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UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

North River Watershed Restoration (Colrain) 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 cold water fisheries, aquatic life, sediment-dwelling organisms, and their supporting habitats in the North River subwatershed in Colrain, MA. We recommend potential applicants attend to discuss project ideas before the North River Watershed Restoration Grant Announcement and Application (GAA) is issued in October 2024.

The virtual presentation will be made on Wednesday September 18, 2024, at 11:00 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/85698429710?pwd=DNBPoApKIluwxMvtOL3fHwPX1ZzSjI.1>

Meeting ID: 856 9842 9710

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A total of up to \$225,000 will be available for ecological restoration projects. Restoration projects can encompass a wide range of strategies to restore, enhance, and protect natural ecosystems. Funds for the GAA come from a [2021 Consent Judgement](#) between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Barnhardt Manufacturing Company and North River, LLC associated with the 2019 release of concentrated sulfuric acid from the Barnhardt Manufacturing facilities in Colrain, MA.

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>.

This information is available in alternate format. Please contact Melixza Esenyie at 617-626-1282.

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