challenges — it's not just coastal

Climate change

Development

Equity & justice

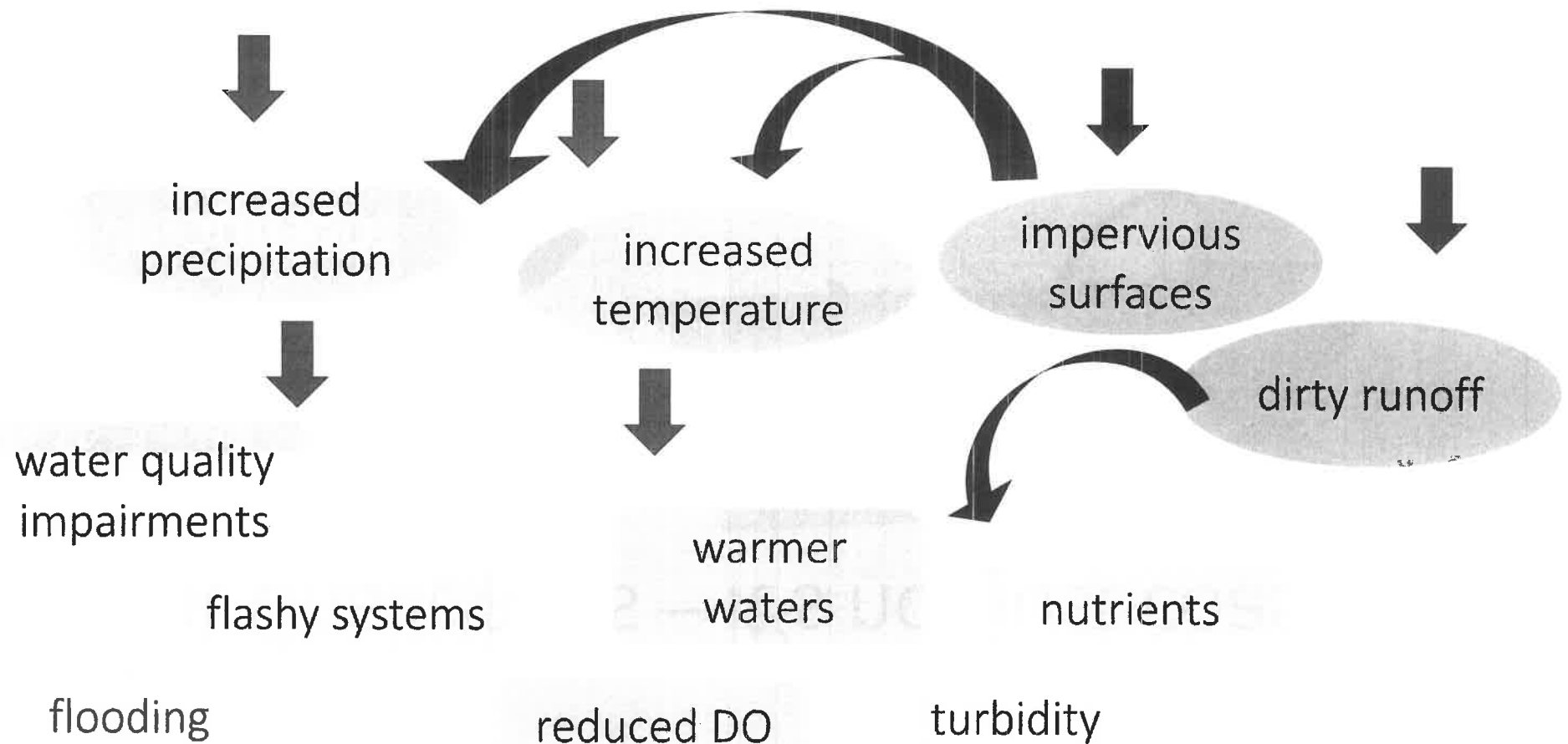


