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**Re: Award #00A00370 – SNEP Watershed Grants – Final Progress Report**

Dear Margherita, Regina and Bryan,

Restore America's Estuaries (RAE) is pleased to provide you with the final progress report for RAE's cooperative agreement with EPA, titled "Support for Southeast New England Program (SNEP)." Enclosed for your review are a programmatic report with supplementary attachments, and standard Federal Financial Report.

Under this cooperative agreement, RAE directed \$10.3 million in EPA/SNEP to 99 subawards for locally-driven, high-priority environmental restoration projects. We completed four annual rounds of SNEP Watershed Grants (SNEPWG) (2018 – 2021), awarding 54 grants totaling \$9.97 million. In addition, in early 2025 we awarded 45 SNEP Restoration Capital Mini-Grants totaling \$345,000. We are pleased to report that all subgrants under this cooperative agreement have now been successfully closed.

We trust that EPA will agree that the results of this cooperative agreement have been tremendously beneficial for Southeast New England ecosystems and communities. As documented in the enclosed report, the project-level Watershed Grants secured \$5.4 million in non-federal match and a remarkable \$23.9 million in leveraged dollars, yielding a nearly 3:1 return on investment for EPA's partnership with RAE.

More important, the results of this program on the ground, in the water, and throughout the communities of Southeast New England were substantial and consequential. SNEPWG investments restored or conserved more than 30,000 acres of land and 20 river miles, and had a beneficial impact on 400 square miles of estuarine waters. SNEPWG spurred the development or implementation of 19 significant watershed conservation plans; the creation or strengthening of 45 watershed partnerships; and the implementation of 25 innovative watershed-based nutrient reduction strategies.

Beyond these outcomes, SNEP Watershed Grants significantly increased the capacity of Southeast New England communities and non-profit organizations to tackle local and regional environmental challenges. Each SNEP Watershed Grant represented a dynamic

partnership among organizations, working together with guidance from EPA Region 1 through the SNEP Strategic Plan. Each of these projects laid a foundation for future work, both within the subrecipient community, and elsewhere in Southeast New England, due to the connections among subrecipients fostered by the SNEP program. RAE's close coordination with EPA, the SNEP Network, Narragansett Bay Estuary Program and Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program helped to strengthen Federal capacity to support watershed stewardship by local and regional organizations.

The four rounds of SNEP Watershed Grants, alone, would have satisfied RAE's commitment to EPA under this cooperative agreement. However, in late 2024 we recognized an unmet need among local watershed stewardship organizations, for smaller amounts of funding to purchase supplies, materials and equipment for use in restoration projects. In consultation with EPA, RAE launched SNEP Restoration Capital Mini-Grants. In early 2025, this new program awarded \$345,000 in Mini-Grants (up to \$10,000 each) to 45 organizations, greatly increasing their capacity to carry out land and water restoration work throughout the region. The development of the Mini-Grants exemplified the program's flexibility in meeting the needs of SNEP stakeholders while achieving SNEP program goals.

We wish to note that the success of the SNEP Watershed Grants program was due to the collaboration between RAE and EPA, and to RAE's close and diligent oversight—both programmatic and fiscal—of the subgrants. These types of restoration projects are inherently difficult and complex; unforeseen circumstances are often encountered. Local organizations and communities may lack the capacity or expertise to manage unexpected challenges. Coordinated technical and administrative support provided by RAE, the SNEP Network, and EPA SNEP program staff was critical in many instances to the successful completion of SNEPWG projects. In many cases, RAE's ongoing administrative support was essential to the ability of smaller watershed organizations and municipalities to successfully navigate the complexities of Federal grant requirements. As a non-profit organization with a strong presence in the SNEP region, RAE has the knowledge, flexibility and capacity to ensure that SNEP-funded projects fulfill and exceed the objectives of the SNEP program and the requirements of Federal funding.

Thank you for your support of this important initiative, and please let us know if there's any additional information we can provide. We look forward to continuing to work with you and other members of the SNEP team on current and future SNEP initiatives.

Sincerely,



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# **Southeast New England Program Watershed Grants**

**(EPA Award #SE-00A00370)**

*A Funding Partnership between US Environmental Protection Agency,  
Region 1, and Restore America's Estuaries*



## **Final Progress Report**

*Prepared by Restore America's Estuaries, November 2025*



## 1.0 OVERVIEW: PROGRAM RESULTS

In 2017, Restore America's Estuaries (RAE) entered into a cooperative agreement (EPA Award #SE-00A00370) with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1, to manage a competitive grants initiative under EPA's Southeast New England Program (SNEP).

Working closely with SNEP stakeholders convened by EPA, RAE developed and implemented a multi-year grantmaking program, **SNEP Watershed Grants (SNEPWG)**. SNEPWG began grantmaking in 2018, and completed its last set of awards in 2021. Over the course of the program, SNEPWG awarded 54 project grants ranging from \$20,000 to \$500,000. These awards are listed in **Attach. 1**.

In addition to SNEPWG funding for larger projects, RAE recognized a critical need among watershed stewardship organizations for smaller grants with which to purchase supplies, materials and equipment. We therefore initiated **SNEP Restoration Capital Mini-Grants**, in consultation with EPA. Through this smaller but impactful program, RAE awarded 45 Mini-Grants totaling \$345,000 in 2025, detailed in **Attach. 2**.

Each of these grant programs proved to be effective, efficient and impactful. Taken together, the 99 subawards made under this cooperative agreement totaled \$10.3 million (**Attach. 3**). SNEPWG projects secured \$5.4 million in non-federal match, and generated at least an additional \$24 million in funds leveraging. With match and leveraging, the net direct economic impact of this RAE/EPA partnership is estimated at approximately \$40 million, dedicated entirely toward environmental restoration throughout the SNEP region (**Attach. 5**).

With match and leveraging, SNEP Watershed Grants yielded \$29 million in additional funding for regional restoration projects—a nearly 3:1 return on EPA's investment.

Among the high-impact restoration projects enabled by SNEPWG:

- **Stormwater management** to reduce nutrient pollution and urban flooding (Providence, Cranston, Bristol, Pawtucket, East Providence, Newport, South Kingstown, and Woonsocket, RI; Barnstable, Bourne, Chatham, Orleans, Harwich, and Brewster, MA).
- **The restoration of degraded salt marshes, abandoned cranberry bogs, urban wetlands and eroded shorelines** to improve wildlife habitat, water quality, and outdoor recreation opportunities (Falmouth, Yarmouth, Dennis, Westport, Worcester, and Harwich, MA; Tiverton and Warren, RI).

