



Watershed Action Alliance

of Southeastern Massachusetts

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Protecting water and natural resources in Southeastern Massachusetts



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Members & Friends

Barnstable Clean Water Coalition

Herring Ponds Watershed Association

Jones River Watershed Association

Monponsett Watershed Association

Neponset River Watershed Association

North and South Rivers Watershed Association

Save the Bay – Narragansett Bay

Six Ponds Improvement Association

Weir River Watershed Association

Ensuring Enough Water for All

Increasing population and development, combined with the effects of climate change, raise the concern that we could run out of clean, fresh water necessary to sustain natural resources, including fish and wildlife, and for business, recreation, and development for centuries to come. Watershed associations work hard in their communities to ensure there is **enough water for people, fish, wildlife, and the environment.**

Success Stories

- Earned a MassDEP Water Management Act grant to support a rebate program to incentivize installation of water efficient fixtures in four partner towns (Neponset).
- Championed an outdoor irrigation restriction bylaw that resulted in the saving of 300,000 gallons per day in Scituate and allowed streamflow releases from reservoirs (North and South).
- Influenced decisions on locations of new community wells; encouraged the consideration of impact on water levels in ponds through commentary at Board of Selectmen and other meetings; advocated for formation of a new Water Conservation Committee (Herring Ponds and Six Ponds).
- Helped implement Kingston bylaws to conserve water; influenced decision to locate sewer treatment plant in aquifer recharge area rather than losing fresh water to Kingston Bay (Jones River).
- Provide leadership and expertise to towns on water supply management, infrastructure improvements that restore streamflow, conservation measures, recharge, improved regulatory standards, and more (all).
- Advocated for improved stormwater NPDES MS4 permit structure (many).

What Can Legislators Do?

Prioritize Dept. of Environmental Protection Administration funding (line item 2200-0100). While an increase of \$7.92M to \$40M (from \$32.08M in FY20) would be ideal, we urge at least level-funding of this line item. Adequate staff and resources are essential for watershed planning and permitting, safe management of toxics, enforcing environmental laws, hazardous waste cleanup, and preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

Prioritize Dept. of Conservation and Recreation Watershed Management Office funding (line item 2810-0100). While an increase of \$2.75M to \$50M (from \$47.25M in FY20) would be ideal, we urge at least level funding of this line item which is essential to support research to safeguard our rivers, lakes and water supplies and provide public access for recreation.

Maintain contact with your local watershed association whose staff are knowledgeable about the issues in your district and have subject matter expertise.

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