

AGENDA  
Freshwater Wetland Restoration Strategy Kick-off Meeting

Wednesday, July 7, 2010  
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
RIDEM, Room 300

I. Welcome

II. Why are we doing this?

- Relationship to EPA's core wetland elements

III. Rhode Island Restoration

- a.) Please introduce yourself
- b.) Briefly describe your role
- c.) What do you hope to get out of a Freshwater Wetland Restoration Strategy and/or how could your organization benefit?

IV. Previous Work at DEM

V. Current Work – Development of a Freshwater Wetland Restoration Strategy: Phase 3

- a.) Project components
- b.) Future meetings and logistics

VI. Identification of Topics and Issues

**Proposed Schedule**

<b>Approximate Date Range</b>	<b>Meeting Discussion Topics</b>
7/7/10	Kick-off meeting
8/2-8/6/10	Mapping/identification of sites; Assessment/prioritization methods
8/30-9/3/10	TBD
9/27-10/1/10	TBD
11/1-11/5/10	TBD
December 2010	Draft Strategy

## **RIDEM - Development of a Statewide Restoration Strategy: Phase 3**

Within the statewide strategy, relevant work completed to date will be reflected along with recommended actions within the following proposed topics:

- Mapping or other methods to identify restoration opportunities, noting the status of mapping on a watershed basis.
- Assessment approaches to allow prioritization of potential restoration sites.
- Permitting requirements or procedures.
- Technical assistance and training needs.
- Funding opportunities and future funding needs.
- Coordination mechanisms.
- Tracking and reporting systems/Assessing progress over time.
- Alignment of wetland restoration goals and related restoration goals; e.g. water quality restoration, wildlife management.
- Other?

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