***Cover Photo:** AD Colburn of the Falmouth Rod & Gun Club explains the completed Childs River Restoration Project to Nate Whetten of the Town of Yarmouth and Haley Miller of EPA. The Childs River project restored 15 acres of retired cranberry bog, 22 acres of related habitats, and two miles of free-flowing stream habitat, resulting in the return of spawning brook trout populations and many other kinds of wildlife to this Cape Cod watershed.*



### *Program Results, continued*

- **Innovative technologies** to reduce pollution and restore water quality, such as Permeable Reactive Barriers (Falmouth and Oak Bluffs, MA).
- **Shellfish restoration for clean water** (RI Div. of Marine Fisheries in Rhode Island waters, and Pleasant Bay Alliance in Pleasant Bay, MA);
- **Innovative policy development** for pollution reduction (Buzzards Bay and Pleasant Bay watersheds);
- **Clean water monitoring and watershed planning** (Mt. Hope Bay, Narragansett Bay, Wood/Pawcatuck Watershed and Little Narragansett Bay.
- **The development of urban greenways** to replace outdated boulevards, mitigating flooding and reducing pollution while providing urban cooling and transportation alternatives for residents and visitors (Pawtucket, Providence, and Woonsocket, RI).



*A 2021 SNEPWG to the City of Woonsocket spurred redevelopment of Truman Drive, transforming a dilapidated downtown boulevard into a beautiful urban greenway, with significant water quality benefits for the Blackstone River and Narragansett Bay.*

Beyond the environmental benefits of SNEPWG grantmaking, the program generated substantial economic benefits, both direct and indirect. The majority of the \$40 million in restoration funding generated by the program went directly to Rhode Island and Massachusetts businesses and organizations –municipalities, non-profit organizations, engineering and construction firms. The majority of this funding supported salaries; local suppliers of construction materials and equipment also benefitted.

Indirect economic benefits were also significant. The improvements in water, habitat, coastal and community quality achieved by SNEPWG-funded projects supported Rhode

Island's and Massachusetts' outdoor recreation economy, valued at \$1.9 billion and \$6.5 billion respectively (Bureau of Economic Statistics, 2023).

RAE attributes the exceptional success of SNEP Watershed Grants to several factors:

- Coordination and collaboration between RAE and EPA: RAE worked closely with EPA to develop the initial SNEPWG program, and consulted with the agency frequently regarding program successes and challenges. Together, we incorporated adaptive management and program improvements to ensure that the program met the needs of SNEP and of our grantees throughout the program lifecycle.
- Coordination with stakeholders: EPA convened SNEP stakeholders several times each year over the course of the program (for example, the SNEP Steering Committee). We consulted with stakeholders and incorporated their comments in launching, managing, promoting and improving the program each year.
- Coordination with SNEP Network: We worked closely with the SNEP Network to ensure that funding and technical assistance resources were coordinated for maximum effectiveness.
- Coordination with National Estuary Programs: We also worked with the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program and Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program to coordinate funding and project support.
- Grantee support: We worked closely with SNEP subrecipients to assist with grant compliance, administration, and project management, ensuring that all federal requirements were met, even for less-sophisticated organizations or those with limited capacity.
- Program flexibility: By establishing a broad window of eligibility, encompassing a wide variety of project types, we maintained the opportunity to fund leading-edge technology and innovative project ideas. By funding multiple work stages (unlike many similar programs), we gave prospective grantees the opportunity to organize projects efficiently and effectively.
- Program consistency: By creating a predictable, annual program that was consistent in its principal priorities from year to year, we broadened awareness for the program, increased the universe of applications, and maximized its utility as match for other funding sources.
- Program adaptability: We adapted the program to meet the needs of stakeholders on an ongoing basis. For example, we developed SNEP Restoration Capital Mini-

The program produced \$40 million in direct economic benefits while supporting the region's multi-billion dollar outdoor recreation economy.

"Our \$4.7 million award absolutely would not have happened without the SNEP program funding we received in 2021." –Rick Bishop, Executive Director, Friends of Bass River



Grants in response to a specific need; the program proved to be a broadly popular and highly effective funding source. This allocation was made possible by RAE's efficiencies in grant administration, which freed up additional funding for subawards rather than program costs.

The value of these grantmaking programs is indicated by the strong demand for them throughout the lifecycle of the cooperative agreement. SNEP Watershed Grants consistently received approximately four times as many requests as could be funded. In the case of the



*Staff of the Assoc. to Preserve Cape Cod deploy a turbidity sensor funded by SNEP Restoration Capital Mini-Grants in a salt marsh.*

Mini-Grants, demand exceeded available funding under this cooperative agreement; in consultation with EPA, RAE utilized funding from the 2021 cooperative agreement to make up the difference and fund all Mini-Grant requests (**Attach. 4**).

Another indicator of SNEPWG's success was its adoption as model for development of other successful EPA grantmaking programs, both within and outside of the SNEP region. SNEPWG served as a template for SNEP Watershed Implementation Grants, RAE's current funding partnership with EPA Region 1, which has been managed as a seamless continuation of the SNEPWG program. SNEPWG also served as the model for two nationwide EPA/RAE grantmaking programs (National Estuary Program (NEP) Watersheds Grant and NEP Coastal Watersheds Grant) and two regional programs (Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund and Great Lakes Restoration Community Grants).

## 2.0 COMPARISON OF PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH GRANT WORK PLAN

In developing this final progress report, RAE utilized guidance provided by EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment's "Closing Out a Grant" training module, which is based on Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards regulations, located at 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200. According to this guidance, a final progress report must include:

- A comparison of actual project accomplishments to the goals and objectives that were specified in the grant work plan, including how the environmental outputs and outcomes were achieved; and
- A satisfactory explanation of why outputs or outcomes were not achieved if they were not met.

The following sections break down these two bullets into four questions (Sections 2.1 – 2.4, below), addressing each in turn by comparing the accomplishments of SNEP Watershed



Grants with the goals, objectives, outputs and outcomes specified in the original SNEPWG work plan (2017).

## **2.1 COMPARISON OF PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The overarching goal of SNEP Watershed Grants at the outset of the program was encapsulated by the following statement in RAE's 2017 response to the Request for Applications:

To address this threat [nitrogen pollution in Southeast New England estuaries], Restore America's Estuaries (RAE) hereby proposes to administer a program that advances the priorities of the Southern New England Program (SNEP) of the EPA and brings about impactful watershed restoration results. Through this program RAE will fund projects that support SNEP's priorities: reduce impacts of nutrients, especially nitrogen, on aquatic life and coastal ecosystems; restore physical processes that support critical habitat and ecosystem function; and measure, monitor, and report change in condition and the effectiveness of actions through projects and partnerships. In addition, it is our intent to build support and strengthen the regional identity of SNEP, beyond just a grants program, as a forward-looking program of partnerships that achieves on-the-ground environmental results.



