

**Mystic River Watershed Steering Committee
Draft Water Quality Meeting Notes
December 8, 2010**

**9:00 am US EPA New England, 5th Floor,
Mount Lafayette Room, 5 Post Office Square, Boston, MA**

The goal of this sub-group is to come up with a list of strategies to present to the Steering Committee to endorse for the next two years. We should have a few bullets by the February Steering Committee Meeting.

Discussion of Priorities Chart- Updates

- The 'Who is responsible' column has been renamed 'Party responsible for loading' and moved to the right hand side of the chart.
- In the Individual/Group column, the name of the individual or group should be specified rather than just a check mark. The last two columns were moved to the far left of the chart
- We need to go through each strategy and refine the language, flesh them out and make them more clear
- Determine where communities are struggling and how watershed groups can help out

Time Frame: Short vs. Medium vs. Long

- Short:
 - within 6-12 or 18 months
 - address low hanging fruit
 - things that we could be doing now
- Medium
 - An end date can be set, within a few years
- Long
 - Set up interim milestones
- What about ongoing strategies?
- Group decided that short would be strategies that can be started and accomplished within 0-2 years, medium is within 3-5 years and long is more than 5 years.

Future Steps:

- As a strategy for eliminating threats to water quality, the sub-group proposed the idea of addressing communication issues to the public by installing kiosks at certain points along the river with information regarding pet waste, SSOs, fish advisories, and cyanobacteria.
- Catherine and Roger – nutrients (with an EPA person to help?)
- Karen P. and Mike C. – metals
- Bill Hinkley – Physical
- Subgroup members will choose a mix of short, medium and long term strategies – 6 total. High leverage, short-term successes
 - 3 short term strategies
 - 2 medium term strategies

- 1 long term strategy
- Subgroup members should have their sections of charts completed by January 14, 2011.
- Next meeting will be **January 24, 2011 at 9am.**