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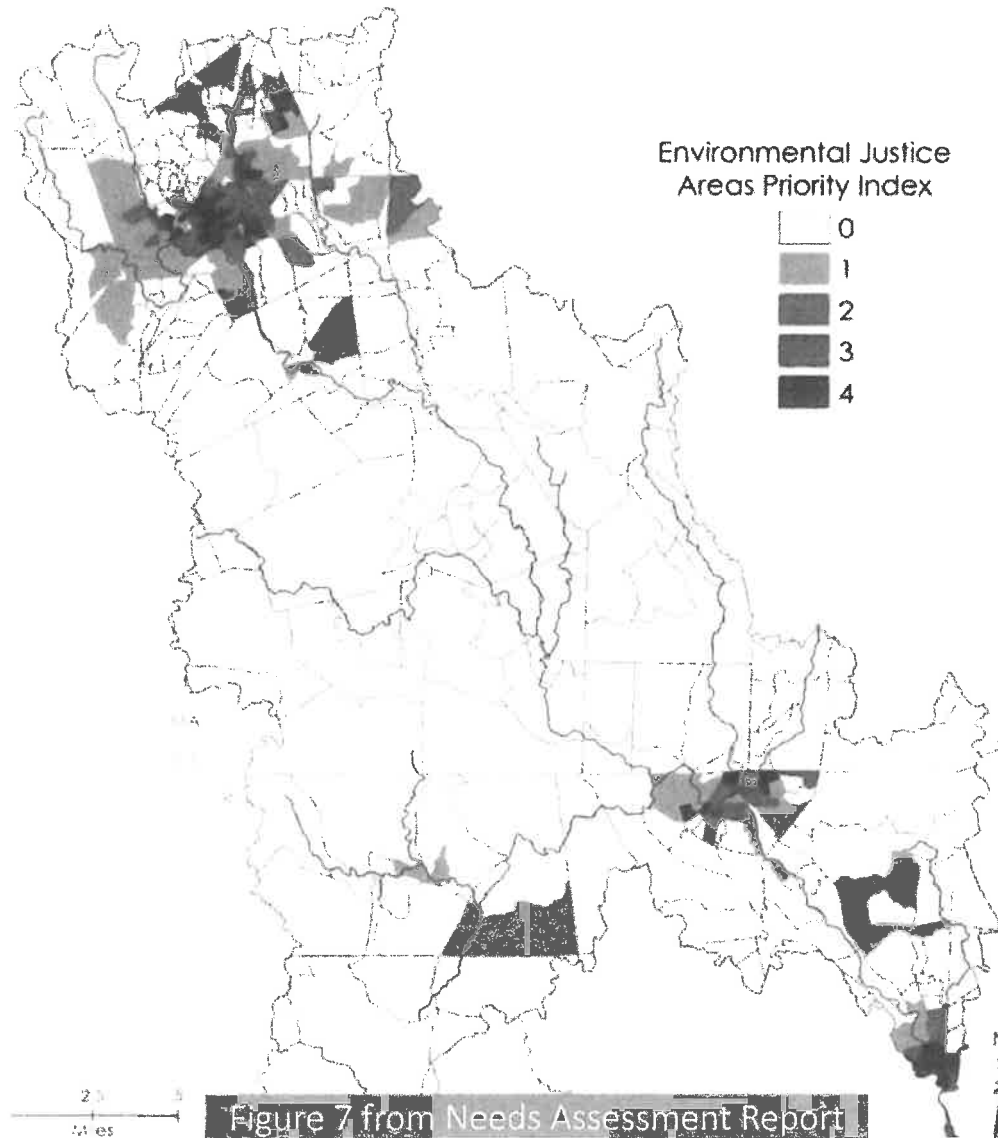


