

Mystic River Watershed Steering Committee
April 29, 2021
10 AM – 12 PM

Theme: Partnerships for Environmental Justice in the Mystic River watershed

All attendees must pre-register to receive the Zoom link; please register at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlc--gqDMrGdW2VYEklAnHrxD7U7IO_LkX

Agenda

Meeting Purpose:

- To consider how environmental justice concerns intersect with the work of Mystic Steering Committee members.
- To learn about new initiatives, opportunities, and priorities from federal partner agencies.

Welcome and Introductions

Patrick Herron (Mystic River Watershed Association) and Mel Coté (EPA Region 1)

Federal Agency Updates for 2021

Urban Waters Federal Partners will provide brief updates about their current and upcoming priorities, programs, and initiatives that may be relevant to Mystic Steering Committee participants. Agencies confirmed to attend include: Environmental Protection Agency; US Forest Service; Housing and Urban Development, National Park Service, and US Geological Survey. Q&A for all federal partners will follow the updates.

Partnerships for Environmental Justice in the Mystic River Watershed.

A combination of a panel discussion and pre-recorded interviews with members of local environmental justice-focused organizations and initiatives. Panelists and interviewees will share examples of successful partnerships with agencies and municipalities, areas where more and better collaboration is needed, and recommendations for engaging environmental justice populations more fully into conversations about river access and water quality. Q&A will follow.

Discussion

Reflections on the panel conversation and presentations and on environmental justice in the Mystic River watershed.

Announcements, Updates, and Funding Opportunities

Attendees are invited to share updates that may be of interest to the group.

11:50 Wrap Up and Next Steps

12:00 Adjourn