

South Shore Coalition Monthly Meeting 10/17/2024



Agenda

- Introductions and Community Share
- Environmental Planning at MAPC, Van Du
- NSRWA Overview and Ongoing Efforts, Sam Woods
- Quick Plug: Community Health Equity Data, Tanaya Tonpay
- Engagement and Grant Opportunities

Environmental Planning at MAPC, Van Du

In her role as **Assistant Director of Environmental Planning**, Van supports MAPC communities on climate action planning and implementation efforts as well as hazard mitigation projects. Van also manages the Accelerating Climate Resiliency grant program, which aims to advance climate equity and regional coordination and readiness for climate change.



NSRWA Overview and Ongoing Efforts, Sam Woods

Samantha Woods has been the Executive Director of the North and South Rivers Watershed Association since 2002.

Samantha has worked in the environmental field protecting water for over 20 years. She has worked to protect and restore river ecosystems through educating and engaging citizens about watershed-related issues. In the South Shore region she works to raise awareness and affect positive change in environmental decision-making.



MAPC Technical Assistance Program

- Rolling deadlines
 - Municipal applicants required
 - Multi-municipal projects encouraged
 - Reach out for project ideation or scoping support
- [FY25 Call for Project Concepts](#) for the [Technical Assistance Program](#) is now available.
 - MAPC's Technical Assistance Program (TAP) allows municipalities in Greater Boston to tap into the agency's extensive expertise in planning, policy, municipal management, and data analysis to advance local, regional, and state goals.
 - Visit the TAP [website](#) or subscribe to the listserv [here](#).

ResilientCoasts Initiative by Mass Office of CZM

- The goal of the ResilientCoasts initiative is to develop a comprehensive, state-wide strategy for coastal resilience in the Commonwealth. In collaboration with the state's coastal communities and other stakeholders, ResilientCoasts will pursue a multipronged approach to identify regulatory, policy, and funding mechanisms to develop focused long-term solutions.
- CZM will host ResilientCoasts Public Meetings on October 21 and 25 to provide an update on the ResilientCoasts Plan and Coastal Resilience Districts and seek input. See [Upcoming Opportunities](#) below for details.
- We will be joined by Deanna Moran, Chief Coastal Resilience Officer at CZM to share more about this initiative in our November monthly meeting.

Data Resources

- **MAPC's Climate Resilience Playbook:** An interactive tool that local planners can use to identify and prioritize resilience actions for their communities. <https://www.mapc.org/resource-library/climate-resilience-playbook/>
- **MAPC's Climate Vulnerability Analysis Tool:** <https://climate-vulnerability.mapc.org/>
- **MAPC's Green Infra Siting tool for MS4 Compliance:** <https://www.mapc.org/resource-library/green-stormwater-infrastructure-siting-tool/>
- **ResilientMass:** Geospatial information curated to support climate resilience in MA. <https://resilientma-mapcenter-mass-eoeaa.hub.arcgis.com/>
- **EEA Grant Mapping:** Interactive mapping tool to explore climate resilience-related grants awarded by EEA and its agencies. <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/fd26505b82bc49b1bac525dc95a2a50a/page/All-Grants/>

Engagement Opp: Take the Flooding Survey (EEA, DCR, RPAs)

- In collaboration with regional planning agencies, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) are conducting a **Massachusetts Flood Vulnerability Assessment** to identify where and how flooding is occurring in EJ communities.
- As part of this effort, the project team is administering a survey and hoping to hear from municipal and community leaders from across the state, especially representatives from EJ communities. Your participation is crucial to ensuring that the voices of those most impacted by flooding are heard, and that effective, equitable solutions are developed.
- To gather valuable information from your community, we kindly ask that you complete this brief survey: <https://bit.ly/MAfloods>. The survey is designed to collect data on existing flood vulnerabilities, local experiences, and potential mitigation strategies in your area. Information gathered from this survey will help inform next stages of the Massachusetts Flood Vulnerability Assessment.

Engagement Opp: Celebrating Dr. Robert Bullard, the “father of environmental justice”

- On October 18th, The Museum of Science is rolling out the red carpet to honor Dr. Robert Bullard, the "father of environmental justice," with the 2024 Bradford Washburn Award. :tada: Dr. Bullard has been a relentless advocate for the rights of historically underserved communities, pushing for policies that ensure everyone has access to a safe and healthy environment.
- Free, in-person event on Friday, October 18 at 6:00 pm
- Details here: <https://lnkd.in/gVK8B7tF>
- Tickets here: <https://tickets.mos.org/events/80c73524-354b-1b08-da91-54b69e629449>

Engagement Opp: Reducing Emissions from Agriculture and Natural Lands Workshop

“Agriculture and Natural Lands” encompasses a wide variety of sectors including agriculture, fishing/fisheries, forestry, as well as land conservation and preservation. Activities in this sector can both contribute to GHG emissions, as well as provide carbon sinks and benefits. During the 1.5 hour long virtual workshop we will hear from leaders from the region on this topic, brainstorm strategies and actions for reducing emissions at the local and regional level and discuss equity and co-benefits from these actions.

- When: Wednesday, October 23rd
- Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm
- Where: Zoom
- [RSVP here.](#)

Engagement Opp: Reducing Emissions from Waste and Materials Management Workshop

Are you working towards zero waste goals? Interested in circular economy? Love compost? During the 2-hour-long in-person workshop we will hear from leaders from the region on waste, brainstorm strategies and actions for reducing emissions from waste at the local and regional level, and discuss equity and co-benefits from these actions. Unable to attend in person? A separate virtual session will be held in November.

- When: Thursday, October 24th
- Time: 10am-12pm, with optional networking lunch until 1pm
- Where: Lexington, MA Community Center
- Register: [Register here](#) by Thursday, October 17th. Space is limited.

Engagement Opp: 2024 Masstrails Conference

- Register [here](#) for the 2024 MassTrails Conference taking place on October 26! Be sure to check out our offerings for hands-on workshops and experiential field trips to see what other opportunities we have during the week. Make sure you've signed up to receive our MassTrails e-news so you'll be in the know as details emerge. Sign up by [clicking here](#).
- The DCR hosted conference only comes about every two years, this year in Worcester.
- The main conference is Saturday the 26h, however there is also Municipal Friday of which targets municipal staff (but is open to all). The Friday sessions are free, the Saturday conference is \$50 to register.



Professional Dev Opp: CTPC Planner Training Webinars

Webinars provide training for municipal citizen and professional planners in land use law and practice in Massachusetts. Among the 9 workshops offered are:

- Roles & Responsibilities of Planning and Zoning Boards
- Fair Housing Laws
- Planning with Community Support

The complete list and registration information is at <https://masscptc.org/>. The Citizen Planner Training Collaborative is a nonprofit organization offering training to Massachusetts municipal planners for 30 years.



Calls for action

- Reach out to us if your community is interested in **Emergency Preparedness**. There is a chance to coordinate regionally as projects get scoped.
- Reach out if your community is interested in thinking about **Wastewater and Storm Water Management** regionally. (November meeting focus).
- Reach out to apply or ideate **applications for TAP** funds.
- Reach out to **public health team for survey data** analysis.
- Share and attend the **South Shore Organizing Call** focused on supporting organizing around **housing needs** as fall town meetings gear towards MBTA Communities Compliance. Hosted by One Commonwealth, Abundant Housing and CHAPA. (details TBA).
- Reach out if you need **adhoc TA on 3A Compliance work** such as app submission support, model reviews, GIS support etc.

Thank you

Next meeting on Nov 21st at 2pm

Meeting focus: Water and Wastewater
Management