Our Stakeholders' Feedback And Why It Is Important To Our Vision

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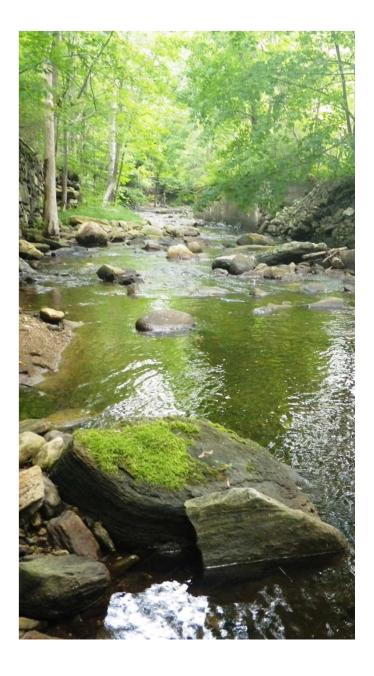
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Recap

- Mission
- Goals
- Process
- Outcomes

We are stewards of the water resources of Massachusetts. Together with other state environmental agencies, we share in the duty and responsibility to protect, enhance and restore the quality and value of the waters of the Commonwealth. We are guided by the Federal Clean Water Act and work to secure the environmental, recreational and public health benefits of clean water for the citizens of Massachusetts.



303d Vision for Restoration & Protection 6 Goals



Renewed approach to focusing existing programs to achieve water quality goals Works within existing framework

MassDEP Goals

- Stakeholder Feedback
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Strategic Planning

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Watershed Planning Vision Workshops

Protect, enhance & restore water quality = working together



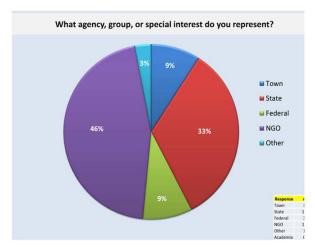
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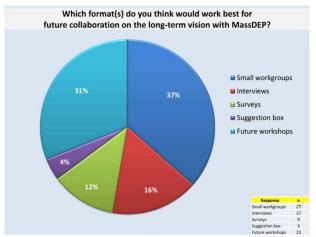
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Kick-off Workshop

- Set the Stage
- Panel
- Group discussion
- Post workshop survey
- Web page







Process

March 2017 Workshop

Prioritization for Protection & Restoration Implementation

- Panel
- Breakout
- Group Reports
- Group Discussion
- Synthesis

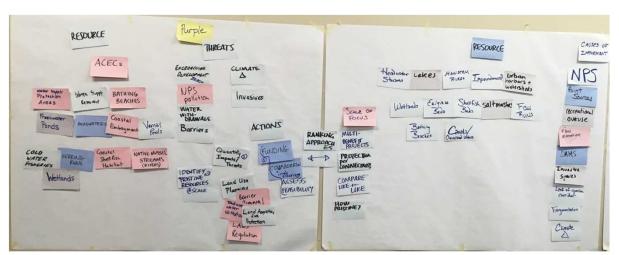


Process

April 2017 Workshop

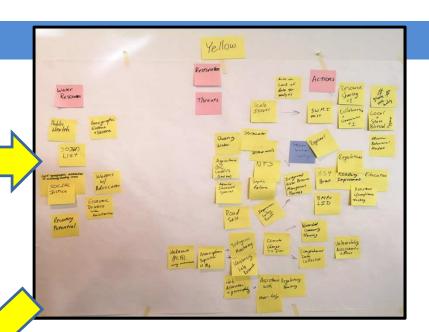
Monitoring Assessment Integration Engagement

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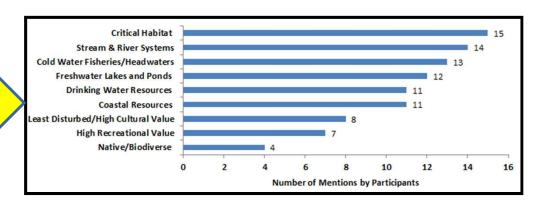






Yellow	Green*	Pink	Purple	Blue		Summary
Critical habitat		Habitat	Vernal pools, ACECs		3	Habitat/Critical habitat, including Vernal
						pools and ACECs
Diadromous fish runs	Diadromous fish		Herring runs		3	Diadromous Fish Runs (e.g., Herring Runs)
Aquatic corridors (forested)	Connected areas				2	Connected Areas\corridors
	ORWs			High quality waters	2	ORWs/High Quality Waters
				Floodplain connectivity	1	Floodplain connectivity
Sensitive habitat					1	Sensitive habitat
Areas with high number of	Areas with			Presence of state-listed	3	Areas with endangered/state listed spp
endangered species	endangered species			species		
\$450 ES					15	Critical Habitat

Total	Summary
15	Critical Habitat
14	Stream & River Systems
13	Cold Water Fisheries/Headwaters
12	Freshwater Lakes and Ponds
11	Drinking Water Resources
11	Coastal Resources
8	Least Disturbed/High Cultural Value
7	High Recreational Value
4	Native/Biodiverse



Workshop Outcomes

- Strategic Planning
- 10 yr. Vision
- ID Priorities
- Partnerships
- Communication

Program Outcomes

Improved water quality







Goals for Today:

- Share input from workshops
- Share emerging themes
- Update <u>New monitoring & other initiatives at MassDEP</u>
- Collect feedback

Thank You For Your Feedback

- Workshops are one step in a process to improve CWA programs
- We will share what we learned from you
- One step in an ongoing process.....
 - Work collaboratively
 - Enhance partnerships
 - Communication: inclusive & transparent
 - Alignment of common priorities
 - Feedback opportunities
 - Who is doing What? Where?