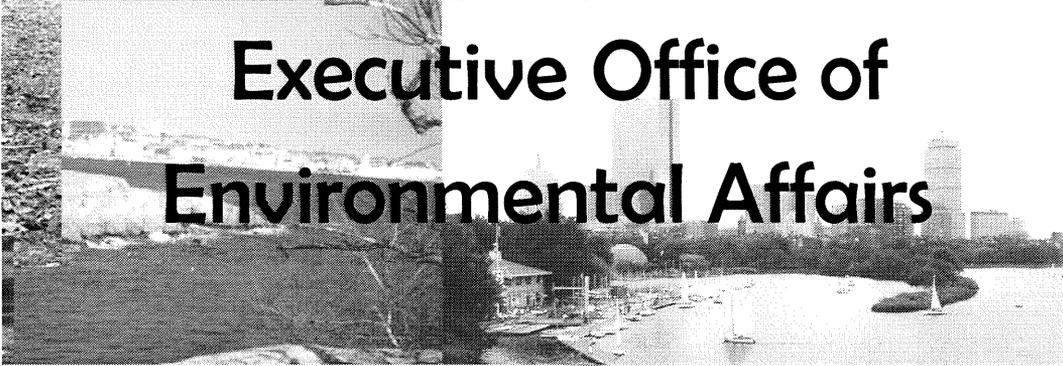
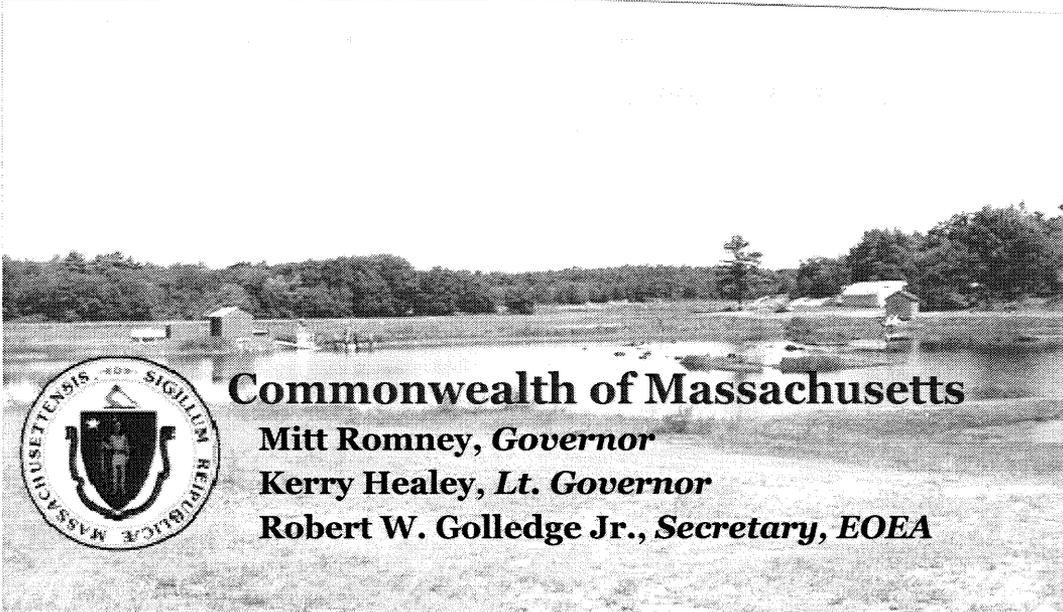
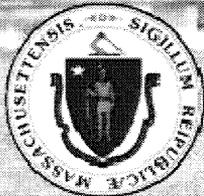


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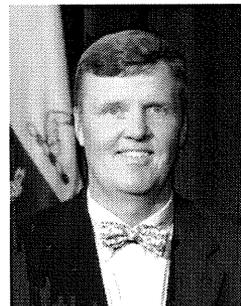
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**Kerry Healey, *Lt. Governor***

**Robert W. Golledge Jr., *Secretary, EOE***

Dear Community Leader:

Often, a combination of state, local, and private funding and expertise is required to fulfill our mutual goal of responsible stewardship of the Commonwealth's natural resources. This publication provides an easy-to-use reference to the grant and loan programs that the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs is pleased to offer.

