

SNEP NETWORK UPDATES



January 2022

Self-reported effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on stewardship organizations and their activities in southeast New England, USA

The [Stewardship Mapping and Assessment Project \(Stewmap\)](#) of Southern New England is a survey and public database designed to map where stewardship organizations work and how they are connected to each other with the goal of strengthening community capacity of stewardship in the SNEP region. Using the sample drawn from the initial outreach and first two rounds of alter surveys for the Stewmap project, the team successfully published on Frontiers online journal. Read the full article [HERE](#). (Project Lead: Bryce Dubois, bdubois@risd.org)

Charlestown, RI

With technical assistance from Network partners, the Town of Charleston developed a Conservation Design Ordinance for new subdivisions, and created training and educational materials to support the CD Ordinance adoption. To date, the planning board adopted amendments to the Conservation Development Zoning Ordinance at a public hearing on January 19th. The final CD Zoning Ordinance approval will be scheduled in April 2022. (Project Lead: Lorraine Joubert, ljoubert@uri.edu)

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds presentation by University of North Carolina-EFC

SNEP Network Partners, the University of North Carolina-Environmental Finance Center, presented to the SNEP Network partners during the Network's quarterly meeting. UNC provided an overview of the ARPA funds, specifically the guidelines relevant to Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The presentation can be viewed [HERE](#). (Project Lead: Stephen Lapp, slapp@sog.unc.edu, Erin Riggs, eriggs@sog.unc.edu)

SNEP Network Bylaw Review/Low Impact Development Initiatives

Network partners Mass Audubon, Cape Cod Commission, URI-NEMO, and the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative and EPA Region 1 have worked together to develop a guide for land use, flooding, watershed management, and guidance on how to update local land use and regulations to encourage low impact development. The recently held a webinar on the importance of LID/Nature based solutions and provided the audience an overview of how to use the Bylaw tool. To access the recorded webinar and transcript, click [HERE](#). (Project lead: Heidi Ricci, hricci@massaudubon.org)

Blackstone Watershed Collaborative

Clark University created an article and brief video on the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative, a SNEP Network partner. Read the article [HERE](#).

UPCOMING WEBINARS AND EVENTS

[Highlighting Project Successes Across the SNEP Region](#)

March 1, 2022 1:00pm-2:00pm. Register [HERE](#).

Presenters: Jason Steiding (Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe), Kimberly Groff, PhD (Kimberly Groff Consulting), Dennis Martin (SSCEF), Kate McPherson (Save the Bay), Stephanie Covino (Blackstone Watershed Collaborative)

[Get to Know Emerging Drinking Water Contaminants: Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances \(PFAS\)](#)

March 3, 2022 1:00pm-2:00pm. Register [HERE](#).

Presenter: Steven LaRosa, Senior Project Manager, Weston and Sampson

[Emerging Stormwater Technologies in Rhode Island: Jellyfish Filter Webinar](#)

March 16, 2022 10:00am-11:30am. Register [HERE](#).

Presenters: Providence Parks Department, RI DEM, Contech Engineered Solutions, Woodward and Curran, Diprete Engineering



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