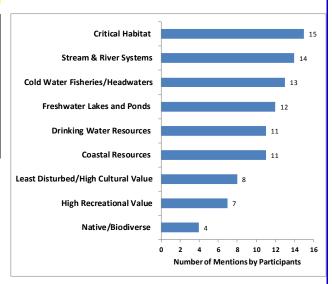
# Summary of TMDL and Assessment Vision Stakeholder Input Presented November 2018

# Priority for Protection Overall Responses Total Summary 15 Critical Habitat 14 Stream & River Systems 13 Cold Water Fisheries/Headwaters 14 Freshwater Lakes and Ponds 15 Drinking Water Resources 16 Coastal Resources 17 Coastal Resources 18 Least Disturbed/High Cultural Value



# Responses from Each Category

State Parks

High Recreational Value Native/Biodiverse

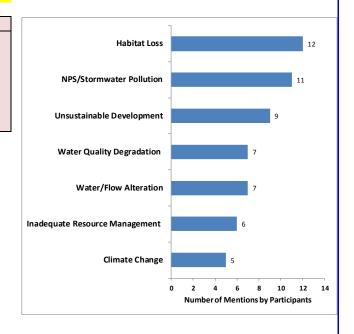
Total	Summary			
5	Cold Water Fisheries/Cold Water Fishery Resources			
4	Headwaters/1st Order Streams (including the Charles)			
1	Trout Brook			
1	Poor Farm Brook (CWF)			
1	Cold River			
1	Coal Mine Brook (CWF)			
13	Cold Water Fisheries/Headwaters			
3	Habitat/Critical Habitat, including Vernal Pools and ACECs			
3	Diadromous Fish Runs (e.g., Herring Runs)			
2	Connected Areas/Corridors			
2	ORWs/High Quality Waters			
1	Floodplain Connectivity			
1	Sensitive Habitat			
3	Areas with Endangered/State Listed spp			
15	Critical Habitat			
6	Drinking Water Sources and Protection Areas			
5	Major Water Supply Reservoirs			
11	Drinking Water Resources			
1	Education			
1	High Historical Cultural Value Rivers and Streams			
3	Wild and Scenic Areas (e.g., Taunton and Westfield River			
	Systems)			
1	Parker NWR and environs			
2	Undisturbed/Undeveloped Areas			
8	Least Disturbed/High Cultural Value			
4	Constal Freehouse and a such as the Constal Mass Davis			
4 3	Coastal Embaymentssuch as the Cape and MassBays Saltwater Wetlands			
2	Shellfish Habitat			
1				
1	Buzzards Bay Narraganset Bay			
11	Coastal Resources			
11	Coastai Nesoultes			
3	Recreation			
1	Public Access Areas			
1	Riverways Associated with Greenways and Bike Paths			
1	Bathing Beaches			

Total	Summary
2	Charles River Flood Storage Areas and Upper Watershed
1	Fowl Meadow (Neponset)
2	Freshwater Wetlands
2	Freshwater Ponds
1	The Ponds - Lynn Woods
1	Spot Pond-Middlesex Fells
1	Wenham Lake
1	Lake Quinsigamond
1	Echo Lake, Hopkinton
12	Freshwater Lakes and Ponds
1	Migratory Bird Areas
1	Native Mussel Streams (Rivers)
1	Native Fish
1	Biodiversity
4	Native/Biodiverse
1	Dynamic (systems?)
1	Trap Hole Brook
1	N Branch, Hoosic River
1	Red Brook
3	Critical/Natural Flow including Groundwater
1	Mashpee River
1	Hoosic Basin
1	Deerfield Basin
1	Millers River Tributaries
1	Bash Bish Brook
1	Wine Brook
1	Palmer River
14	Stream & River Systems

# **Overall Responses**

# Total Summary

- 12 **Habitat Loss**
- 11 NPS/Stormwater Pollution
- 9 Unsustainable Development
- 7 Water Quality Degradation
- 7 Water/Flow Alteration
- 6 Inadequate Resource Management
- 5 Climate Change