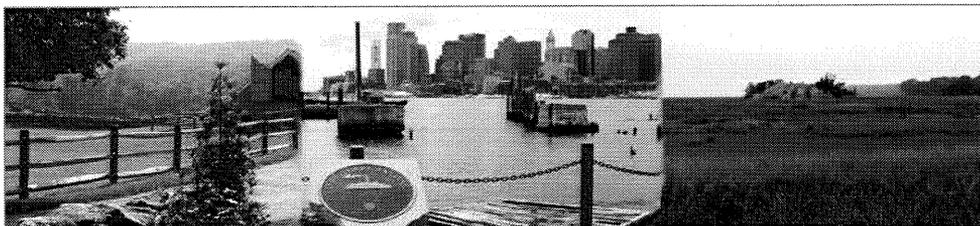


The programs assist with smart growth, help with infrastructure costs, fund land acquisition, focus on coastal issues, deal with water resources, and address other environmental concerns. I hope you find the information contained herein useful, and I thank you for your efforts to protect the natural resources of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert W. Golledge, Jr.".

Robert W. Golledge, Jr.  
*Secretary, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs*



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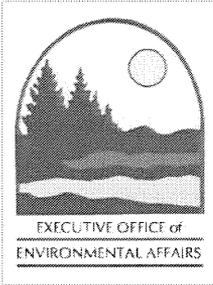
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# Grant and Loan Programs Offered or Administered by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA), its four departments, several offices and divisions offer a wealth of programs to support community efforts to protect, enhance, and preserve the vital environmental resources of the Commonwealth while supporting growth, economic vitality, and a high quality of life for its citizens.

The following sections provide information on the grant and loan programs offered or administered by EOEA in the following areas: Water, Rivers and Harbors; Boating and Vessels; Disasters, Hazards and Floods; Working Resources: Farming and Forestry; Land, Trails and Endangered Species; Recycling, Materials Conservation and Toxics Reduction; Urban Environments; and Smart Growth Technical Assistance.

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## Water, Rivers and Harbors

### Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Program

Provides low-cost financing to help community public water suppliers comply with federal and state drinking water requirements. The program's goals are to protect public health and strengthen compliance with drinking water requirements while addressing the Commonwealth's drinking water needs. The program incorporates affordability and watershed management priorities.

Eligibility:	Public water suppliers	
DEP	<a href="http://mass.gov/dep/water/wastewater/dwsrf.htm">mass.gov/dep/water/wastewater/dwsrf.htm</a>	
Joe Delaney	617-292-5808	<a href="mailto:joseph.delaney@state.ma.us">joseph.delaney@state.ma.us</a>

### Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund Program

For the purpose of water pollution abatement projects, this program was established to provide a low-cost funding mechanism to assist municipalities seeking to comply with federal and state water quality requirements. The State Revolving Fund now provides increased emphasis on watershed management priorities. New projects receive a state-subsidized 2% interest loan.

Eligibility:	Cities, towns, and wastewater districts	
DEP	<a href="http://mass.gov/dep/water/wastewater/cwsrf.htm">mass.gov/dep/water/wastewater/cwsrf.htm</a>	
Joe Delaney	617-292-5808	<a href="mailto:joseph.delaney@state.ma.us">joseph.delaney@state.ma.us</a>

### Agricultural Environmental Enhancement Program

\* See Working Resources

### 604(b) Water Quality Management Planning Grants

Assists regional planning agencies and other eligible recipients in providing water quality assessment and planning assistance to local municipalities.

