

Southeast New England Program Policy Committee Meeting



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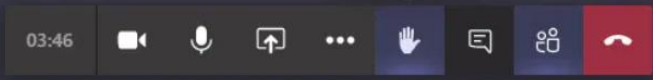
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Today's Agenda



9:30

Roll Call & Log-In

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SNEP General Updates

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Priority Topic Discussion

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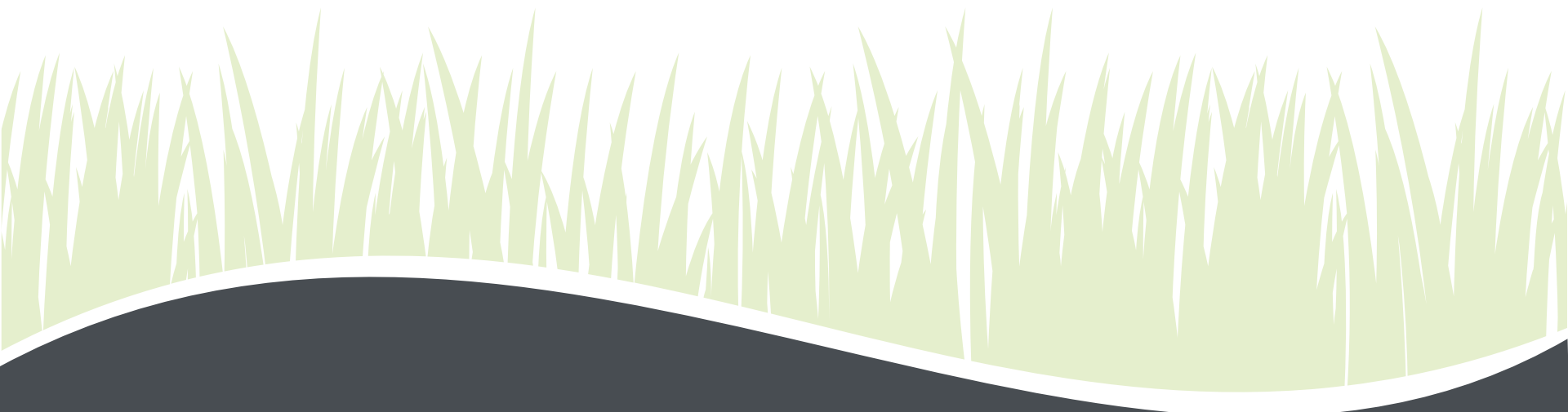
Round Robin Updates

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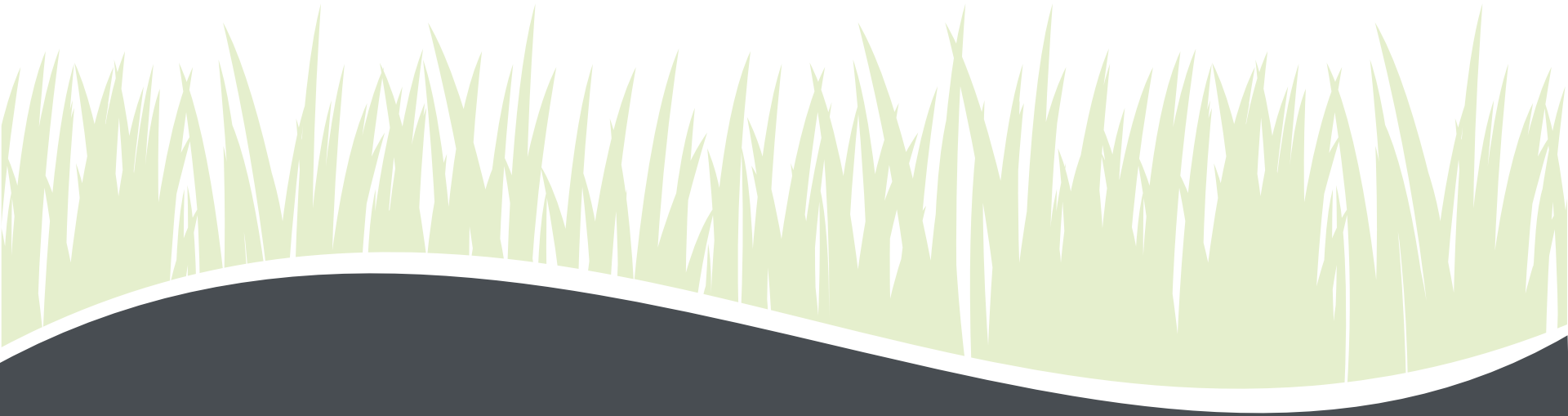


Roll Call





SNEP General Updates





Pilot Watershed RFA

- Nine Proposals Received
- All Major SNEP Sub-Areas Represented
- Review Process has Begun
- Selections to be Made by End of July

Pass-Through SNEP Watershed Implementation Grant RFA

- Applications due June 13th



Local Food System Development

- In **New Bedford**, the Marion Institute’s Southcoast Food Policy Council and local partners, Old Bedford Village and Coastal Foodshed, are focusing on the “south central Bedford Village” neighborhood to improve health outcomes by identifying vacant spaces and brownfield sites to develop urban gardens. They also hope to create a fixed or mobile farmers market stand and increase participation in school gardens during the summer to improve local food access.



Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program

- CWA s.221 & s.603
- \$67M Nationally; Allocated 2.6% to MA; 0.9% to RI
- 20% Set Aside for Green Infrastructure Projects
- For municipalities for planning, design, and construction of
 - Treatment works to intercept, transport, control, treat, or reuse municipal combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows or stormwater; and
 - Any other measures to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage water eligible for assistance under section 603c



FY22 President's Budget Highlights

- \$11.2 Billion for EPA (\$2B increase)
- ~1000 FTE increase
- \$6,252,000 for SNEP (\$752,000 increase; ~13.7%)
- \$31,960,000 for NEPs (\$141,000 increase)
- \$180,000,000 for CWA s.319 (1.7% increase)

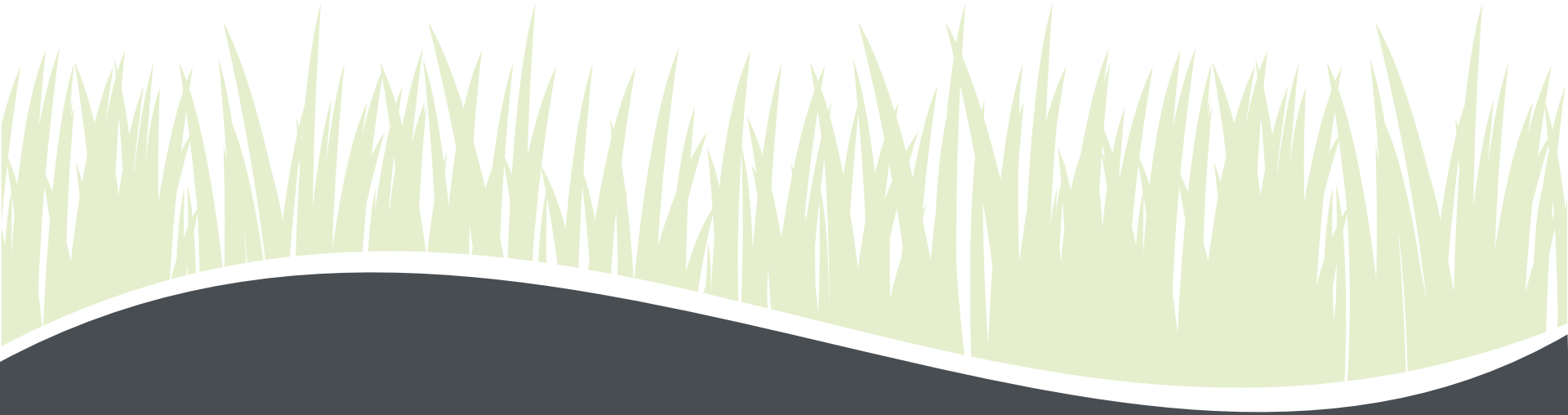


FY22 President's Budget Highlights

- Rebuilding Infrastructure and Creating Jobs
- Protecting Public Health
- Tackling the Climate Crisis with the Urgency Science Demands
- Advancing Environmental Justice and Civil Rights
- Supporting States, Tribes, and Regional Offices
- Prioritizing Science and Enhancing the Workforce



Priority Topic Discussion



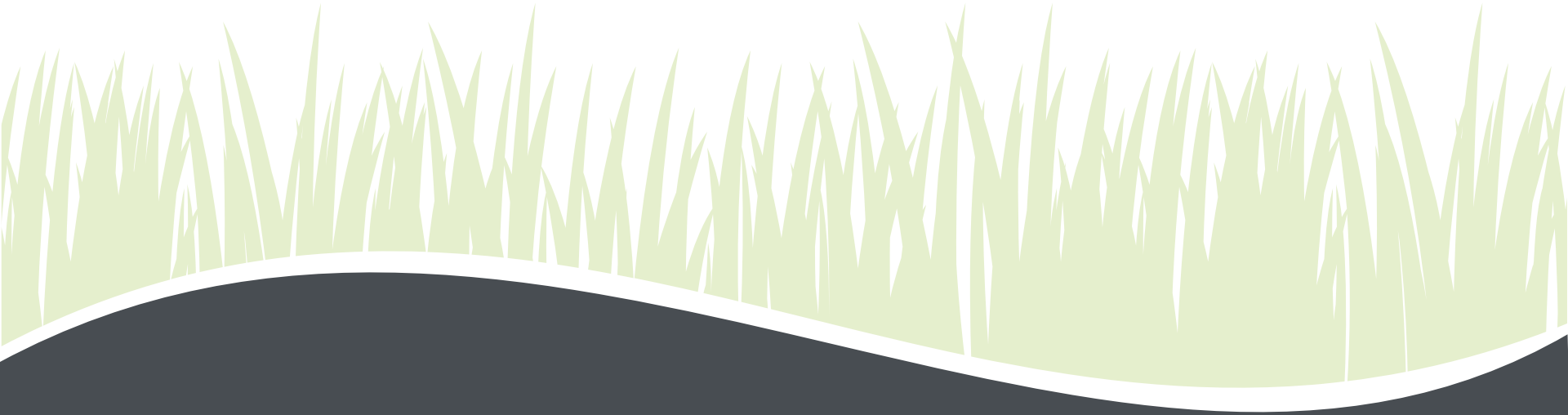
Priority Topic: Municipal/Tribal Engagement



- How is your organization engaging with municipalities and tribes?
 - What have you found is the best approach for engaging them?
- How do we balance the need to invest in environmental justice communities with the needs of non-EJ areas? How do we make EJ areas a SNEP funding priority in a balanced way?
- Are there municipalities/tribes that most need help (environmentally, economically, or not engaging with our organizations adequately)?
- Which areas are most dependent on environmental quality for their economy?
- Could there be benefits to building coalitions/networks of multiple municipalities or municipalities and tribes?
 - Are there existing coalitions that would make it easier to understand and address the needs of those groups?
 - If not, can SNEP and Partner Organizations help build them?
- What do our (both EPA-SNEP and Policy Committee Organizations) communities need from us and how can we provide it?



Round Robin Updates





Adjourn

Thank You for Your Time and Attention!