**Threats to Protection** 

# Responses from Each Category

Total	Summary		
4	Stormwater/NPS Pollution		
2	Stormwater Runnoff/Pollution/Outfalls		
1	Agriculture		
2	Road Salt		
1	Infiltration/Inflow		
1	Atmospheric Deposition (N,Hg,pH)		
11	NPS/Stormwater Pollution		
1	Bacteria		
1	Nutrients		
2	Invasives		
1	Eutrophication		
1	Water Quality Degradation (gw+sw)		
1	Littering		
7	Water Quality Degradation		
3	Water Withdrawals		
3	Streamflow Alterations		
1	Hydropower		
7	Water/flow Alteration		
3	Development		
2	Unsustainable Development/Zoning Regs		
1	Urbanization		
1	On-site Systems (Septic)		
1	Physical Alterations		
1	Impervious Surfaces		

Unsustainable Development

Total	Summary	
4	Encroachment/Habitat Loss	
3	Physical Barriers	
1	Dams	
1	Roads	
2	Habitat Alteration	
1	Fragmentation (Roads, Dams)	
12	Habitat Loss	
1	Resource Management	
1	Lack of Awareness	
1	Outdated WQS	
1	Lack of Links between State/Federal Regs and Local Bylaws	
1	Municipal Capacity to Manage Threats	
1	Recreation	
6	Inadequate Resource Management	
3	Temperature/Climate Change	
2	Climate Change Impacts (Changing Precip)	
5	Climate Change	

# Protection Actions Overall Responses Total Summary 18 TMDLs and Land Use Planning 18 Protective Actions 16 Regulatory 11 Collaboration and Advocacy 9 Education and Communication 9 Provide Resources 9 Data Collection and Management



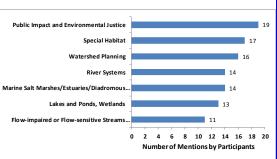
# Responses from Each Category

16 Regulatory

Total	Summary			
4	Awareness/Public Education			
1	Support Water Conservation Initiatives			
1	[Encourage?] Recreation			
2	Messaging to Different Audiences			
1	Create Climate of Trust			
9	Education and Communication			
1	Site Designs			
2	Integrated Planning and Coordination Among Agencies and			
	Programs			
3	Watershed Approach (Basin Teams?)			
2	TMDL Implemention (esp. Protective TMDLs)			
1	Watershed Planning Zoning			
4	Better Local Land Use/Zoning			
4	Land Acquisition and Protection (Encourage Connectivity)			
1	Protection for Connectivity			
18	TMDLs and Land Use Planning			
2	Engagement/Collaboration/Info Sharing			
2	Fostering Partnerships			
1	Finding a Champion			
1	Sharing Success Stories			
1	Support Friends' Groups			
1	Grass Roots Approach			
2	Stewardship, Education and Advocacy			
1	Gaining Political Support			
11	Collaboration and Advocacy			
	Contin O O A A condition on the			
1	Septic O&M and Inspection			
1	Update to Title 5/N-Removing Septics			
1	Changes in Regs			
1	Examine Existing Regs to Evaluate Sufficiency			
2	Strong Regulatory Protections			
5	Enforcement			
1	Reduce Water Withdrawals			
1	Support Groundwater Recharge for Baseflows			
2	Use of/Increase Special Protective Designations (esp.			
	ACECs)			
1	Lack of Clear Regulatory Categories for Restoration			
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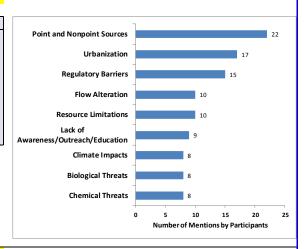
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Incentives for Better Development	
Support Science and Analysis	
Provide Resources	
Stormwater BMPs	
Sewering where Issues Exist/Sewer BMPs	
Floodplain Protection	
Reforest/Restore Riparian Zones	
Erosion and Sediment Control	
Interventions to Reduce TN, Green Infrastructure/Site Design	
Improve Tidal Flushing	
Barrier Removal/Restoration of Connectivity	
Dam Removal	
Plan with Resiliency in Mind (i.e, Climate Change)	
Support Innovative Solutions (esp. Infrastructure)	
Protective Actions	
Quantify Impacts/Threats	
Assess Feasibility	
Scale of Focus	
Compare Like-to-Like	
Identify "Pristine" Resources at Scale	
How Pristine?	
Monitoring & Prevention/Better Data	
Better Tools/Databases and Science-Based Resources for	
Watershed Groups  Data Collection and Management	

