



Funding Water Quality Restoration and Climate Resilience Projects in Rhode Island

March 15, 2023 (10AM-12PM)

Target Audience: Municipalities and non-profits and consulting firms who work directly with municipalities to administer grants. Those with interest in applying for grants to support water quality restoration and climate resilience projects in Rhode Island.

Description: One of the challenges that communities face when addressing water quality, flooding and/or other climate change impacts is identifying funding mechanisms to support their projects. With unprecedented funding available for this work, this workshop will provide a roadmap by highlighting key funding opportunities for water quality and climate resilience projects. This workshop will allow participants to also speak with funders about their specific projects.

By attending this workshop, attendees will:

- Be introduced to key funding opportunities for water quality restoration and climate resilience projects in Rhode Island
- Be able to match their projects to specific funding agencies and/or programs
- Talk directly with funding agency representatives about specific sources of funding

DRAFT WORKSHOP AGENDA:

10:00 Introduction and Housekeeping

Martha Sheils – NE EFC Director

10:05 Welcome Address

US Senator Jack Reed from Rhode Island

10:15 Overview of Funding Programs

SNEP Watershed Implementation Grants (SWIG) – Restore America’s Estuaries

NFWF National Coastal Resilience Fund – Thowre Environmental

Narragansett Bay Estuary Program – Narragansett Bay Estuary Program

Southeast New England Project – SNEP

Nonpoint Source Program – RIDEM Office of Water Resources

State Climate Resilience Bond Funds - RIDEM Director’s Office

Emergency Management Program, PL-566 - Natural Resources Conservation Service

RIIB Stormwater and Resilience Programs - Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank

11:15 Group Q&A

Following the presentations, participants will have the opportunity to ask broad questions about the funding opportunities. Any questions regarding specific project ideas should be asked directly to the funder during the breakout sessions.

11:25 Q&A Breakout sessions

Each funding representative will have their own separate zoom link (to be provided during the workshop). Attendees can move from room to room to speak individually with funders. Attendees are encouraged to bring specific project ideas for discussion with and feedback from grant program representatives.

12:00 Adjourn



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