

# 2022 SNEP WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS *Application Workshop*

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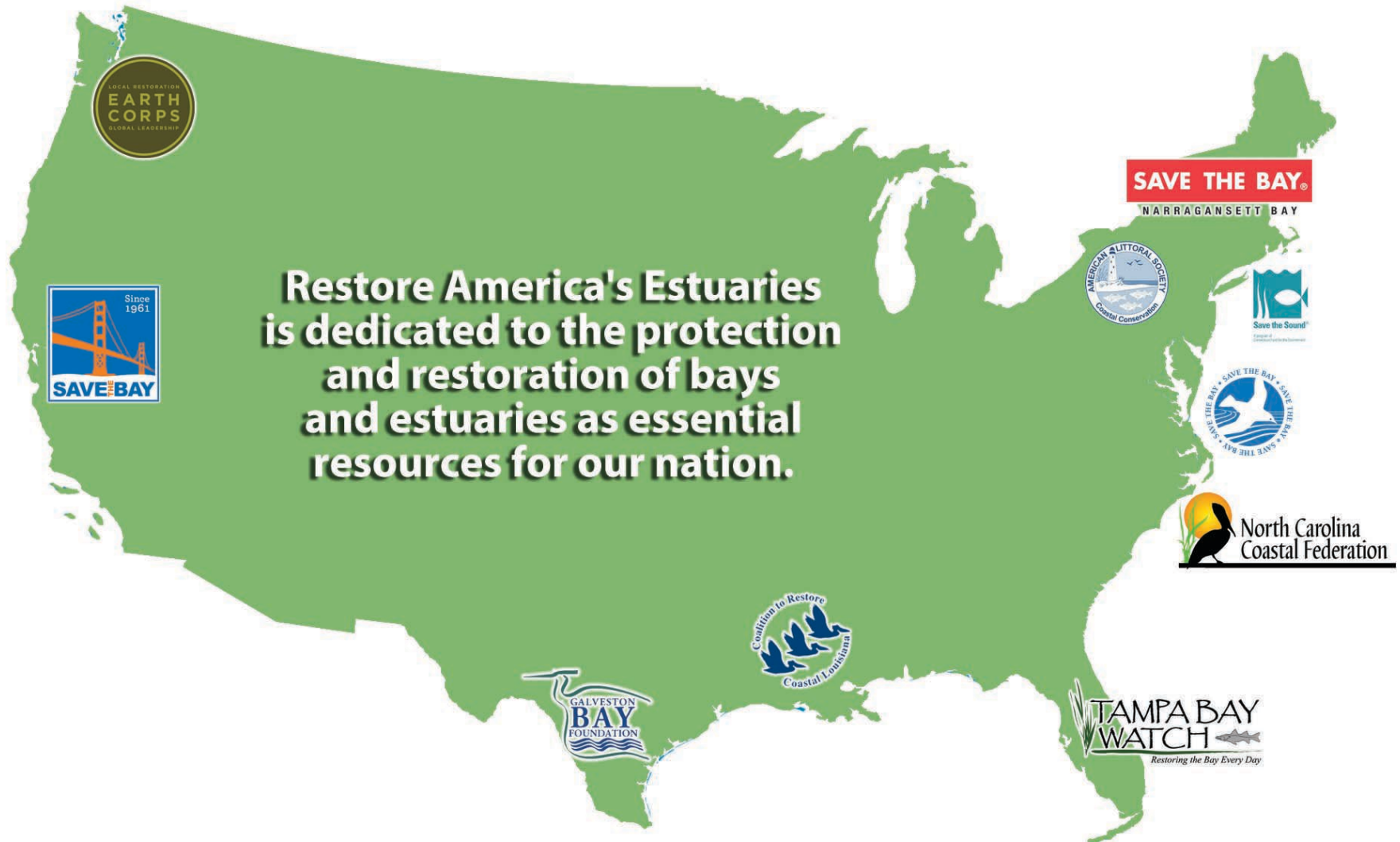
**RESTORE AMERICA'S ESTUARIES**

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# Restore America's Estuaries



# Southeast New England Program (SNEP)

Federal Funding Program managed by EPA since 2014

**Program Vision 2050:** A resilient ecosystem of safe and healthy waters, thriving watersheds and natural lands, and sustainable communities in the Southeast New England Program coastal watershed region.

