



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

Promoting Environmental Justice, Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity

Clean drinking water, protection from storms and flooding, healthy watersheds — all residents have a right to these. Historically, some groups and communities have been disregarded, disenfranchised, or discriminated against, including people of color or of lower income, those who speak English as a second language, the elderly, the physically or intellectually challenged, and youth. Importantly, these are often the same communities hit hardest by the impacts of climate change and public health emergencies such as Covid-19. Watershed Action Alliance and its member organizations are committed to fighting for environmental justice and to promoting equity, inclusion and diversity on its boards, at its events, and in its membership.

Success Stories

- Protected natural lands on the Neponset River from development in densely populated environmental justice community in Norwood; now, supporting construction of accessible riverwalk and recreation area (Neponset).
- Sponsor annual YMCA campership for disadvantaged youth (Herring Ponds).
- Incorporating diversity and inclusion goals in strategic plan and seeking funding for paid internships to make them financially feasible for low- and middle-income youth and students (Neponset).
- Included Wampanoag speakers and viewpoints in lecture series (North and South, Herring Ponds).
- Work with local and state officials to maintain and preserve the Monponsett Ponds as clean drinking water for the city of Brockton (Monponsett).
- Advocating for fireworks mercury cleanup in area of historic water contamination and pollution (North and South).
- Planning low cost program for interns of diverse backgrounds (Jones River).

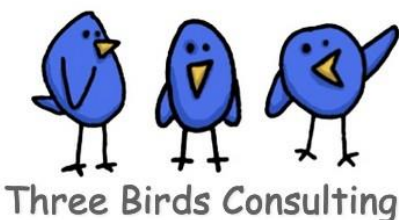
What Can Legislators Do?

Prioritize MassDEP Admin. 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 item. Environmental regulations and proper enforcement protect our most vulnerable communities from pollution and inequitable impacts of climate change.

Support S.490/H.2139, An Act promoting awareness of sewage pollution in public waters, to institute a statewide sewage discharge notification system to alert residents when sewage spills make waters unsafe for recreation, fishing or work.

Support H. 3997, An Act relative to GreenWorks, which could fund municipal stormwater infrastructure project. Many of these projects benefit environmental justice communities, which are often most at risk from the impacts of climate change.

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