*Installing a SNEP-funded stormwater infiltration system on Cape Cod.*

As the data show, RAE fully met and exceeded these goals and objectives by funding environmental restoration projects that advanced SNEP priorities and brought about impactful watershed results. The following tables list the SNEP Watershed Grants that specifically addressed each of the goals and objectives in RAE's application:

***GOAL: Reduce impacts of nitrogen on coastal ecosystems:***

<b>RAE GRANT ID</b>	<b>GRANTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
SNEPWG18-1-Bristol	Town of Bristol, RI	Golf Course / Silver Creek Restoration	\$300,000
SNEPWG18-2-CTDEEP	RIDEM & CT DEEP	Nutrient Loadings to Pawcatuck River & LNB	\$450,000
SNEPWG18-3-Pawtucket	City of Pawtucket, RI	Green Infrastructure in Transit-Oriented District	\$376,490
SNEPWG18-4-RIDEM	RIDEM-OWR	Upgrade Monitoring in Narragansett Bay	\$300,000
SNEPWG18-5-STB	Save The Bay	Plan to Restore WQ in 100-Acre Cove	\$132,338
SNEPWG18-6-URI	URI-Robinson	Modelling Groundwater in Coastal Environments	\$474,633
SNEPWG18-7-APCC	Assn. to Preserve Cape Cod	3 Bays Stormwater Remediation	\$350,000
SNEPWG18-8-BBC	Buzzards Bay Coalition	Collaboration to Reduce Nitrogen to Buzzards Bay	\$419,006
SNEPWG18-9-CCC	Cape Cod Commission	Regional Water Resources Data for Cape Cod	\$399,998
SNEPWG18-10-FRGC	Falmouth Rod & Gun Club	Childs River Dam Removal & River Restoration	\$450,000
SNEPWG18-11-MVC	Marthas Vineyard Comm.	PRB for Lagoon Pond	\$250,000
SNEPWG18-12-PBA	Pleasant Bay Alliance	Reg. Watershed Permit Implem'n for Pleasant Bay	\$250,000
SNEPWG18-13-NEIWPC	NEIWPC	Low-Gradient Coastal Index of Biotic Integrity	\$250,000
SNEPWG18-14-SRPEDD	SRPEDD	Catalyzing Transformative Change	\$100,000
SNEPWG19-1-ASRI	Audubon Society of RI	Providence Stormwater Innovation Ctr.	\$177,532
SNEPWG19-2-CRAN	City of Cranston	Spectacle Pond	\$187,500
SNEPWG19-3-GWRI	Groundwork RI	GI Training & Employment	\$198,891
SNEPWG19-4-NPT	City of Newport	Non-Structural Stormwater Approaches	\$108,750
SNEPWG19-5-NRICD	Northern RI Conservation District	Healthy Farm, Healthy Watershed	\$113,976
SNEPWG19-7-WRWC	Woonasquatucket River Watershed Assn.	Greening the Greenway	\$245,000
SNEPWG19-8-APCC	Assn. to Preserve Cape Cod	Three Bays Stormwater	\$245,000
SNEPWG19-9-BBC	Buzzards Bay Coalition	Salt Marsh Resilience	\$223,533
SNEPWG19-10-FRGC	Falmouth Rod & Gun Club, Inc.	Upper Childs River Restoration	\$245,000

SNEPWG19-11-MMA	Mass. Maritime Academy	Buzzards Bay Stormwater Collaborative	\$176,581
SNEPWG19-12-WHOI	Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution	Validation of PRBs	\$298,598
SNEPWG19-13-BBC-COMP	Buzzards Bay Coalition	Prevent Nutrients from Composting	\$27,695
SNEPWG20-2-WARR-M2M	Town of Warren, RI	Market to Metacom Sustainable Design	\$90,000
SNEPWG20-3-PVD	City of Providence	Woonasquatucket River Greenway	\$250,000
SNEPWG20-4-RIDMF	RI Div. of Marine Fisheries	Oyster Conservation & Planning	\$150,000
SNEPWG20-5-SK	Town of South Kingstown	Green Hill Pond Stormwater	\$100,000
SNEPWG20-6-URI-MHB	University of Rhode Island	Mt. Hope Bay WQ Monitoring	\$301,289
SNEPWG20-7-BBC-UBB2	Buzzards Bay Coalition	Collaboration to Reduce Nitrogen in Buzzards Bay	\$118,275
SNEPWG20-8-FOBR	Friends of Bass River	Upper Bass River Watershed Restoration	\$253,779
SNEPWG20-9-MTHO	Mt. Holyoke College	Bioreactors for N removal in cranberry farms	\$232,352
SNEPWG20-11-MASSAUD	Mass. Audubon	Protecting Salt Marshes	\$150,000
SNEPWG20-12-PBA2	Pleasant Bay Alliance	Chatham, Orleans, Harwich & Brewster, MA	\$132,178
SNEPWG21-1-BCWA	Bristol County Water Authority	Restoring the Ecological Resiliency of the Kickemuit River Estuary	\$80,000
SNEPWG21-2-WOON	City of Woonsocket	Truman Drive Green Infrastructure Parkway	\$187,500
SNEPWG21-4-GWRI2	Groundwork Rhode Island	Private Property GI Maintenance Assessment and Support	\$238,274
SNEPWG21-5-CFRF	Commercial Fisheries Research Found.	Planning a Ghost Gear Removal Program for Rhode Island	\$17,385
SNEPWG21-6-CRAN2	City of Cranston	Urban Green Infrastructure Construction Projects, Spectacle Pond Watershed	\$150,000
SNEPWG21-7-COA	Clean Ocean Access	Land to Sea Speaker Series - sharing knowledge and experiences for healthy coastal ecosystems	\$15,000
SNEPWG21-9-PTKT2	City of Pawtucket	Tidewater Landing	\$300,000
SNEPWG21-10-GWSC	Groundwork Southcoast	Developing the North End (of New Bedford) Resilience District	\$100,000
SNEPWG21-11-MassAud2	Mass Audubon	Broad Meadow Brook Wetland and Stream Restoration	\$74,800
SNEPWG21-13-HCT	Harwich Conservation Trust	Hinkleys Pond - Herring River Headwaters Eco-Restoration Project	\$146,700
SNEPWG21-14-APCC3	Association to Preserve Cape Cod	Cape Cod Stormwater Management at Public Boat Ramps	\$148,871

***GOAL: Restore physical processes that support critical habitat and ecosystem function:***

RAE GRANT ID	GRANTEE	PROJECT	AWARD
SNEPWG18-1-Bristol	Town of Bristol, RI	Golf Course / Silver Creek Restoration	\$300,000



SNEPWG18-10-FRGC	Falmouth Rod & Gun Club	Childs River Dam Removal & River Restoration	\$450,000
SNEPWG18-12-PBA	Pleasant Bay Alliance	Reg. Watershed Permit Implem'n for Pleasant Bay	\$250,000
SNEPWG18-13-NEIWPC	NEIWPC	Low-Gradient Coastal Index of Biotic Integrity	\$250,000
SNEPWG18-14-SRPEDD	SRPEDD	Catalyzing Transformative Change	\$100,000
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SNEPWG21-5-CFRF	Commercial Fisheries Research Found.	Planning a Ghost Gear Removal Program for Rhode Island	\$17,385
SNEPWG21-8-TIV	Town of Tiverton, RI	Tiverton Fogland Beach and Conservation Area Phase 1 Resiliency Project	\$34,700
SNEPWG21-10-GWSC	Groundwork Southcoast	Developing the North End (of New Bedford) Resilience District	\$100,000
SNEPWG21-11-MassAud2	Mass Audubon	Broad Meadow Brook Wetland and Stream Restoration	\$74,800
SNEPWG21-12-SMF	Sheriff's Meadow Foundation	Roth Woodlands stream restoration culvert replacement	\$138,842
SNEPWG21-13-HCT	Harwich Conservation Trust	Hinckleys Pond - Herring River Headwaters Eco-Restoration Project	\$146,700

***GOAL: Measure, monitor and report changes in conditions:***

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SNEPWG18-4-RIDEM	RIDEM-OWR	Upgrade Monitoring in Narragansett Bay	\$300,000
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**GOAL: Build regional identity of SNEP and forward-looking partnerships:** All completed SNEPWG projects contributed toward the achievement of this objective, as did RAE's overall management of the program.