## Program Goals:

- Resilient Ecosystem of Safe & Healthy Waters
- Thriving Watersheds & Natural Lands
- Sustainable Communities



## Program Funding Region



# SNEP Program Priorities

- Increase local capacity;
- Increase available solutions;
- Ensure diverse representation;
- Demonstrate ways to address common challenges; and,
- Increase community leaders' understanding of the benefit of restoration projects.

***See “SNEP Strategic Plan” via our “Resources” page or RFP***

# RAE SNEP Watershed Grants: 2018 - 2021

- RAE/EPA Cooperative Agreement since 2017
- Awards 2018 -- 2021
  - 50 Grants
  - 100+ Grantees
    - \$10.3 M awards
    - \$5.9 M match
    - \$16.2 M total
  - Grants \$10k - \$500k, most in the \$100k - \$400k range
- Built on Foundation of EPA Grantmaking 2014 – 2016

# Purpose & Goals of Grants

- *Restore Ecosystems, Improve Communities*
- Restore Clean Water – Manage Nutrients
- Restore Ecosystem Functions & Values
- Build Capacity – Technical, Institutional & Programmatic
- Foster & Support Partnerships
- Support Innovative Technologies
- Foster Regional Learning
- Develop Synergies with SNEP Network
- Support Diverse Communities, Organizations & Projects
- Holistic Approaches – Water Quality, Habitat & Community

# Examples of Projects Funded

- Watershed-scale Estuarine Restoration
- Green Streets & Neighborhoods – Urban Restoration & Community Engagement
- Stormwater Demonstration & Training
- Innovative Wetland & River Restoration
- Coastal Resilience & Other Habitat Restoration
- Pilot Projects: PRBs, bioreactors, innovative septic
- Applied Ecosystem Research, Monitoring & Data Management
- Watershed & Regional Plans
- Conferences & Tech Transfer (smaller \$\$\$)



# Types of Organizations Funded

- Municipalities
- State Agencies
- Tribes
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Regional Planning Organizations
- Universities & Other Academic Institutions
- Partnerships: Multi-community, regional & public/private

## Grantees include:

- Town of Bristol, RI
- RI Dept. of Environmental Management
- City of Pawtucket, RI
- Save The Bay, RI
- University of Rhode Island
- Assn. to Preserve Cape Cod
- Buzzards Bay Coalition
- Cape Cod Commission
- Falmouth Rod & Gun Club
- Martha's Vineyard Comm.
- Pleasant Bay Alliance
- Southeast Regional Planning & Econ. Dev. Dist.
- Audubon Society of RI
- City of Cranston, RI
- Groundwork RI
- City of Newport, RI
- Northern RI Conservation Dist.
- Town of Warren, RI
- Woonasquatucket River Watershed Assn.
- Mass. Maritime Academy
- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- City of Providence, RI
- RI Div. of Marine Fisheries
- Town of South Kingstown, RI
- Mt. Holyoke College
- Center for Coastal Studies
- Mass. Audubon Soc.