# Priority Waters for Restoration Overall Responses Total Summary 19 Public Impact and Environmental Justice 17 Special Habitat 18 Watershed Planning 19 River Systems 19 Watershed Planning 10 Watershed Planning 11 Lakes and Ponds, Wetlands 11 Flow-impaired or Flow-sensitive Streams and their sources Public Impact and Enviro Water Water Public Impact and Enviro Water Water Flow-impaired or Flow-sensitive Streams and their sources



Respo	Responses from Each Category			
Total	S	Take!	E	
3	Summary Urban Harbors And Watersheds (esp. Mystic River)	2	Summary Connected Areas	
1	Mainstem Rivers	4	Species, Habitats of Special Concern, Rare [and Endangered]	
2		3	Coldwater Fisheries	
1	CT River (i.e., Bacteria, Hydromodification)	1	ORWs	
	Nashua River, Pepperell Pond			
1	Taunton River Watershed	1	Vernal Pools	
1 1	Neponset River	1	Native Mussel Streams (Rivers)	
_	Charles River Lakes District + Lower Basin	1	Migratory Bird Areas	
	Emerald Necklace	1	ACECS	
1	Cold River Fowl Meadow	1 1	Pristine Condition Wild & Scenic	
1 1				
	Wine Brook	1	Lack of Biodiversity	
14	River Systems	17	Special Habitat	
1	Frashustar Lakas Dands	1	CSO Possiving Waters	
1 1	Freshwater Lakes, Ponds	1 5	CSO Receiving Waters	
	Quabbin	4	Swimming/Boating/Recreation Areas	
1	Nutrient-Impaired Lakes, Ponds		Public Health/Water Supplies	
1	Lake Quinsigamond	1	State Parks	
	Long Lake, Littleton	1	Size/Extent/Severity of Restoration Area	
	Wigwam Pond	2	Residential Density/Population Served	
	Wenham Lake		Social/Environmental Justice [Areas]	
	Ponds in Lynn Woods	1	[Prioritize Based on Threats to] Public Health	
1	Middlesex Fells	1	Economic Drivers, Urban Revitalization	
1	Great Ponds	1	Multi-Benefit Projects	
1	Eutrophication	19	Public Impact And EJ	
2	Wetlands		L. H. H. H. H. H. H.	
13	Lakes And Ponds, Wetlands		Low Hanging Fruit	
_	ChallCala Dada (ann Charad Dada)	1	Data Availability	
3	Shellfish Beds (esp. Closed Beds)	1	[Prioritize Based on] Uses	
1	Salt Marshes	3	Extent Of Local/State/Regional Support	
	Estuaries	3	303(d) List, Length of Time on List	
	Eelgrass Beds	1	Watershed Size	
	Migratory Fish Habitat	1	Watershed Approach	
	Parker River NWR	1	Scale	
1	Mass Bay	1	Compare Like to Like	
1	Diadromous Fish Spawning and Nursery Habitat	3	Recovery Potential	
1 <b>14</b>	Boston Harbor	16	Watershed Planning	
14	Marine Salt Marshes/Estuaries/Diadromous Fish Habitat			
,	Lanca a considera a mate			
	Impoundments			
1	Canals/Channelized Waters			
1	Flow Impaired Streams			
	Ipswich River			
1	Gulf Brook- CW Fisheries Adjacent to Municipal Well			
	Poor Farm Brook			
1	Coal Mine Brook			
1	Groundwater			
2	Headwater Streams			
1	Effluent-Dominated Streams			
11	Flow-Impaired or Flow-Sensitive Streams and their			

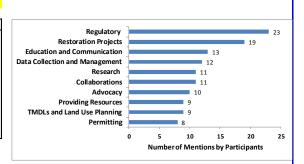
### **Restoration Threats and Barriers** Overall Responses Total Summary 22 Point and Nonpoint Sources 17 Urbanization Regulatory Barriers 15 10 Flow Alteration 10 Resource Limitations 9 Lack of Awareness/Outreach/Education 8 Climate Impacts Biological Threats 8 8 Chemical Threats