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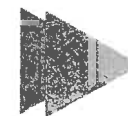
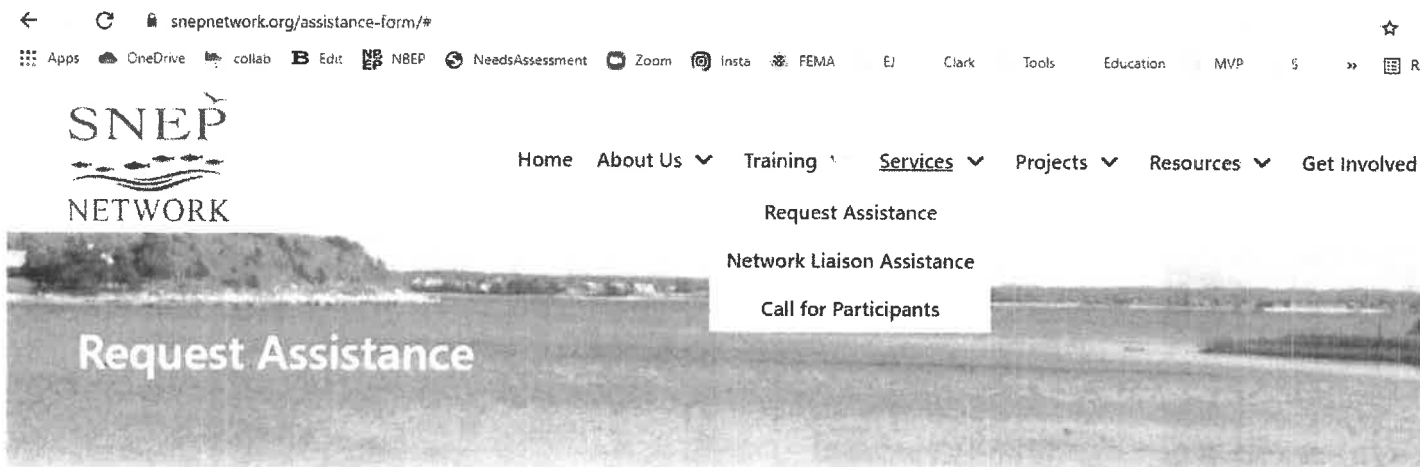
# Environmental Justice Story Map



- Heat islands
- Tree cover
- Asthma rates
- Flooding impacts
- Water quality

EJ Mapping tool: <https://tinyurl.com/4mb7mfkz>

# If you need help: [snepnetwork.org](https://snepnetwork.org)



- Bylaw review



- Project feedback



- Financing/funding

## Online Portal to Access Network Services

In order to streamline requests for network services, The Southeast New England Network has an online portal to assist SNEP communities in accessing funding, contractors, and targeted technical assistance. The Network has two consultants who will act as Network Liaisons to help communities plan and execute activities and projects, utilizing the expertise of the Network and its pre-approved contractors. Our network members consist of environmental nonprofits, academic entities, regional planners, and consultants who offer expertise in leadership, financing, stormwater/watershed management, and climate resilience. Often times, solutions will be found through a phone call, at other times a site visit, a one

# Thank you for your support of our common goals!



Maintenance of waterways



Equitable access to waterways



Water chestnut removal



Expanding the bike/greenway



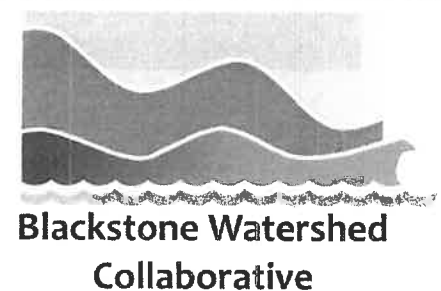
ZAP 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events



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Thank you!

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## Regulations & History

- Berkshire Environmental Action Team's History of Federal Wetlands Protections: <https://www.thebeatnews.org/BeatTeam/history-federal-wetland-protection/>
- Waterkeeper's Bipartisan Beginnings of the Clean Water Act <https://waterkeeper.org/news/bipartisan-beginnings-of-clean-water-act/>
- ZAP the Blackstone film from the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council (1974) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpYtjdfAYro>

## Places

- Blackstone Valley National Heritage Corridor <https://blackstoneheritagecorridor.org/>
- Blackstone River Valley National Historic Park <https://www.nps.gov/blrv/index.htm>

## Land Use & Water Quality Reports

- Mass Audubon's *Losing Ground* (2020) <https://www.massaudubon.org/losingground>
- Mass Audubon's LID Fact Sheets <https://www.massaudubon.org/lidfactsheets>
- Blackstone River Coalition's State of the River Report (2008) [http://zaptheblackstone.org/whatwedoing/State\\_of\\_River/State\\_of\\_River.pdf](http://zaptheblackstone.org/whatwedoing/State_of_River/State_of_River.pdf)
- NBEP's State of the Watershed Report: <https://www.nbep.org/state-of-the-bay>

## Watershed Collaboration

- Resilient Taunton Watershed Network (RTWN) <https://srpedd.org/rtwn>
- Resilient Mystic Collaborative <https://resilient.mysticriver.org/>
- SNEP Network <https://snepnetwork.org/>

