



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Department of Environmental Protection

Address: 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston MA 02114 | Phone: 617-292-5500

Maura T. Healey
Governor

Kim Driscoll
Lieutenant Governor

Rebecca Tepper
Secretary

Bonnie Heiple
Commissioner

UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Mystic River Watershed Restoration
Natural Resource Damages Informational Presentation

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Natural Resource Damages (NRD) Program will discuss an upcoming grant opportunity to identify and implement restoration projects that restore wetlands, surface waters, sediment, shoreline and water quality and the services that these resources provide to humans and ecosystems in the Mystic River watershed. We recommend potential applicants attend to discuss project ideas before the Mystic River Watershed Restoration Grant Announcement and Application (GAA) is issued in April 2026.

The virtual presentation will be made on Tuesday April 7, 2026, at 10:00 AM via Zoom. A recording will also be posted on MassDEP's NRD website after the meeting. To join, use the following information:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84649553684?pwd=fPuQUKv2Lyf3YmCWMnD4hT1CMY8eAV.1>

Meeting ID: 846 4955 3684

Passcode: 392962

Dial in: 1-855-758-1310

A total of up to \$128,598.04 will be available for restoration projects. Restoration projects can encompass a wide range of strategies to restore, enhance, and protect natural ecosystems that were injured. Funds for the GAA come from several settlement agreements between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and potentially responsible parties associated with fuel and cable oil releases into the Lower Mystic River, Chelsea Creek, and Mill Creek.

The Commonwealth's procurement rules prohibit MassDEP from consulting with potential applicants to develop project ideas once the GAA is issued. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact MassDEP before the GAA issue date to refine project ideas and obtain feedback. Contact Michelle Craddock (617-997-7023, Michelle.L.Craddock@mass.gov) for a discussion of ideas and settlement objectives. More information on the Commonwealth's Natural Resource Damages Program is available at: <https://www.mass.gov/massachusetts-natural-resource-damages-program>.