# Responses from Each Category

	Summary		Summary	
	Anaerobic Digesters	1	Pollutants at Swimming Areas	
2	Impervious Surface Runoff	2	Nutrients	
3	Stormwater	1	PCBs	
1	Point Sources	2	Emerging Contaminants	
3	NPS	2	Road Salt	
2	Outfalls	8	Chemical Threats	
2	Septic Systems			
2	Agriculture	5	Regulations/Permitting Limitations	
1	[Contaminated] Sediment	2	WQS Issues	
1	Golf Courses	2	Agency Capacity	
1	Landfills	1	Politics	
1	Atmospheric Deposition	3	Lack of Political Will	
2	Illicit Discharges	1	Grant Rules Force Project Segmentation	
22	Point And Nonpoint Sources	1	Lack of Links Between State/Federal Regs & Local Bylaws	
	·	15	Regulatory Barriers	
2	Power Generation		•	
3	Infrastructure	2	Not Changing Habits (e.g., Landowners)	
1	Thermal Pollution	4	Lack of Awareness/Outreach/Education	
1	Littering	1	Lack of Integrated Restoration Outreach	
2	Habitat Fragmentation		Resistance (to Change, Innovation)	
1	Encroaching Development		Lack of Awareness/Outreach/Education	
2	Habitat Loss		,	
1	Lack of Riparian Corridor	1	Competing Needs	
3	Development		Lack of Data and/or Analysis	
1	Recreation Overuse		Lack of Data on Emerging Contaminants	
17	Urbanization		Lack of Resources	
		1	Scale of Problem	
4	Climate Change	3	Reduced Funding	
1	Lack of Snow, Ice Cover	1	Logistics	
3	Drought		Resource Limitations	
8	Climate Impacts			
	·			
1	Stream Depletion			
4	Water Withdrawals			
1	Water Movement			
1	Quantity of Water			
3	Hydromodification			
10	Flow Alteration			
3	Cyanobacteria/HABs			
1	Bacteria			
4	Invasive spp.			
8	Biological Threats			

# Restoration Actions Overall Responses Total Summary 23 Regulatory Restoration Projects 13 Education and Communication 14 Data Collection and Management 15 Research 16 Collaborations 17 Advocacy 18 Providing Resources 19 TMDLs and Land Use Planning 18 Permitting



# Responses from Each Category

ı	Total	Summary
	1	Roadway Improvements
	3	BMPS LID
	1	Incentives for Better Development
	1	•
	2	Habitat Improvement Barrier Removal
	3	Green Infrastructure
	1	Focus on Redevelopment Improvements
	1	Improve Local Land Use Rules
	1 1	Bank & Floodplain Restoration
	1	Low Impact Green/Clean Energy
	1	Innovative Solutions (esp. Infrastructure)
	1	Fish Passage Improvements
	1	Sewering
		Improve & Replace Crossing: Culverts & Bridges
	19	Restoration Projects
		Dublic Education (col) UD
	1 1	Public Education [on] LID "Long View" Education (Students, Engineers)
	5	
	1	Education, Behavioral Mindset
	1	Education for Land Designers Training
	1	Messaging to Different Audiences
	1	Create Climate of Trust
	1	Change of Habits
	1	Wise Water Use + Conservation
	13	Education And Communication
	13	Education And Communication
	1	Local, State, Political Support
	1	Build Local Capacity
	1	Build Momentum and Social Support
	1	Gaining Political Support
	2	Engagement w/Communities
	1	Locus for Advocacy ("The Lorax")
	1	Advocacy
	1	Finding a Champion
	1	Sharing Success Stories
	10	Advocacy
	1	Regulations
	1	Clear Reg Categories for "Restoration"
	1	Water Quality Advisory Commission
	1	Local Bylaws; Monitor, Improve
	2	Enforce Rules and Regulations
	1	Examine Existing Regs to Evaluate Sufficiency
	3	Improved Regs
	1	Integrated Water Resources Management, Planning
	1	Stormwater Utility
	1	Habitat/ Flow in WQS
	1	Use Special Protective Designations
	1	Floodplain Protection
	1	Strengthen Wetland Protection Act, Buffer Zone Protection
	1	Expanding Use of Streamflow Criteria
	1	Strengthen Protection of Resources in Acecs
	1	SWMI HUC 10
	1	Reduce Water Withdrawals
	1	Updated Stormwater Standards
	1	GHG Emission Reductions
	1	Reduced Atmospheric Deposition
	23	Regulatory

