

AGENDA
Freshwater Wetland Restoration Strategy Meeting

Wednesday, November 3rd, 2010
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
RIDEM, Room 280 C1/C2

I. Welcome

II. Recap/Update

III. Technical assistance and training needs

IV. Funding opportunities and future funding needs

V. Conclusion

Issues raised at Kick-off meeting or topic meetings:

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE/TRAINING NEEDS:

- \$\$\$ for admin support, training opportunities (hard to fund) – need someone else to do this for watersheds without paid staff
- Some more established organizations find it easy to find technical assistance, but maybe not easy for more grass roots organizations
- Capacity – ability to take on projects, pursue in a timely way
- Other states with designated groups (MA & CT) but not as much freshwater work done (more coastal)
- Training for monitoring – how to monitor results?
- Permitting guidance – sampling, outcomes
- Invasive species training with CRMC

FUNDING:

- State coordination and leverage of funds
- Private funds
- CWRP- working with corporations (encourage responsibility to healthy watersheds, public recognition)
- Need a revolving fund (pot of \$\$ that doesn't need to be spent down)
- ID where constraints come from
- Banking for restoration?? (NH, ME have in lieu fee programs)