Regional identity was fostered first, by the support that SNEPWG offered to hundreds of organizations throughout the region, and the communication of that support to residents, members, elected officials and others, through formal (newspaper articles, member newsletters, television news spots) and informal (communications at council meetings, job sites, etc.) means. Thousands of individuals throughout Southeast New England are now aware of EPA's contribution to environmental and community health as a result of SNEP Watershed Grants.

In addition, RAE organized two grant announcement events for each award year, one each in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, attended by members of Congress, municipal officials, local residents and others. Most of these received substantial press coverage, further publicizing the impact of SNEP and EPA.

Finally, completed SNEPWG projects are required to display permanent signage, describing SNEP's contribution to the work. In consultation with EPA, RAE developed the current SNEP logo, which is used by all elements of the program and further solidifies regional identity.

Virtually every SNEPWG project was accomplished by a partnership between and among non-profit organizations, municipalities, state agencies, and others. In many cases the partnerships convened specifically for purposes of the SNEPWG project, but continued after completion of the work; in others, the partnerships were pre-existing but strengthened or revitalized by the SNEPWG grant.

A good example of the former category is the Stormwater Innovation Center (SIC), led by the Audubon Society of Rhode Island and the City of Providence. The SIC was established through a SNEPWG in 2019. SIC quickly brought in additional partners, such as the SNEP Network, Roger Williams Conservancy, Roger Williams Zoo, The Nature Conservancy, EPA, the RI Dept. of Environmental Management (RIDEM) and RI Dept. of Transportation (RI-DOT). SIC was able to secure additional funding from a variety of sources, becoming a self-sustaining organization as well as a leading source of expertise on stormwater management in Southeast New England. Without the initial SNEPWG investment, the development and subsequent success of SIC would not have been possible.

### **The Details on the Rain Harvest Festival in Providence**

*It's a free, outdoor, family-friendly celebration of water, life, science, art and community.*

June 9, 2021  
Tim Lehnert



*Coverage by Rhode Island Monthly magazine of one of the SIC's many public events, 2021.*

Similarly, SNEPWG provided early-stage funding to Groundwork South-Coast to begin development of the North End Resilience District (NERD) in New Bedford. Four years later, the NERD continues to bring residents together to create a greener, healthier and more prosperous community in an area that was once one of the most contaminated waterfronts in America.

Many other SNEPWG-funded projects had positive impacts that extended well beyond the scope of the grant. For example, SNEPWG funded the Pleasant Bay Alliance to develop the first multi-jurisdictional watershed permit in the state of Massachusetts. The permit allowed four towns on Cape Cod (Chatham, Orleans, Harwich and Brewster) to co-manage nitrogen inputs into

Pleasant Bay, the Cape's largest estuary. By working together, the towns were able to reduce nitrogen pollution far more efficiently and effectively than by working individually. The approach was so successful Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection promulgated new state regulations to encourage the development of watershed-based permits throughout the Commonwealth.

On the Woonasquatucket River, SNEPWG contributed to a long-running effort by the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (WRWC) and the City of Providence to create an urban greenway that improves water quality, transportation alternatives, and community quality. A 2019 SNEPWG funded WRWC to install stormwater controls at Farm Fresh Rhode Island, while a 2020 grant helped the City to reconstruct Kinsley Avenue. Both grants contributed to the transformation of the area from a pavement desert to an urban oasis.





*A “floodable park” along the Woonasquatucket River in Providence.*

The power of partnerships as led to exceptional leveraging of EPA funding under SNEPWG. For example, SNEPWG provided conceptual design funding for the Truman Drive Greenway project in Woonsocket (photo, Page 3). Those designs provided the foundational information necessary to secure much larger grants from RI Dept. of Transportation and the RI Infrastructure Bank – an additional \$2.7 million to construct this transformative project.

Similarly, a relatively small SNEP investment of \$80,000 provided funding to obtain permits for the removal of two dams on the

Kickemuit River in upper Narragansett Bay. Once permitted, the project was able to secure construction funding. This \$2.7 million initiative was one of the largest estuarine habitat restoration projects ever completed on Narragansett Bay.

## 2.2 COMPARISON OF PROGRAM OUTPUTS

This section lists outputs projected in RAE’s program application, comparing each with actual results:

**List of subaward recipients:** See Attach. 1 and 2.

**Online or electronic grant management system:** Implemented (currently using Amplifund, which replaced Blackbaud in early 2025).

**Partnerships formed or strengthened:** RAE determined that the number of partnerships formed or strengthened as a result of this program is 45.

**Restoration and conservation practices implemented that preserve or restore connectivity and/or support natural ecosystem and watershed processes:** This output had a number of subcomponents, which are addressed individually in the table, along with an explanation for how the numbers were determined. Note that in all cases RAE has been conservative in its quantification. We also note that two of the outputs listed here, Number of Acres Restored or Preserved and Number of Stream Miles Restored, are better characterized as outcomes rather than outputs.

## Quantification of Restoration & Conservation Practices

Output	Quantification	Basis for Quantification
Number of Conservation Practices Implemented	52	Number of SNEPWG projects completed
Number of Acres Restored or Preserved	30,000 land acres 400 estuarine square miles	Conservative land area estimate based on areas of Bristol municipal golf course, Three Bays watershed, Pleasant Bay watershed, Roger Williams Park, Allens Pond and Broad Meadow Brook sanctuaries, and Wood/Pawcatuck Watershed. Estuarine area based on Narragansett Bay, Little Narrag. Bay, and Buzzards Bay
Number of Stream Miles Restored	20	Childs River, Kickemuit River, Woonasquatucket River and smaller wetland streams
Restoration, watershed, and/or land use plans designed, developed, and/or implemented	19	Save the Bay/100-acre Cove; APCC/Three Bays; BBC/Collab. To Reduce Nitrogen; PBA/Watershed Permit; Newport/Non-Structural Approaches; BBC/Salt Marsh Resilience; FRGC/Childs River; MMA/BB Stormwater Collab.; BBC/Nutrients from Composting; Warren/Market to Metacom; RIDMF/Oyster Conservation; South Kingstown/Green Hill Pond; Cranston/Spectacle Pond; Friends of Bass River/Bass River Restoration; CFRF/Ghost Gear in RI Waters; Pawtucket/Tidewater Landing; GWSC/North End Resilience Dist.; Mass. Audubon/Broad Meadow Brook; Sherriff's Meadow/Roth Woodlands; HCT/Hinkley Pond; APCC/Stormwater at Public Boat Ramps.
Development of databases of regional data	4	RIDEM/DEEP/Nutrient Loadings to Pawcatuck River; CCC/Regional Water Resources Data for Cape Cod; URI/Mt. Hope Bay WQ Monitoring; CCS/Ecosystem Research in Pleasant Bay
Criteria and methods for evaluating and tracking success and sustainability of actions implemented through projects (documentation of criteria and methods used)	52	Each completed SNEPWG has provided a final report which included documentation of project results, criteria and methods. These have been provided to EPA with RAE's semi-annual progress report. Further, RAE is working with EPA to implement quantitative metrics for tracking sustainability and other results.
Convene Annual SNEP Partnership and Technology Transfer meeting	10	RAE worked closely with EPA to support six SNEP symposia/tech transfer meetings (2018-24), and organized SNEP sessions at four national restoration summits (2018, 2020, 2022, 2024)