Eligibility:	Regional planning agencies, municipalities, councils of government, and conservation districts	
DEP	<a href="http://mass.gov/dep/water/grants.htm">mass.gov/dep/water/grants.htm</a>	
Gary Gonyea	617-556-1152	<a href="mailto:gary.gonyea@state.ma.us">gary.gonyea@state.ma.us</a>

### Municipal Waste Reduction Grant Program

\* See Recycling, Materials Conservation & Toxics Reduction



## Water, Rivers and Harbors (cont.)

<b>Massachusetts Environmental Trust Grants</b>		
The Trust's mission is to develop, coordinate, and fund projects that encourage cooperative efforts to raise environmental awareness and enable innovative approaches that can restore, protect, and improve water and water-related resources of the Commonwealth.		
Eligibility:	Nonprofit organizations	
EOEA	www.MassEnvironmentalTrust.org/	
Amy Breault	617-626-1045	amy.breault@state.ma.us
<b>Rivers and Harbor Grant Program (Dredging Grants)</b>		
The purpose of this program is to enable municipalities to address various types of waterways-related problems and provide for financial and technical assistance during engineering, design, permit acquisition, construction management, construction and related efforts. Typical types of projects qualifying for the program are: dredging of channels, harbors and inland waterways for navigation, tidal flushing, flood storage and river, lake or pond restoration; provision of public access, including rehabilitation of publicly owned piers, seawalls, wharves, jetties, bulkheads and revetments; rehabilitation or construction of flood control measures, including dikes, weirs, check dams, tide or floodgates and flood control internal drainage systems; lake and pond restoration or management activities for public access, water-dependent recreation or habitat enhancement purposes; beach nourishment for barrier beach maintenance, habitat enhancement or recreational purposes; coastal or inland wetlands restoration; and streambank and shoreline erosion control protection.		
Eligibility:	Municipalities, local or county commissions or local authorities. Other public or nonprofit organizations or associations can be co-applicant.	
<b>DCR</b>		
Kevin P. Mooney	781-740-1600 x103	Kevin.P.Mooney@state.ma.us
<b>Watershed Management Community Technical Assistance</b>		
Provides technical assistance for planning, zoning, health and subdivision by-laws to communities affected by the Watershed Protection Act (i.e., those located within the watershed system) with the intent of improving water quality.		
Eligibility:	Municipalities or other subsections of the state (i.e., colleges, regional planning agencies) doing projects in communities impacted by the Watershed Protection Act (i.e., communities within the Quabbin, Ware River, Wachusett or Sudbury Reservoir areas).	
<b>DCR</b>		
Joel Zimmerman	617-626-1399	joel.zimmerman@state.ma.us

## Water, Rivers and Harbors (cont.)

### Buzzards Bay Watershed Wetlands and Open Space Protection Grants

The Buzzards Bay Project National Estuary Program offers these grants to assist interested Buzzards Bay watershed municipalities in the protection of open space, rare and endangered species habitat, and freshwater and saltwater wetlands, and to help restore tidally restricted salt marshes, to purchase oil spill containment equipment, to restore fish runs, and to remediate stormwater discharges threatening water quality. These funds have been made available in accordance with US EPA National Estuary Program Cooperative Agreements and are part of an ongoing Buzzards Bay Watershed Municipal Grant Program implemented by the Buzzards Bay Project National Estuary Program.

	<p><b>Eligibility:</b> Eligible towns include Fall River, Westport, Dartmouth, New Bedford, Acushnet, Fairhaven, Rochester, Mattapoisett, Marion, Wareham, Middleborough, Carver, Plymouth, Bourne, Falmouth, and Gosnold. However, specific restoration and protection projects must lie principally within the Buzzards Bay watershed.</p>
	<p><b>Criteria:</b> Projects eligible for funding include but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Oil spill containment boom and oil spill response supplies of any type to minimize water quality and habitat impacts of water- and land-born spills.</li> <li>2) Stormwater remediation projects, particularly those that treat stormwater to improve water quality in order to open or protect shellfish beds or protect public bathing beaches.</li> <li>3) Herring and anadromous or catadromous fish restoration including, but not limited to, fish ladder improvements and debris or obstruction removal.</li> <li>4) Wetland and habitat restoration, preservation, acquisition and protection, and upland open space acquisition for habitat protection, conservation and passive recreation purposes.</li> </ol>

