

**Mystic River Watershed Federal Partners Conference Call  
Agenda – September 1, 2015**

9:00-10:30 am

Call number: (617) 918-2821; code: 173172

**Objectives:**

- Report on areas of potential collaboration suggested by Steering Committee members, as consistent with Mission and Priorities.
- Identify collaborative goals and activities that federal partners will seek to implement with EPA and local partners over the next one to three years.
- Develop next steps for on-going communication and collaboration between EPA, federal partners, and the Mystic River Watershed Steering Committee.

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- 9:00**                    **Introductions, Agenda Review, and Objectives**  
*Consensus Building Institute*
- Lead round of introductions, review the agenda and objectives
- 9:10**                    **Brief Review of Mystic River Watershed Initiative Steering Committee and Urban Waters Federal Partnership**  
*Environmental Protection Agency*
- Briefly describe history of Mystic River Watershed Initiative Steering Committee and development of and relation to the Urban Waters Federal Partnership
- 9:20**                    **Steering Committee Member Outreach Findings**  
*Consensus Building Institute*
- CBI share feedback from outreach phone calls, highlighting areas of potential collaboration with federal agencies to achieve mission and priorities.
- 9:30**                    **Identify Potential Areas of Collaboration**  
*All, facilitated discussion*
- Based on ideas from the steering committee members and on the interests and abilities of your agencies, what tangible activities or goals does it make sense to collaborate on over the next year to three years? The Mission and Priorities should be the focal point of this discussion.
  - What other ideas or projects might you be interested in collaborating on with Steering Committee members?
  - Potential ideas:
    - Canoemobile
    - Open space improvement - Grant Opportunity Meeting (Q+A for munis to learn specifics about grants offered by Feds)
    - Continue work on the Phosphorus loading with USGS

- Other Considerations

**10:00 On-going Communication and Collaboration**

*All, facilitated discussion*

- How should the federal partners stay connected to the work of the Mystic River Watershed Urban Partnership? What type of on-going communication mechanisms make the most sense?
- EPA offer ideas – dedicated federal partner calls, blind copy on Steering Committee emails and documents, targeted invitations to Steering Committee meetings, EPA SharePoint site for federal partners, etc.

**10:15 Federal Partners Work Plan Development**

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- The Federal Partnership has adopted the Mission and Priorities of the Steering Committee. The context of a work plan should be considered as an additional Priority or an appendix to the existing document.
- Present the Partners with a hand out of our idea for how this work plan should look
- Identify key elements of work plan, potentially including:
  - Purpose and need
  - Roles, Responsibilities, and Expectations
  - Communication channels and frequency
  - Key actions and opportunities in 2016, 2017, 2018
- Review action items
- Summarize accomplishments
- Set next call date, if appropriate