## 2.3 COMPARISON OF PROGRAM OUTCOMES

This section lists outcomes projected in RAE's program application, comparing each with actual results:

Outcome	Quantification	Basis for Quantification
Creation of sustainable partnerships and/or other management collaboratives	45	Each SNEPWG project represents a sustainable partnership or other management collaborative, created or strengthened. We have not counted repeat grants to individual partnerships.
Changes made to regulations, codes, and/or ordinances to	7	BBC/Collab. To Reduce Nitrogen; PBA/Watershed Permit for Pleasant Bay; SRPEDD/Catalyzing

promote watershed-based management;		Transformative Change; Newport/Non-Structural Approaches; MMA/Buzzards Bay Stormwater Collab.; BBC/Prevent Nutrients from Composting; Warren/Market to Metacom
Implementation of innovative watershed-based nutrient reduction strategies	25	Bristol/Silver Creek; RIDEM/CTDEEP/Nutrient Loadings to Pawcatuck River; Pawtucket/Green Infra. In TOD; STB/100-Acre Cove; APCC/Three Bays; BBC/Collab. To Reduce Nitrogen; MVC/PRB for Lagoon Pond; PBA/Watershed Permit for Pleasant Bay; ASRI/Stormwater Innov. Center; Cranston/Spectacle Pond; GWRI/GI Training & Employment; Newport/Non-Structural Approaches; NRICD/Healthy Farm, Healthy Watershed; WRWC/Greening the Greenway; Warren/Market to Metacom; South Kingstown/Green Hill Pond; Friends of Bass River/Bass River Restoration; Mt. Holyoke/Bioreactors for N Removal; Woonsocket/Truman Dr.; Tiverton/Fogland Beach; GWSC/North End Resilience; Mass. Audubon/Broad Meadow Brook; HCT/Hinkley's Pond; APCC/Stormwater at Public Boat Ramps
Deployment of shared monitoring protocols, data, and reporting network	8	RIDEM/CTDEEP/Nutrient Loadings to Pawcatuck River; RIDEM/Upgrade Monitoring in NB; URI/Modelling Groundwater; CCC/Regional Water Resources Data for Cape Cod; PBA/Watershed Permit for Pleasant Bay; NEIWPCC/Low Gradient Index of Biotic Integrity; WHOI/Validation of PRBs; CCS/Ecosystem Research in Pleasant Bay; CFRF/Ghost Gear Removal
Improved capacity among state and local governments to finance, implement, and monitor regionally scaled habitat projects	36	Number of SNEPWG awards going either directly to municipalities or to partnerships with significant municipal involvement (26); plus all SNEP Restoration Capital Mini-Grants awarded to state agencies or municipalities(10).
Improved collective knowledge about how the physical processes of SNEP watersheds have improved (reduction of nutrients discharged to SNEP watersheds)	36	Number of SNEPWG projects for which a major objective was reduction of nutrients to waters and watersheds. RAE is currently working with EPA to develop and implement dashboard metrics which will better quantify nitrogen reduction resulting from SNEP investments.
Recovery of healthy aquatic life in nearby surface waters based on before- and after-project measurements	788 acres	Surface water (including wetlands) area for which construction was completed during or after period of SNEPWG: FRGC/Childs River Restoration – approx. 30 acres of significant fish and wildlife recovery – see project reports. BCWA/Kickemuit River – approx.. 50 acres. Mass. Audubon/Allens Pond approx.. 620 acres. HCT/Hinkley Pond – approx. 88 acres.
Cost savings resulting from project implementation.	\$24 million	Leveraging on seven of the largest SNEPWG projects. See Attachment 3.

## 2.4 ACHIEVEMENT OF OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES

As shown in the foregoing tables, RAE's SNEP Watershed Grants program significantly exceeded expectations of RAE's original work plan for this cooperative agreement, whether



with respect to the number of awards, or the positive impact of those awards on Southeast New England's environment and communities.

However, a large and complex program such as SNEPWG is never without challenges. The following factors required adaptive action by RAE, in consultation with EPA, to rectify issues arising out of the national environment or with individual subgrantees:

- **Covid19 Pandemic:** The pandemic caused both temporary and permanent changes in communications, partnerships, and municipal management. RAE and EPA shifted to online meetings during the period, but many projects were delayed by disruptions to municipal government, construction operations, etc. In many cases we provided no-cost extensions to subrecipients struggling with pandemic impacts. In all instances, SNEPWG projects were able to recover and successfully complete.
- **Non-performance by subgrantees:** In two instances, SNEPWG subgrantees were unable to complete the scope of work for which the grant had been awarded. These were SNEPWG19-6-WARR, Right-of-Way Restoration by the Town of Warren, RI; and SNEPWG21-3-MTN, Maidford River Floodplain Restoration by the Town of Middletown, RI. In each case, RAE recovered the awarded funding and used it toward other SNEPWG investments such as the SNEP Restoration Capital Mini-Grants.
- **Need for Restoration Supplies and Equipment:** In late 2024, RAE became aware that many watershed stewardship organizations had need for relatively small amounts of grant funding with which to purchase restoration supplies, equipment and material. Working closely with EPA SNEP program staff, we developed and implemented SNEP Restoration Capital Mini-Grants, which awarded \$345,000 in Mini-Grants (up to \$10,000 each) to 45 watershed stewardship organizations for these types of purchases. SNEP Restoration Capital Mini-Grants greatly increased the capacity of these organizations to carry out land and water restoration work throughout the region.

In each of these instances, RAE consulted closely with EPA regarding the challenges faced by the program and by our subgrantees, and responded appropriately to maintain program integrity.

### **3.0 REPORT CONCLUSIONS**

Over the lifecycle of the SNEP Watershed Grants Program, from program development in 2017, through four years of grant awards and 52 successfully completed projects, SNEPWG became one of the leading environmental grantmaking program in the Northeast. Through funding, coordination, communications, and technical and administrative assistance, SNEPWG spurred transformative positive changes throughout Rhode Island and Southeast Massachusetts. Further, SNEP Restoration Capital Mini-Grants met a critical need of watershed stewardship organizations in our region, and greatly expanded the positive impacts of the program.