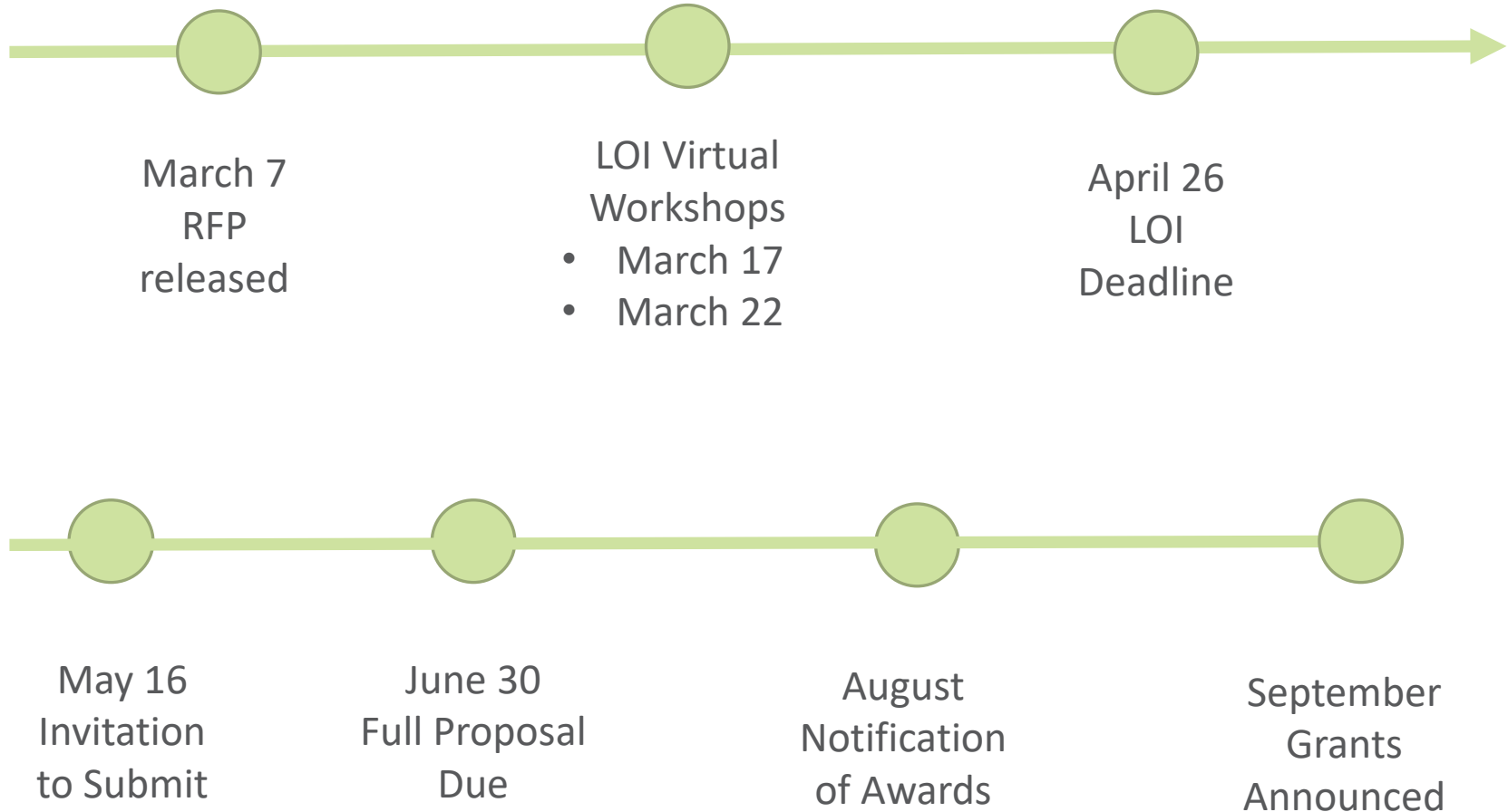
# 2022 Request for Proposals

## \$1.85 million available

### *Notes for 2022*

- SNEP Strategic Plan – Vision, Goals & Priorities
- Letter of Intent (LOI) as first application step
- On-line portal for applications and administration
- Broad review committee
- Coordination with SNEP Network
- More emphasis on underrepresented communities
- More emphasis on habitat & resilience
- More support for applicants & grantees
- Broad environmental monitoring or research ineligible
- Match waiver by request

# 2022 Award Calendar



# Successful Proposals

- Support SNEP Vision, Goals & Priorities
- Significant positive impact on ecosystems & communities
- Connection to water quality; holistic approach
- Build or support local and regional partnerships
- Build local & regional capacity
- Foster regional learning & expertise
- Strong outreach component – general &/or technical
- Inform communities & community leaders
- Understanding of implementation

# Foundations for SNEP Watershed Grants

- Identified Needs
- Regional or Watershed Plans
- Vulnerability or Resilience Plans
- New or Existing Partnerships
- Community Commitment
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Non-Federal Match



# Things to Avoid

- Proposals that are not well connected to potential implementation
- Those without clear results or benefits
- Projects that ignore existing plans, ongoing initiatives or other potential connections
- Proposals that overlook obvious partnership opportunities
- Unnecessary competition within a small geographic area

# Logistics

- Read RFP prior to on-line application!
- Grants are reimbursable
- 33% Match Required
- 2-year performance period
- Semi-annual reporting
- Quality Assurance Performance Plans (QAPPs) generally required
- Federal Funding Requirements Apply -- See RFP
- Applications can be developed over several cycles
- RAE can provide assistance

# SNEP Network

- Provides training, technical assistance and capacity-building.
- Support can be coordinated with SNEP Watershed Grants.
- Use Network for SNEPWG project development, or to implement SNEPWG-funded plans and projects.
- Contact Network for assistance:  
[www.snepnetwork.org](http://www.snepnetwork.org)

# Questions?

For more information, download the RFP, and  
apply:

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More about SNEP:

Google “SNEP Strategic Plan” or link from  
SNEP Watershed Grants RFP