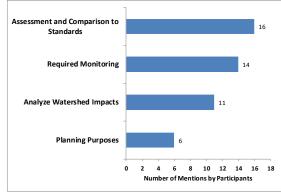
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Total	Summary
1 1	Vulnerability Assessment Plans
	Quantify Impacts/Threats
1	Assess Feasibility
1	Identify Pristine Resources @Scale
1	Efficient Ways to Treat for PCPs and Emerging Contaminants
1	Anticipatory Beach Closures
1	Pilot/Demonstration Project (i.e., Oysters)
2	University Assistance
1	Research Response Tools & Options
1	Better Social Science to Find Out True Barriers
11	Research
1	Comprehensive Data Collection
1	Monitor Recovery
1	Standard Data Collection + MGT
2	Monitoring
1	Better Data
1	Citizen Science
1	Net Increase Monitoring and Use of Data
1	Gap Analysis of Water Quality Programs
1	Electronic Reporting - Transparency of Data, Info
1	Assistance with Compliance Tracking
1	Track Restoration Activities
12	Data Collection And Management
1	"Direct To Action" Streamlined Projects
3	Permits
2	Leverage MS4 Permits
1	Conditioning Water Management Act Permits
1	Streamline Permitting for Eco. Restoration
8	Permitting
1	Resource Sharing + Collaboration + Communication
1	Regional [Action? Partnerships?]
2	Collaboration/Communication
1	Watershed Community Planning
2	Partnerships
1	Share/Analyze Results
2	Watershed Approach
1	Expanding Private Partnerships/Edu + Outreach
11	Collaborations
5	Funding
2	Assistance for Municipalities
1	Assistance with Regulatory Permitting
1	Incentives
9	Providing Resources
1	Public Access
1	Open Space Protection
1	Land Protection & Acquisition
1	Land Use Planning
1	Halt/Minimize Impacts
2	TMDL Implementation
1	TMDLs
1	Adaptive MGT
9	TMDLs and Land Use Planning

# What Questions are You Trying to Answer Through Your Monitoring Program?

# Overall Responses

# Total Summary

- 16 Assessment and Comparison to Standards
- Required Monitoring
- Analyze Watershed Impacts 11
- 6 Planning Purposes



## Responses from Each Category

# Total Summary

- Needs Assessment by Watershed
- ENF Actions? 1
- Behavioral Change -Research 1
- Engagement
- 1 What's the Next Step?
- Establish Baseline -Reference Conditions to Est. Policy 1

## Planning Purposes

- What is the Story?
- Negative and Positive Stories?
- Reference Waters [Reference-RW?] 1
- What Does Data Mean?
- How Do We Know? [Results + Discussion?]
- Effects of Rainfall on WQ 1
- How Landuse Effects WQ
- Long Term Trends 2
- ID Invasive Aquatic Vegetation 1
- Assess Emerging Contaminants

### Analyze Watershed Impacts 11

- Total P (BMP Effectiveness Monitoring)
- Compliance
- 2 Meet Standards
- Technology/BMP Verification Discharge, RW
- Probabilistic Monitoring 1.)305(b) Overall Condition 1
- 1 Off the 303(d) List
- Post-TMDL Monitoring
- NPDES Compliance and Understanding
- 1 Merrimack Nutrient Capacity

### 14 Required Monitoring

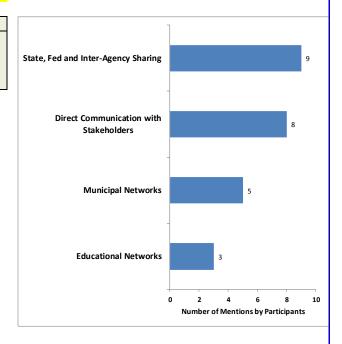
- Problem Identification
- Flow Conditions in Tribs
- Impacts on Aquatic Life Uses (Bio Monitoring) 1
- 1 Ecological Health of Wetlands
- TN, TP, Cl, Turb, E. Coli, Understanding the Watershed in a
- Recreational Use Assessment
- Current Condition Assessment
- Numerical Criteria esp. for Swimming
- 1 Wetlands Assessment
- Water Temp (Coldwater Fishery ID)
- 1 [Status] Assessment
- DO, Temp (Flows, Water Withdrawal) 1
- Collaborative Looking at Results
- Assessment and Comparison to Standards