By aligning regional goals with local priorities, EPA's Southeast New England Program created a framework for environmental action throughout the region. RAE translated that framework into positive outcomes on the ground and in the water through SNEP Watershed Grants, working closely with our partners at EPA Region 1 and SNEP stakeholders.

In addition to the results documented in this report, which cover the period of program implementation, SNEP Watershed Grant investments will continue to provide benefits to communities for many years into the future: cleaner water, healthier ecosystems, and stronger coastlines. Finally, supplies and equipment purchased through SNEP Restoration Capital Mini-Grants will serve the needs of local watershed stewardship organizations for many years to come.

The power of EPA's Southeast New England Program is that it aligns regional environmental priorities with local needs, spurring effective, community-based action to restore clean water, healthy ecosystems and strong communities. Through this RAE/EPA cooperative agreement, SNEP Watershed Grants and SNEP Mini-Grants provided exceptional value to the communities of the Southeast New England region, as shown by the results documented in this report.

RAE has since built on the programmatic foundation of SNEPWG with SNEP Watershed Implementation Grants (SWIG), which seamlessly continued SNEPWG's annual grantmaking and will continue to do so through 2026. We expect that demand for these kinds of grant programs will continue to be strong in Southeast New England. RAE considers its partnerships with EPA to be an essential component of our mission to restore the Nation's estuaries, and we look forward to working with EPA to continue and expand these beneficial programs.

#### **4.0 ATTACHMENTS & SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**Attach. 1:** List of all funded SNEPWG projects by state.

**Attach. 2:** List of all funded SNEP Restoration Capital Mini-Grants (2025).

**Attach. 3:** Summary of all subawards.

**Attach. 4:** Program demand.

**Attach. 5:** Leveraging Table.

**Attach. 6:** Federal Financial Form SF-425

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**Attach. 1: List of all SNEPWG Awards by State**

**Rhode Island Grants**

<b>RAE Grant ID</b>	<b>Subrecipient</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Actual Award</b>	<b>Actual Match</b>
SNEPWG18-1-Bristol	Town of Bristol, RI	Golf Course / Silver Creek Restoration	\$300,000	\$227,838
SNEPWG18-2-CTDEEP	RIDEM & CT DEEP	Nutrient Loadings to Pawcatuck River & LNB	\$450,000	\$152,144
SNEPWG18-3-Pawtucket	City of Pawtucket, RI	Green Infrastructure in Transit-Oriented District	\$376,500	\$124,242
SNEPWG18-4-RIDEM	RIDEM-OWR	Upgrade Monitoring in Narragansett Bay	\$300,000	\$110,121
SNEPWG18-5-STB	Save The Bay	Plan to Restore WQ in 100-Acre Cove	\$132,338	\$72,240
SNEPWG18-6-URI	URI-Robinson	Modelling Groundwater in Coastal Environments	\$358,289	\$147,488
SNEPWG19-1-ASRI	Audubon Society of RI	Providence Stormwater Innovation Ctr.	\$177,532	\$120,067
SNEPWG19-2-CRAN	City of Cranston	Spectacle Pond	\$184,898	\$93,983
SNEPWG19-3-GWRI	Groundwork RI	GI Training & Employment	\$198,891	\$124,337
SNEPWG19-4-NPT	City of Newport	Non-Structural Stormwater Approaches	\$108,750	\$36,250
SNEPWG19-5-NRICD	Northern RI Conservation District	Healthy Farm, Healthy Watershed	\$96,546	\$49,313
SNEPWG19-6-WARR	Town of Warren	ROW Restoration	\$0	\$0
SNEPWG19-7-WRWC	Woonasquatucket River Watershed Assn.	Greening the Greenway	\$245,000	\$80,000
SNEPWG20-2-WARR-M2M	Town of Warren, RI	Market to Metacom Sustainable Design	\$90,000	\$41,828
SNEPWG20-3-PVD	City of Providence	Woonasquatucket River Greenway	\$250,000	\$750,491
SNEPWG20-4-RIDMF	RI Div. of Marine Fisheries	Oyster Conservation & Planning	\$124,023	\$60,161
SNEPWG20-5-SK	Town of South Kingstown	Green Hill Pond Stormwater	\$94,020	\$70,280
SNEPWG21-1-BCWA	Bristol County Water Authority	Restoring the Ecological Resiliency of the Kickemuit River Estuary	\$80,000	\$26,641
SNEPWG21-2-WOON	City of Woonsocket	Truman Drive Green Infrastructure Parkway	\$187,500	\$62,500
SNEPWG21-3-MTN	Town of Middletown	Maidford River and Floodplain Restoration Phase 2	\$0	\$0
SNEPWG21-4-GWRI2	Groundwork Rhode Island	Private Property GI Maintenance Assessment and Support	\$238,274	\$106,732



SNEPWG21-5-CFRF	Commercial Fisheries Research Found.	Planning a Ghost Gear Removal Program for Rhode Island	\$17,385	\$7,170
SNEPWG21-6-CRAN2	City of Cranston	Urban Green Infrastructure Construction Projects, Spectacle Pond Watershed	\$150,000	\$50,000
SNEPWG21-7-COA	Clean Ocean Access	Land to Sea Speaker Series - sharing knowledge and experiences for healthy coastal ecosystems	\$14,982	\$10,000
SNEPWG21-8-TIV	Town of Tiverton, RI	Tiverton Fogland Beach and Conservation Area Phase 1 Resiliency Project	\$34,700	\$12,213
SNEPWG21-9-PTKT2	City of Pawtucket	Tidewater Landing	\$300,000	\$100,820
<b>TOTAL 26 RI Grants</b>			<b>\$4,509,628</b>	<b>\$2,636,858</b>

### Massachusetts Grants

RAE Grant ID	Subrecipient	Project Name	Actual Award	Actual Match
SNEPWG18-7-APCC	Assn. to Preserve Cape Cod	3 Bays Stormwater Remediation	\$350,000	\$211,476
SNEPWG18-8-BBC	Buzzards Bay Coalition	Collaboration to Reduce Nitrogen to Buzzards Bay	\$419,006	\$192,098
SNEPWG18-9-CCC	Cape Cod Commission	Regional Water Resources Data for Cape Cod	\$399,998	\$169,146
SNEPWG18-10-FRGC	Falmouth Rod & Gun Club	Childs River Dam Removal & River Restoration	\$450,000	\$208,449
SNEPWG18-11-MVC	Marthas Vineyard Comm.	PRB for Lagoon Pond	\$238,619	\$72,150
SNEPWG18-12-PBA	Pleasant Bay Alliance	Reg. Watershed Permit Implem'n for Pleasant Bay	\$250,000	\$270,968
SNEPWG19-8-APCC	Assn. to Preserve Cape Cod	Three Bays Stormwater	\$245,000	\$167,190
SNEPWG19-9-BBC	Buzzards Bay Coalition	Salt Marsh Resilience	\$223,533	\$135,453
SNEPWG19-10-FRGC	Falmouth Rod & Gun Club, Inc.	Upper Childs River Restoration	\$151,181	\$91,720
SNEPWG19-11-MMA	Mass. Maritime Academy	Buzzards Bay Stormwater Collaborative	\$167,647	\$63,014
SNEPWG19-12-WHOI	Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution	Validation of PRBs	\$298,598	\$107,930
SNEPWG19-13-BBC-COMP	Buzzards Bay Coalition	Prevent Nutrients from Composting	\$27,695	\$13,157
SNEPWG20-7-BBC-UBB2	Buzzards Bay Coalition	Collaboration to Reduce Nitrogen in Buzzards Bay	\$118,275	\$96,652
SNEPWG20-8-FOBR	Friends of Bass River	Upper Bass River Watershed Restoration	\$253,779	\$102,599
SNEPWG20-9-MTHO	Mt. Holyoke College	Bioreactors for N removal in cranberry farms	\$232,306	\$74,993