**CZM** [www.buzzardsbay.org/](http://www.buzzardsbay.org/)

Dr. Joe Costa 508-291-3625 [jcosta@state.ma.us](mailto:jcosta@state.ma.us)

### Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant – EOE A

The purpose of this program is to protect key parcels of land believed critical to the protection of current and future water supplies.

**Eligibility:** Municipalities and water supply entities recognized by state law.

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### Boating Infrastructure Grant

\* See Boating & Vessels

## Water, Rivers and Harbors (cont.)

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### Water Loss Prevention Grant Program

The purpose of this program is to address drinking water supply and distribution systems water losses. Projects funded under this program must conduct water audit and leak detection surveys or implement a public water conservation outreach program. The Department encourages all types of eligible, competitive proposals from all public water systems, although preference may be given to those public water systems who have withdrawal points located within a stressed basin (per the Water Resources Commission), are undergoing a 5-year Water Management Act (WMA) Program review, have an identified problem meeting demand, or with WMA permit conditions that would benefit by a reduction in demand.

Eligibility:	Any Massachusetts public water system	
DEP–BRP	<a href="http://mass.gov/dep/water/wlpgprog.htm">mass.gov/dep/water/wlpgprog.htm</a>	
Malcolm Harper	508-767-2745	<a href="mailto:malcolm.harper@state.ma.us">malcolm.harper@state.ma.us</a>

### Stream Team Implementation Awards

For implementation projects from Stream Team Action Plans that further watershed and stream protection or to help start new Stream Teams. In areas where Stream Teams are well established, priority will be given to implementation projects.

Eligibility:	Each year two Massachusetts watersheds are selected for eligibility. Groups may submit proposals through a nonprofit organization with 501c3 status or a municipality (by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, etc.), and must be directly related to Stream Teams or Stream Team work. Stream Teams are encouraged to work in partnership with their watershed associations, land trusts, Conservation Commission and other town boards.	
DFG	<a href="http://www.massriverways.org/">www.massriverways.org/</a>	
Amy Singler	617-626-1548	<a href="mailto:amy.singler@state.ma.us">amy.singler@state.ma.us</a>

### Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants

### Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

**Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants** \* See Disasters, Hazards & Floods

### UrbanRiver Visions Program

Provides funding to develop vision and action plans for revitalizing underutilized and environmentally-degraded riverfront sites in communities and to implement recommendations from the UrbanRiver Vision Plans developed by EOEA in 2002.

Eligibility:	Municipalities with UrbanRiver Visions charette completed.	
EOEA	<a href="http://commpres.env.state.ma.us/content/urv.asp">commpres.env.state.ma.us/content/urv.asp</a>	
Eric Hove	617-626-1131	<a href="mailto:eric.hove@state.ma.us">eric.hove@state.ma.us</a>

**Clean Vessel Act Grant Program** \* See Boating & Vessels

## Water, Rivers and Harbors (cont.)

### Watershed Improvement Grant – EOE A

To complete projects designed to achieve the restoration and preservation of water and/or land resources, consistent with EOE A Watershed Action Plans.

**Eligibility:** Open to public and private entities, but projects must have been cited in an EOE A-accepted Watershed Action Plan.

Vandana Rao 617-626-1248 vandana.rao@state.ma.us

### Coastal Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution Grant Program

The primary goal of the Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant Program (Coastal NPS), administered by CZM is to improve coastal water quality by reducing or eliminating nonpoint sources of pollution. The grant program fund NPS assessments, non-structural BMP's and other NPS management measures related to marinas, urban areas, agriculture, forestry, and hydromodification.

