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ABSTRACT:

Since 2018, EPA's Southeast New England Program (SNEP) has been working with its program partners to bring funding and technical assistance to the communities, tribes, and watershed organizations through the SNEP region. **SNEP's partnership with the SNEP Watershed Implementation Grants (SWIG) Program and the SNEP Network has enabled many organizations to successfully carry out complex planning and restoration projects. This webinar will highlight a few of them**, including the Childs River restoration project managed by the Falmouth Rod and Gun Club, Save the Bay's restoration plan to Restore Water Quality in Barrington's Hundred-Acre Cove, the launch of the Blackstone River Watershed Collaborative, and a new initiative between the SNEP Network and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe to address harmful algal blooms in Santuit Pond.

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OUR SPEAKERS

Jason Steiding

Jason Steiding has 11 years of experience serving as the Director of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Public Works Department, and recently took over as the Tribe's Natural Resources Director in April 2021. As the Tribe's Natural Resources Director, Jason manages the Tribe's 12-acre shellfish aquaculture farm, and is tasked with overseeing and implementing sustainability and conservation strategies to preserve Tribal ancestral lands, and to be a steward of the land as his ancestors were thousands of years before him.

Kimberly Groff, PhD

Kimberly Groff has dedicated her 30 plus year career to advancing water quality at a project, state (Massachusetts) and regional (regional) scale. She is currently working as the Massachusetts Liaison for the SNEP Network that is administered by the New England Environmental Finance Center. In this role she works directly with communities to address stormwater management and climate resilience.

Dennis Martin

Dennis is the current President of SSCEF (Sporting, Safety, Conservation, and Education Fund – 501(c)(3)), Since retiring after 11 years working for Xerox Corporation and earning his B.S. in Electrical Engineering and a Masters in Business Administration, his primary focus has been on public charity work. with a good share of his time focused on helping restore the Upper Childs River and wetlands area in Falmouth & Mashpee, MA.

Kate McPherson

Kate McPherson is Save The Bay's Narragansett Bay Riverkeeper. She's a Professional Wetland Scientist who's passionate about wetland and river restoration, engaging community members to take steps to improve watershed health, and using sound science to inform policy. Kate holds a B.S. in Wildlife Biology and Management from the University of Rhode Island.

Stefanie Covino

Stefanie Covino (she/her) manages the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative based at Clark University, which serves to improve climate resilience and watershed health in the bi-state watershed's 39 communities. She has an MS in Environmental Science and Policy from Clark University and is a Keystone Cooperator and MVP Certified Provider. Her interests include land use planning, natural resource protection, ecological restoration, and nature-based solutions to reduce climate hazards and improve community resilience.