SNEPWG20-10-CCS	Center for Coastal Studies	Ecosystem Research in Pleasant Bay	\$8,983	\$2,284
SNEPWG20-11-MASSAUD	Mass. Audubon	Protecting Salt Marshes	\$150,000	\$49,604
SNEPWG20-12-PBA2	Pleasant Bay Alliance	Chatham, Orleans, Harwich & Brewster, MA	\$132,178	\$194,199
SNEPWG21-10-GWSC	Groundwork Southcoast	Developing the North End (of New Bedford) Resilience District	\$100,001	\$43,560
SNEPWG21-11-MassAud2	Mass Audubon	Broad Meadow Brook Wetland and Stream Restoration	\$74,800	\$71,884
SNEPWG21-12-SMF	Sheriff's Meadow Foundation	Roth Woodlands stream restoration culvert replacement	\$129,969	\$31,416
SNEPWG21-13-HCT	Harwich Conservation Trust	Hinckleys Pond - Herring River Headwaters Eco-Restoration Project	\$146,700	\$4,966
SNEPWG21-14-APCC3	Association to Preserve Cape Cod	Cape Cod Stormwater Management at Public Boat Ramps	\$148,864	\$163,192
<b>Total 23 MA Grants</b>			<b>\$4,717,133</b>	<b>\$2,538,100</b>

#### Interstate Grants

RAE Grant ID	Subrecipient	Project Name	Actual Award	Actual Match
SNEPWG18-13-NEIWPC	NEIWPC	Low-Gradient Coastal Index of Biotic Integrity	\$250,000	\$82,500
SNEPWG18-14-SRPEDD	SRPEDD	Catalyzing Transformative Change	\$88,301	\$30,746
SNEPWG20-6-URI-MHB	University of Rhode Island	Mt. Hope Bay WQ Monitoring	\$301,289	\$109,583
SNEPWG21-15-CLARKU	Clark University	Collaboratively Restoring the Hardest Working River in America	\$99,988	\$31,774
<b>Total 4 Interstate Grants</b>			<b>\$739,578</b>	<b>\$254,603</b>

#### All SNEP Watershed Grants 2018 - 2021

Geographic Region	Total Awards	Total Match	Total Cost
Rhode Island (26 Grants)	\$4,509,628	\$2,636,858	\$7,146,486
Massachusetts (23 Grants)	\$4,717,133	\$2,538,100	\$7,255,233
Interstate (4 Grants)	\$739,578	\$254,603	\$994,181
<b>SNEP Region Total</b>	<b>\$9,966,339</b>	<b>\$5,429,561</b>	<b>\$15,395,900</b>

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**Attach. 2: List of SNEP Restoration Capital Mini-Grants**

*Note: 10 additional SNEP Restoration Capital Mini-Grants were funded under a separate cooperative agreement, and are therefore not included in this report.*

Subgrant ID	Applicant Organization	State	Award
SNEPMG-1-CCS	Center for Coastal Studies	MA	\$9,926
SNEPMG-2-POPPY	Popponesset Water Stewardship Alliance	MA	\$9,370
SNEPMG-3-ROSE	Rose Island Lighthouse & Fort Hamilton Trust	RI	\$7,585
SNEPMG-4-SAND	Save Sand Pond	RI	\$10,000
SNEPMG-5-MASSTC	Massachusetts Alternative Septic System Test Center	MA	\$10,000
SNEPMG-6-GPF	Great Pond Foundation	MA	\$10,000
SNEPMG-7-ERICD	Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District (ERICD)	RI	\$5,500
SNEPMG-8-GLOC	Town of Glocester	RI	\$8,000
SNEPMG-9-WES	Town of Westerly	RI	\$5,567
SNEPMG-10-ASRI	Audubon Society of Rhode Island-Stormwater Innovation Center	RI	\$8,647
SNEPMG-11-UDPCA	Upper Dam Pond Conservation Association	RI	\$3,000
SNEPMG-12-WRWC	Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council	RI	\$10,000
SNEPMG-13-RIDMF	RIDEM Division of Marine Fisheries	RI	\$9,992
SNEPMG-14-URI-OSP	URI Office of Sponsored Projects	RI	\$9,946
SNEPMG-15-BARN	Town of Barnstable	MA	\$3,928
SNEPMG-16-NRLT	Narrow River Land Trust, Inc.	RI	\$5,185
SNEPMG-17-URI-DRED	URI Division of Research and Economic Development	RI	\$9,776
SNEPMG-18-BBC	Buzzards Bay Coalition	MA	\$9,968
SNEPMG-19-MASSAUD	Massachusetts Audubon Society	MA	\$7,481
SNEPMG-20-RLT	Rehoboth Land Trust	MA	\$9,963
SNEPMG-21-HAL	Halifax Highway Department	MA	\$10,000
SNEPMG-22-PRA	Pawtuxet River Authority	RI	\$2,480
SNEPMG-23-CTHK	Cuttyhunk STEAM Academy	MA	\$9,200
SNEPMG24-STB	Save The Bay	Interstate	\$8,085
SNEPMG25-PTKT	City of Pawtucket	RI	\$10,000
SNEPMG26-LONG	Long Pond Association	MA	\$3,000
SNEPMG27-MOP	Mass Oyster Project	MA	\$2,507



SNEPMG28-WLT	Wareham Land Trust	MA	\$7,190
SNEPMG29-TNC	The Nature Conservancy Rhode Island Chapter	RI	\$8,562
SNEPMG30-UMD	School for Marine Science and Technology, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	MA	\$7,896
SNEPMG31-FAL	Town of Falmouth	MA	\$9,281
SNEPMG32-3BAYS	Three Bays Preservation/Barnstable Clean Water Coalition	MA	\$9,944
SNEPMG33-PALM	Friends of the Palmer River	MA	\$1,094
SNEPMG34-NBS	Norman Bird Sanctuary	RI	\$10,000
SNEPMG35-APCC	Association to Preserve Cape Cod	MA	\$10,000
SNEPMG36-NCF	Nantucket Conservation Foundation	MA	\$5,520
SNEPMG37-FRGC	Falmouth Rod & Gun Club	MA	\$2,925
SNEPMG38-BVTC	Blackstone Valley Tourism Council	RI	\$7,200
SNEPMG39-TRWA	Taunton Rivershed Watershed Alliance	MA	\$5,307
SNEPMG40-DFW	RIDEM Fish and Wildlife	RI	\$3,600
SNEPMG41-PVD	City of Providence	RI	\$7,960
SNEPMG42-LIVOBS	Living Observatory	MA	\$9,933
SNEPMG43-GWRI	Groundwork Rhode Island	RI	\$9,947
SNEPMG44-GWSC	Groundwork Southcoast	MA	\$9,856
SNEPMG45-WPWS	Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council	RI	\$10,000
<b>Total, 45 grants</b>			<b>\$345,321</b>