**Eligibility:** Municipalities and nonprofit organizations located within the greater Massachusetts Coastal Watershed

**CZM** [mass.gov/czm/coastalnpsgrants.htm](http://mass.gov/czm/coastalnpsgrants.htm)

Jay Baker 617-626-1204 Jason.Baker@state.ma.us

### Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grant Program

Provides grants to organizations expressly to prevent, control and abate nonpoint source pollution through the implementation of structural and nonstructural Best Management Practices (BMPs).

**Eligibility:** Massachusetts public or private entity

**Criteria:** Must meet federal EPA guidelines

**DEP** [mass.gov/dep/water/grants.htm](http://mass.gov/dep/water/grants.htm)

Jane Peirce 508-767-2792 jane.peirce@state.ma.us



## Water, Rivers and Harbors (cont.)

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### Coastal Monitoring Grant Program

These grants are intended to assist EOEA in its mission to assess, protect, and remediate water and habitat quality in coastal watersheds. More specifically, these funds may be used by monitoring groups, organizations, or firms to assess impacts to water quality, provide early detection of invasive species, and assess impacts to wetlands.

Eligibility:	Any public or private entity organized to address water quality or other environmental issues, including, but not limited to 501(c)(3) certified nonprofits, municipalities, regional planning organizations, or public academic institutions. Labs are also eligible for funds if they submit a joint response with a cooperation monitoring group.
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CZM	<a href="http://mass.gov/czm/monitoring_grants.htm">mass.gov/czm/monitoring_grants.htm</a>
Todd Callaghan	617-626-1233 <a href="mailto:todd.callaghan@state.ma.us">todd.callaghan@state.ma.us</a>

### Wetlands Restoration Program Grants for Priority Projects

The mission of the Wetlands Restoration Program is to help people voluntarily restore the state's degraded and former coastal wetlands and the invaluable services they provide. Working with many federal, state, and local partners, WRP pursues this mission with activities in the following core program areas: project implementation, partnerships, restoration planning, education and outreach, and monitoring.

Eligibility:	Open to any Massachusetts public or 501(c)(3) certified non-profit organization, including, but not limited to state agencies, cities and towns, regional planning agencies, watershed organizations, and public schools.
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Criteria:	The proposed work must be done on Wetlands Restoration Program Priority Projects—these have been designated through an annual open and competitive call for nominations.
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CZM	<a href="http://mass.gov/czm/wrp/index.htm">mass.gov/czm/wrp/index.htm</a>
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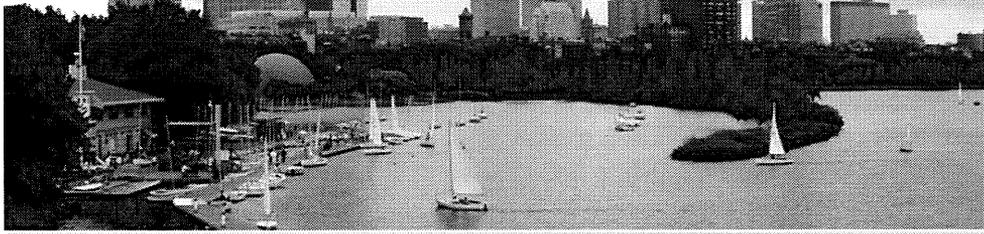
Bruce Carlisle	617-626-1205 <a href="mailto:bruce.carlisle@state.ma.us">bruce.carlisle@state.ma.us</a>
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### Dam Safety Program

\* See Disasters, Hazards & Floods



## Water, Rivers and Harbors (cont.)



### Coastal Pollution Remediation Grant Program

Provides funding at the local level to improve coastal water quality by reducing or eliminating nonpoint sources (NPS) of pollution, specifically those that are transportation-related. NPS pollution is caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground, and as it moves it picks up and carries natural and human-made pollutants, depositing them into surface and coastal waters.

