

Southeast New England Program Project Level Metrics 2024

Preface: Since its formation in 2012, the Southeast New England Program (SNEP) has funded numerous projects to protect and restore the water quality, habitat, and resilience of the region. However, to date the overall impact of these projects on the regional environment has not been quantified, in part because each grantee reports the impact of their project in their own way. To better quantify and report on the impact of individual projects, as well as the Program as a whole, SNEP has developed a standardized set of metrics for grantee reporting.

Only a subset of metrics related to a grantee's project will be required to be reported on. Reporting will not be required until the end of a project. The grantee will work with their Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Project Officer (PO) to determine which metrics are applicable to a given project. The grantee can reach out to EPA at any time should they require assistance with calculating any metrics.

It should be noted that employee time used for reporting is an eligible grant expense.

Instructions: Please review the metrics below based on the type of project proposal you are submitting and put a check mark next to the metrics you believe may be applicable to your proposed project. Please submit this checklist with your full proposal. Your selected metrics will not be used in evaluating your proposal but will rather serve as a starting point for metric selection should your proposal be accepted.

Potential Metrics by Project Type:

<u>General Project Metrics (Required for All Projects)</u>	
<u>Metric</u>	Applicable?
\$ provided to disadvantaged communities	X
(DACs)	
# of DACs receiving SNEP assistance	\boxtimes
# of government entities participating	\boxtimes
# of volunteers participating	\boxtimes
# of partner organizations on the project	X
\$ funding leveraged (including match,	X
over-match, and non-match eligible	
leveraged funds	



Education, Outreach, and Training	
<u>Metric</u>	Applicable?
# of webinars	
# of workshops or courses	
# of enhanced training opportunities made available to municipalities, Tribes, and/or NGOs	
% of people demonstrating a minimum level of knowledge, attitudes, or skills after a training/event/workshop/webinar etc.	
# of municipalities and Tribes that complete Bylaw Review Tool/Low Impact Development Checklist trainings and/or use the Bylaw Review Tool/ Low Impact Development Checklist.	
# of Tribes and/or communities receiving technical assistance to plan and design site level remediation	

Planning and Policy	
<u>Metric</u>	<u>Applicable?</u>
# of plans developed	
# of municipalities and Tribes that, with Network assistance, complete a finance plan including analysis of needs and priorities as well as potential funding mechanisms.	

Stormwater Management	
<u>Metric</u>	Applicable?
# square feet of green infrastructure installed	
# stormwater infiltration technologies capable of reducing nitrogen released to ground water or surface water.	
# square feet of impervious surface removed, disconnected, or retrofitted	
# acres of impervious cover area treated with green infrastructure	



gallons (volume) of stormwater
prevented or reduced from directly
entering waterway annually
pounds of nitrogen discharge avoided
per year
pounds of phosphorus discharge avoided 🛛
per year
pounds of sediment discharge avoided
per year
% bacterial colonies reduced from directly \Box
discharging to waterway per year based
on pre-BMP loading rates (fecal indicator
bacteria: e. coli (fresh water) or
Enterococci (saline water)
bacterial colonies (Billion MPN/year)
reduced or prevented from directly
discharging to waterway annually (fecal
indicator bacteria: e. coli (fresh water) or
Enterococci (saline water)

Wastewater Management	
Metric	Applicable?
# pounds reduced phosphorus load from	
wastewater treatment facilities	
(pounds/year)	
# pounds reduced nitrogen load from	
wastewater treatment facilities	
(pounds/year)	
# onsite wastewater treatment systems	
providing improved nutrient reduction (ex.	
innovative/alternative septic systems,	
composting toilets, etc.)	
# pounds reduced nitrogen load from	
improved onsite wastewater systems	
(pounds/year)	
# towns that include use of nitrogen-	
reducing IA onsite septic systems as means	
to reduce their nitrogen impacts.	

Fertilizer and Fertigation	
Metric	Applicable?
# acres with reduced use of lawn fertilizers	
that include phosphorus and nitrogen	



# acres of land area fertilized through	
fertigation well(s).	

Permeable Reactive Barriers	
Metric	Applicable?
# linear feet of permeable reactive barrier	
for nitrogen mitigation in ground water	

Habitat Restoration	
Metric	Applicable?
# pounds of phosphorus discharge avoided	
per year	
# pounds of nitrogen discharge avoided	
per year	
# technologies or approaches to reduce	
nitrogen from cranberry bogs and	
wetlands	
# acres of aquaculture to reduce nutrients	
and sustain the seafood economy	
# acres of coastal habitat restored	
# acres of restored saltmarsh	
# acres with installed technologies or	
approaches to protect saltmarshes from	
sea level rise.	
# acres of new eelgrass habitat	
# waterbodies using in situ (in surface	
water) treatment technology(ies) to	
reduce HABs	
# acres of restored water buffer area (non-	
riverine)	
# linear shoreline of riparian habitat	
restored	
# acres of floodplain restored	

Invasive Species	
Metric	Applicable?
# acres managed to treat invasive plants	

Land Protection	
<u>Metric</u>	Applicable?
# acres of land protected	



# acres of inland wetland permanently	
protected beyond that afforded by state	
and federal wetland regulation	
# acres of protected saltmarsh	
# acres of accessible open space created or	
conserved	

Trash and Microplastics	
<u>Metric</u>	<u>Applicable?</u>
# pounds of floatable debris reduced or	
prevented from entering the waterway per	
year	

Monitoring and Research		
Metric	Applicable?	
# applied research studies completed with		
findings reported to management		
# projects that include valuation of		
project's contribution to ecosystem		
services		
\$ aquatic or terrestrial monitoring		
programs		

Public Use/ Access of Blue- and Greenspaces		
<u>Metric</u>	Applicable?	
# recreational access points created or		
improved		
# linear feet of walking trails improved or		
created		
# of people within a 0.5-mile buffer of the		
new public blue/greenspace		