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**Attach. 3: Summary of Grantmaking by Year**

Year	Grant Cycle	Number of Grants	Amount of Awards	Non-Fed. Match	Total Project Cost
2018	SNEPWG18	15	\$4,363,051	\$2,071,606	\$6,434,657
2019	SNEPWG19	13	\$2,125,271	\$1,082,414	\$3,207,685
2020	SNEPWG20	11	\$1,754,853	\$1,552,673	\$3,307,526
2021	SNEPWG21	15	\$1,723,163	\$722,868	\$2,446,031
	<b>Total All SNEPWG</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>\$9,966,339</b>	<b>\$5,429,561</b>	<b>\$15,395,900</b>
2025	SNEP Restoration Capital Mini-Grants	45	\$345,321	--	\$345,321
<b>Total</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>\$10,311,660</b>	<b>\$5,429,561</b>	<b>\$15,741,221</b>

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**Attach. 4: Program Demand**

**SNEP Watershed Grants**

Year	Grant Cycle	Number of Requests	Total Amount of Requests (millions)	Number of Grants	Amount of Grants (millions)
2018	SNEPWG18	58	\$8.4	15	\$4.4
2019	SNEPWG19	49	\$12.5	13	\$2.1
2020	SNEPWG20	42	\$10.7	11	\$1.8
2021	SNEPWG21	39	\$7.7	15	\$1.7
<b>Total All SNEPWG</b>		<b>188</b>	<b>\$39.3</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>\$10.0</b>

*Note that in 2020 and 2021, application numbers were likely reduced by the Covid pandemic.*

**SNEP Restoration Capital Mini-Grants (2025)**

Number of Requests	Amount of Requests (thousands)	Number funded by SNEP17	Amount funded by SNEP17 (thousands)	Number funded by SWIG21	Amount funded by SWIG21 (thousands)
55	\$432	45	\$345	10	\$87

*Demand for the Mini-Grants exceeded available funding in the SNEP17 cooperative agreement; therefore RAE completed funding of requests utilizing funding from the SWIG21 cooperative agreement, in consultation with EPA.*



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**Attach. 5: Project Leveraging**

*Note: This table includes leveraging on seven of the largest SNEPWG projects. As many other SNEPWG projects generated smaller amounts of leveraging, this provides a very conservative calculation of total program leveraging.*

Project Name	SNEPWG Subawards	Total SNEPWG Funds	Total Cost of Project	Net Leverage
Child's River Restoration	SNEPWG18-10-FRGC SNEPWG19-10-FRGC	\$695,000	\$2,775,442	\$2,080,442
Pine Street Pawtucket	SNEPWG18-3-PTKT	\$376,490	\$1,124,259	\$747,769
Truman Drive Greenway	SNEPWG21-2-WOON SWIG23-1-WOONSOCK2	\$687,500	\$3,345,000	\$2,657,500
Woonasquatucket River Greenway	SNEPWG19-7-WRWC SNEPWG20-3-PVD	\$495,000	\$10,000,000	\$9,505,000
Upper Bass River Restoration	SNEPWG20-8-FOBR	\$253,799	\$4,700,000	\$4,446,201
Hinkley's Pond Cranberry Bog Restoration	SNEPWG21-13-HCT	\$146,700	\$2,100,000	\$1,953,300
Kickemuit Dam Removal	SNEPWG21-1-BCWA	\$80,000	\$2,671,000	\$2,591,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,734,489</b>	<b>\$26,715,701</b>	<b>\$23,981,212</b>

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<b>5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment)</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;"></div>			
<b>6. Report Type</b> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"><div><input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annual</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Annual</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final</div></div>		<b>7. Basis of Accounting</b> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"><div><input type="checkbox"/> Cash</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual</div></div>	
<b>8. Project/Grant Period</b> From: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">10/01/2017</div> To: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">07/31/2025</div>		<b>9. Reporting Period End Date</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">07/31/2025</div>	
<b>10. Transactions</b>			<b>Cumulative</b>
<i>(Use lines a-c for single or multiple grant reporting)</i>			
<b>Federal Cash (To report multiple grants, also use FFR attachment):</b>			
a. Cash Receipts			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">12,000,000.00</div>
b. Cash Disbursements			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">12,000,000.00</div>
c. Cash on Hand (line a minus b)			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">0.00</div>
<i>(Use lines d-o for single grant reporting)</i>			
<b>Federal Expenditures and Unobligated Balance:</b>			
d. Total Federal funds authorized			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">12,000,000.00</div>
e. Federal share of expenditures			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">12,000,000.00</div>
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">0.00</div>
g. Total Federal share (sum of lines e and f)			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">12,000,000.00</div>
h. Unobligated balance of Federal Funds (line d minus g)			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">0.00</div>
<b>Recipient Share:</b>			
i. Total recipient share required			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">3,410,736.00</div>
j. Recipient share of expenditures			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">5,648,545.00</div>
k. Remaining recipient share to be provided (line i minus j)			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">0.00</div>
<b>Program Income:</b>			
l. Total Federal program income earned			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">0.00</div>
m. Program Income expended in accordance with the deduction alternative			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">0.00</div>
n. Program Income expended in accordance with the addition alternative			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">0.00</div>
o. Unexpended program income (line l minus line m and line n)			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; min-height: 15px;">0.00</div>

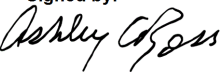
<b>11. Indirect Expense</b>						
a. Type	b. Rate	c. Period From	Period To	d. Base	e. Amount Charged	f. Federal Share
10% De minimus	10.00	10/01/2017	07/31/2025	2,446,490.00	244,649.00	244,649.00
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<b>g. Totals:</b>				2,446,490.00	244,649.00	244,649.00

**12. Remarks:** Attach any explanations deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing legislation:
 

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**13. Certification:** By signing this report, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the report is true, complete, and accurate, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).

<b>a. Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official</b>	
Prefix: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>	First Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;">Ashley</div> Middle Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px;"></div>
Last Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 400px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;">Ross</div>	Suffix: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>
Title: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 300px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;">Vice President</div>	

<b>b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;">           Signed by:    <small>DB6E01B0F6F945A...</small> </div>	<b>c. Telephone (Area code, number and extension)</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 5px;">(216) 804-7531</div>
<b>d. Email Address</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 400px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 5px;">aross@estuaries.org</div>	<b>e. Date Report Submitted</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 5px;">11/26/2025</div>

**14. Agency use only:**