Eligibility:	Municipalities located within the Greater Massachusetts Coastal Watershed
Criteria:	Eligible projects include, but are not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the treatment of stormwater pollution from roadways;</li> <li>2) assessment to identify the source(s) of pollution from roadways and parking lots and design of best management practices (BMPs) to remediate the identified sources;</li> <li>3) implementation of BMPs to treat stormwater pollution from roadways and parking lots; and</li> <li>4) construction/design of boat pumpout facilities to remediate NPS pollution from recreational marine vessel discharges.</li> </ol>
CZM	<a href="http://mass.gov/czm/cprgp.htm">mass.gov/czm/cprgp.htm</a>
Jay Baker	617-626-1204 <a href="mailto:jason.baker@state.ma.us">jason.baker@state.ma.us</a>

### Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment Action Plan Grants Program

The Gulf of Maine Council offers grants for citizen groups and community organizations to pursue projects that support its priority goals, which are described in the 2001-2006 Action Plan.

Eligibility:	Non-governmental organizations (e.g., community associations, cooperatives, civic groups), municipalities, and schools are eligible to apply. The non-governmental organization and the proposed project must be located within the Gulf of Maine watershed. The Gulf of Maine watershed extends from southern Cape Cod in Massachusetts to Cape Sable in Nova Scotia, and includes all lands that are part of coastal watersheds.
CZM	<a href="http://www.gulfofmaine.org/council/opportunities/ap_grant_awardees_2003.asp">www.gulfofmaine.org/council/opportunities/ap_grant_awardees_2003.asp</a>
Kathryn Glenn	978-281-3972 <a href="mailto:kathryn.glenn@state.ma.us">kathryn.glenn@state.ma.us</a>

## Boating and Vessels

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### **Boating Infrastructure Grant**

Funds made available through the Sportfish Restoration Act are distributed to public marinas through a competitive grant program administered by the Division of Marine Fisheries. Projects must build or improve infrastructure so as to accommodate transient recreational vessels larger than 26'.

Eligibility:	Public entity	
DFG	<a href="http://mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/programsandprojects/projectbig.htm">mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/programsandprojects/projectbig.htm</a>	
Vin Malkoski	508-910-6318	Vincent.Malkoski@state.ma.us

### **Clean Vessel Act Grant Program**

The purpose of this program is to build an infrastructure of sanitary pumpout stations for boats with holding tanks in order to improve coastal water quality. Subgrantees can be both in the public sector, such as harbormasters and other municipal officials, and in the private sector, such as marinas, boatyards and yacht

Eligibility:	Coastal municipality, private or public marina or yacht club	
DFG	<a href="http://mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/programsandprojects/cvabig.htm">mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/programsandprojects/cvabig.htm</a>	
Vin Malkoski	508-910-6318	Vincent.Malkoski@state.ma.us

### **Coastal Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution Grant Program**

### **Coastal Pollution Remediation Grant Program**

### **Rivers and Harbor Grant Program (Dredging Grants)**

\* See Water, Rivers and Harbors



## Disasters, Hazards and Floods

### **Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program**

Allows eligible fire departments to expand their expertise, purchase tools necessary to carry out vital public safety functions and assist high risk communities in reducing problematic hazard mitigation concerns in the Wildland Urban Interface.

Eligibility:	Non-profit, rural call or 80% volunteer fire departments in communities with populations less than 10,000	
DCR	<a href="http://mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/firecont/services.htm">mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/firecont/services.htm</a>	
Roxanne Savoie	(413) 538-9092	roxanne.savoie@state.ma.us

### **Buzzards Bay Watershed Wetlands and Open Space**

**Grants** \* See Water, Rivers and Harbors

## Disasters, Hazards and Floods (cont.)

### Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants

Cost-share grants for natural hazard mitigation planning and projects for communities (pre- and post-disaster).