# With Whom Do You Share Your Data?

# Overall Responses

# Total Summary

- State, Fed and Inter-Agency Sharing
- Direct Communication with Stakeholders
- Municipal Networks
- Educational Networks



# Responses from Each Category

# Total Summary

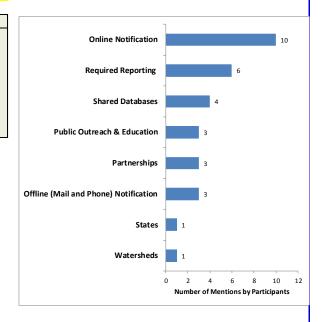
- Public Release 2
- 1 Public Webpage
- Monthly Report Cards 1
- Last Green Valley Coldwater Fisheries Mapping 1
- Notify People of Interest if over Standards
- Owner/Operator
- Other Professions (NEWEA Presentation Conferences)
- **Direct Communication with Stakeholders**
- State Agencies
- Federal Agencies
- National Database
- State, Fed and Inter-Agency Sharing
- CUAHSI 1
- 2 School Assistance and Volunteer Outreach
- 3 Educational Networks
- Municipal Reporting
- Incentive for Town Support
- **Conservation Commissions** 1
- Central Mass Stormwater Coalition
- **Municipal Networks**

# How Do You Share Your Data?

# **Overall Responses**

# Total Summary

- 10 Online Notification
- Required Reporting 6
- Shared Databases
- Public Outreach & Education
- 3 Partnerships
- 3 Offline (Mail and Phone) Notification
- States 1
- 1 Watersheds



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2	Annual Repo

- Compliance Programs -Regular Reporting
- Modeling to Predict Water Quality 1
- Enforcement Action

# Required Reporting

- 2 Outreach
- Education 1
- 3 Public Outreach & Education
- Collaborations
- **CUAHSI**
- 3 Partnerships
- 2 Postal Mail
- 3 Offline (Mail and Phone) Notification
- 1 National Database (e.g., WQX)
- Ice/Ecosheds USGS-Northeast 1
- 1 Internal-LIMS
- Shared Databases
- 1 Online Posting
  - Online Reports and Data
- Online Mapping and Notification
- Email Alerts and E. News
- 10 Online Notification

# 1 States

# Responses from Each Category

- orts
- 1 If Data are Used, DEP Cites Source

- 1 Phone
- Access and Excel Databases

1 Watersheds

# What Works? Overall Responses Total Summary 7 Communication and Outreach 7 Established Sampling Protocols 5 Resource Sharing 4 Volunteer Resources 3 Regular Reporting and Analysis 2 Goal Setting



# Responses from Each Category

Total	Summary	
2	Equipment and Lab Support/Resource Sharing	
3	Resource Partnerships	
5	Resource Sharing	
1	Public Outreach	
1	Communicate Results Thoughtfully	
1	Engagement	
1	Negative vs. Positive Stories	
1	Know Your Audience	
1	Use of Web, Social Media [Transparency](ET)	
1	Effective Communication	
7	Communication and Outreach	
1	Volunteer Local Outreach	
1	Volunteer Plan of Action	
2	Stable Pool of Volunteers	
4	Volunteer Resources	
1	Knowledge of Ambient Conditions	
1	Simplify Scope, Set Realistic Goals	
2	Goal Setting	
1	Bacteria Source Tracking	
1	IDEXX \$Colilert- Fast, Reliable for E. Coli	
1	Clean Sampling for Metals (EPA 200.8)	
1	Storm Sampling	
1	Templates and Clear Direction Documentation	
1	Checklists, Guidebooks	
1	QAPPs/SOPs	
7	Established Sampling Protocols	
1	Report	
1	Report Context-What's Still Red?	
1	Interactive Maps	
3	Regular Reporting and Analysis	