



The SNEP Network, run by the New England Environmental Finance Center, is a partnership of organizations representing environmental nonprofits, academic entities, regional planners, and consultants who offer technical assistance, training and workshops in leadership development, financing, stormwater/watershed management, ecological restoration, and climate resilience. Services are made available at NO COST to communities in the Southeast New England region.

The SNEP Network will award technical assistance to six SNEP communities—three communities in Massachusetts, and three in Rhode Island--for the upcoming 2023/2024 fiscal year.

The SNEP Network will provide technical assistance to the following communities for 2023/2024:

- **Millville, MA** | Develop a prioritization framework that will be used to assist the town in prioritizing stormwater sites identified in their Hazard Mitigation Plan, conduct preliminary site visits to the top priority sites, and develop a conceptual design for a stormwater retrofit that will be presented to the town selectboard. (*Network Partners: Blackstone Watershed Collaborative*)
- **Providence, RI** | Assist with identifying solutions for a sustainable approach to stormwater management and for management of City-owned stormwater and sewer infrastructure, and support with the City's two-part public engagement process that includes the formation and facilitation of the Stormwater Task Force. (*Network Partners: Elizabeth Scott Consulting, the New England Environmental Finance Center, Narragansett Bay Estuary Research Reserve, and the Environmental Finance Center at the University of North Carolina*)

Through a competitive request for proposals process, the SNEP Network selected four communities to participate in the 2023/2024 stormwater training/facilitated planning series. This series pairs communities with SNEP Network partners with technical expertise in stormwater planning and management to guide them through the process of developing a conceptual design for a nature-based stormwater retrofit option in their selected drainage area. Participants will use the tools and techniques presented in the training to identify low-cost stormwater solutions to address the stormwater problem at their specific location.

The four communities selected to participate in the 2023/2024 cohort include:

- **Coventry, RI** | Develop long range stormwater management planning on a watershed level, specifically mediation of stormwater issues on Upper Dam Pond. (*Network Partners: Elizabeth Scott Consulting*)
- **Swansea, MA** | Build capacity to learn how to improve the water quality of the Cole River estuary that is impacted in part by untreated stormwater runoff and nitrogen runoff from fertilizers. (*Network Partners: Southeast Region Planning Economic Development District—SRPEDD with support from Save the Ba*)



- **Hopkinton, RI** | Develop conceptual designs and implement stormwater management practice that will address the flooding and erosions at the intersection of Maxson Hill Road and Route 3 and along residential properties. (*Network Partners: Audubon Society of Rhode Island and Save the Bay*)
- **Westport, MA** | Make improvements to an existing drainage ditch and eroded basin to enhance the existing system and remedy the continued stormwater flow beyond existing basins. (*Network Partners: Kim Groff Consulting with support from SRPEDD*)