Southeast New England Program (SNEP) Network

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In 2025, the SNEP Network will be providing technical assistance to 17 communities. This includes seven communities and one Tribe in Massachusetts, and nine communities in Rhode Island that will receive free technical assistance to advance their stormwater and watershed management, ecological restoration, resilience goals, and funding options. Additionally, SNEP Network will be launching the new Watershed Protection Standard Toolkit, translating years of EPA research into easy to implement and consistent regional practices.

The SNEP Network is a partnership of 15+ local organizations that is led by the New England Environmental Finance Center and funded by EPA's Southeast New England Program. The SNEP Network provides free on-the-ground local technical assistance, training, and consultant services to advance community projects.

2025 SNEP Network Community Assistance Projects

Massachusetts Communities	
Lakeville, MA	Will receive technical assistance to update the Town's Open Space Residential Design bylaw and related subdivision and zoning regulations utilizing low impact development bylaw best management practices. Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District will partner with the Town on this project.
Chatham, MA	Will receive technical assistance to update their wetlands protection bylaw and develop a coastal resilience bylaw along with related wetlands regulations to protect future development and enhance the resilience of existing natural resources. Cape Cod Commission will partner with the Town on this project.
Mattapoisett, MA	Will receive technical assistance to evaluate their existing stormwater management policies and priorities and to draft a stormwater bylaw. SRPEDD will partner with the town on this project with additional assistance from UNH Stormwater Center.
Gosnold, MA	Will receive assistance in identifying, prioritizing, and scoping resilience projects utilizing the Planning to Action Climate Toolkit (PACT Tool), developed by SNEP Network. This cohort-based technical assistance will be delivered in collaboration with SNEP Network partners Elizabeth Scott Consulting, Kimberly Groff Consulting, NEEFC, and Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center. Consultant: Throwe Environmental.
Westport, MA	Will receive technical assistance to assess the Westport River salt marsh conditions, identify risks associated with marsh island loss, and conceptualize nature-based solutions that slow marsh degradation. Mass Audubon will partner with the town on this project.
Marion, MA	Will receive technical assistance to convert their existing comprehensive wastewater management plan into a 9-Element Watershed-Based Plan. SRPEDD will partner with the town on this project.
Auburn, MA	Will be participating in this year's Stormwater Planning Series to develop conceptual designs for stormwater retrofits and green infrastructure solutions. Blackstone Watershed Collaborative will partner with the town on this project.
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (MWT)	The SNEP Network will continue to work with the MWT to support the Tribe in finalizing their non-point source assessment and management program plan. Kimberly Groff Consulting will continue to support the MWT on this project.

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Rhode Island Communities	
Newport, RI	Will receive support in identifying, prioritizing, and scoping resilience projects utilizing the Planning to Action Climate Toolkit (PACT Tool), developed by SNEP Network. This cohort-based technical assistance will be delivered in collaboration with SNEP Network partners Elizabeth Scott, Kimberly Groff, Blackstone Watershed Collaborative, The Nature Conservancy Rhode Island, Groundwork Rhode Island, NEEFC, and RI Department of Environmental Management. Consultant: Throwe Environmental.
Pawtucket, RI	
East Greenwich, RI	
Aquidneck Island Land Trust	Will receive the North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collborative culvert assessment training to build community capacity around aquatic connectivity through hands-on assessment of culverts, including documentation of culvert condition, type, and other data relevant for planning, including flood mitigation. Blackstone Watershed Collaborative and Save The Bay will lead 25 participants through a 3–4-day field-based training to assess 20+ culverts.
West Warwick, RI	
Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council	Will participate in the Stormwater Planning Series, a 6-month capacity building training and technical assistance program that leads communities through the process of designing and developing conceptual designs for stormwater retrofits and green infrastructure solutions. Communities will also receive engineering assistance to advance their designs up to 30%. The following SNEP Partners will lead this training: UNH Stormwater Center, Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NBNERR), Elizabeth Scott Consulting, Save The Bay, Blackstone Watershed Collaborative, Audubon Society Rhode Island/Stormwater Innovation Center, and NEEFC.
East Providence, RI	
Pawtucket, RI	
Providence, RI	Will continue to receive technical assistance to advance Sustainable Funding and Financing for Providence's Stormwater and Sewer Management. Elizabeth Scott Consulting, NBNERR, and NEEFC will partner with the city on this effort.
Barrington, RI	Will receive technical assistance to develop a stormwater enterprise fund feasibility study. SNEP Network partners Elizabeth Scott Consulting and NEEFC with additional support from URI.

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