## Climate Resilience

- Mass Ecosystem Climate Adaptation Network <https://www.massecan.org/>

## Environmental Justice

- NBEP Story Map of Environmental Justice in the NB Watershed: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/61682f2963364fbbbc832c53a7cc7d09>

Some  
useful  
references

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Gateway to the Blackstone Valley

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**Draft Resolution in Support of  
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**RESOLUTION:**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE BLACKSTONE RIVER  
WATERSHED NEEDS ASSESSMENT  
REPORT**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MILLBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN AS  
FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS:** The Blackstone River spans forty-eight miles from Massachusetts to Rhode Island, its watershed includes thirty-nine communities, and its watershed health is vital to the ecology, economy, and history of our region; and

**WHEREAS:** The Blackstone River has been home to indigenous communities for millennia and is the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution; and

**WHEREAS:** Despite significant progress, there is much more to do to assure a healthier and more resilient Blackstone River Watershed over the next fifty years to continue to address its industrial past, ongoing urbanization, and the impact of climate change; and

**WHEREAS:** The Narragansett Bay Estuary Program worked collaboratively with local stake holders to develop the final needs assessment report that describes current high priority needs and twenty recommended actions that can be completed within five years to help restore and sustain the Blackstone River Watershed; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury recognizes the importance and value of the recommendations brought forward in the report and supports the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative created to implement them; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury supports increasing free and equitable public access to use and benefit from waterways; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury supports the accelerated management of the water chestnut to support habitat and recreation; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury supports the increase for permanent land protection; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury supports development of a wetland restoration strategy; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury supports planning and installation of low impact development practices such as rain gardens; and



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**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury supports advocating for the completion of new sections of the Blackstone River Bikeway/Greenway to engage residents in accessible recreational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury supports the increased maintenance of the waterway for wildlife, recreation, and safety; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury supports the recognition of Operation ZAP when 10,000 volunteers cleaned up 10,000 tons of trash from the Blackstone River in 1972, and its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022, including the group's work to support the above goals through local green ups and clean ups on August 27, 2022 and a celebration in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on September 10, 2022; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury looks forward to working collaboratively with the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative and its partners on these initiatives to preserve the health and resilience of the river and its watershed for generations to come.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF MILLBURY, MA AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** The Town of Millbury supports the Blackstone River Watershed Needs Assessment Report and the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative, appreciates the efforts of all the groups involved in its creation and continued maintenance, and intends to include these priority actions into local municipal goals, as relevant, such as open space and climate resiliency planning.

**SECTION 2:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE BY THE MILLBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

DATE ADOPTED: January 11, 2022

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

  
Jayne Marie Davolio, Town Clerk



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**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury supports the accelerated management of the water chestnut to support habitat and recreation; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury supports the increase for permanent land protection; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury supports development of a wetland restoration strategy; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury supports planning and installation of low impact development practices such as rain gardens; and

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the Blackstone Needs Assessment Report (<https://bit.ly/BlackstoneReport>)  
& the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative ([blackstonecollaborative.org](https://blackstonecollaborative.org))**

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury supports advocating for the completion of new sections of the Blackstone River Bikeway/Greenway to engage residents in accessible recreational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury supports the increased maintenance of the waterway for wildlife, recreation, and safety; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury supports the recognition of Operation ZAP when 10,000 volunteers cleaned up 10,000 tons of trash from the Blackstone River in 1972, and its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022, including the group's work to support the above goals through local green ups and clean ups on August 27, 2022 and a celebration in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on September 10, 2022; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Millbury looks forward to working collaboratively with the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative and its partners on these initiatives to preserve the health and resilience of the river and its watershed for generations to come.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF MILLBURY, MA AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** The Town of Millbury supports the Blackstone River Watershed Needs Assessment Report and the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative, appreciates the efforts of all the groups involved in its creation and continued maintenance, and intends to include these priority actions into local municipal goals, as relevant, such as open space and climate resiliency planning.

**SECTION 2:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE BY THE MILLBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

DATE ADOPTED: January 11, 2022

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

  
Jayne Marie Davolio, Town Clerk