



## ***Soak Up the Rain New England Webinar Series:***

### ***Getting Ready for the Rain! Integrating and Implementing Nature-Based Solutions into State and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans-Part II***

**Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM-2:30 PM EST**

**[To Register\\*](#)**

As New England communities prepare for storms and natural disasters, Hazard Mitigation Plans are critical to reduce local environmental and public health impacts when severe events occur.

Many states and local governments are currently updating plans to identify risks and vulnerabilities associated with natural disasters, presenting an opportunity to incorporate Nature-Based solutions, including green infrastructure.

This webinar will showcase unique approaches in Massachusetts and Vermont to incorporate nature-based solutions in hazard mitigation and climate adaptation planning at the state and local level. This webinar will cover State Hazard Mitigation requirements, showcase how State plans incorporate and implement nature-based solutions. Massachusetts staff will discuss the Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) and Vermont staff will showcase a partnership to protect and improve water quality and reduce the impacts of erosion and flooding during extreme weather events.

#### **Presenters:**

**Sarah J. White**, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

**Margot Mansfield**, Coastal Hazards Specialist, MA Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM)

**Lauren Oates**, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, VT Emergency Management Agency

**\*Registration site-**<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/413816988814338050>

For information on Soak Up the Rain and the webinar series-  
<http://www.epa.gov/soakuptherain>

#### **Who Should Attend:**

Municipal decision makers/planners and Department of Public Works (DPW) staff, environmental organizations, practitioners, educators, and interested citizens - anyone who is considering a new project or looking to build on an existing program.

#### **Webinar Series**

We will be focusing on a range of innovative approaches to addressing stormwater in New England, presented by leaders from around the region.

- Hear about stormwater public outreach resources and programs;
- See who's soaking up the rain as we showcase green infrastructure projects and programs;
- Learn about the latest tools and resources from EPA and others for implementing and promoting green infrastructure; and
- Engage with others as we share information about successes, barriers, and lessons learned while implementing green infrastructure in New England communities.