**Eligibility:** Current participants in the National Flood Insurance Program with repetitive flood loss properties

**DCR** [mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/mitigate/grants.htm](http://mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/mitigate/grants.htm)

**Rich Zingarelli** 617- 626-1406 [richard.zingarelli@state.ma.us](mailto:richard.zingarelli@state.ma.us)

### Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants

Cost-share grants for natural hazard mitigation planning and projects for communities (pre- and post-disaster).

**Eligibility:** Current participants in the National Flood Insurance Program with repetitive flood loss properties

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### Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Cost-share grants for natural hazard mitigation planning and projects for communities (pre- and post-disaster).

**Eligibility:** Current participants in the National Flood Insurance Program with repetitive flood loss properties

**DCR** [mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/mitigate/grants.htm](http://mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/mitigate/grants.htm)

**Rich Zingarelli** 617- 626-1406 [richard.zingarelli@state.ma.us](mailto:richard.zingarelli@state.ma.us)

### Dam Safety Program

DCR

Offers grants for dam repairs according to a DCR ranked risk/benefit assessment methodology.

**Eligibility:** Municipalities

**Bill Salomaa** 617-626-1410 [william.salomaa@state.ma.us](mailto:william.salomaa@state.ma.us)

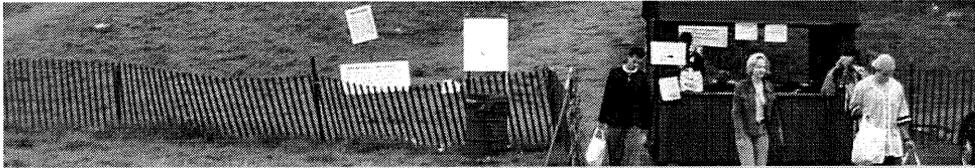
### Municipal Waste Reduction Grant Program

\* See Recycling, Materials Conservation & Toxics Reduction

### Rivers and Harbor Grant Program (Dredging Grants)

\* See Water, Rivers and Harbors





### **Agricultural Environmental Enhancement Program**

Provides funding to farmers for installation of water quality protection practices such as buffers, animal waste systems, pesticide loading and storage facilities, fencing, and gutters and water conservation measures, as well as improvements in air quality. Top priority is protecting ground and surface public water supplies; other resources, such as shellfish beds and trout streams, are a second priority.

**Eligibility:** All farmers, except cranberry growers, who actively farm 5 acres or more of land that could potentially impact a water resource are eligible. Cranberry growers are eligible if they have 3 or more acres in productive bogs.

**Criteria:**

- 1) Farm location as it relates to water resources;
- 2) Existence of a natural resources conservation plan; and
- 3) Environmental benefit of the BMP to be funded.

**DAR** [mass.gov/agr/programs/aEEP/](http://mass.gov/agr/programs/aEEP/)

**Scott Soares** 617-626-1730 [scott.soares@state.ma.us](mailto:scott.soares@state.ma.us)

### **Agriculture Preservation Restriction Program**

A voluntary program which is intended to offer a non-development alternative to farmers and other owners of "prime" and "state important" or "unique" agricultural land who are faced with a decision regarding future use and disposition of their farms. Towards this end, the program offers farmers the difference between the "fair market value" and the "fair market agricultural value" of their farmland in exchange for a permanent deed restriction which precludes any use of the property that will have a negative impact on its agricultural viability.

**Eligibility:**

- 1) Farm must be at least 5 acres in size.
- 2) Land has to have been actively devoted to agriculture for the 2 immediately preceding tax years.
- 3) At least \$500 in gross sales per year for 5 acres plus \$5 for each additional acre or 50 cents per each additional acre of woodland and/or wetland.

**Criteria:**

- 1) Suitability or productivity of land for agricultural use;
- 2) Degree of threat to the continuation of agriculture on the land due to circumstances such as development pressure, etc; and
- 3) Degree to which the land is economically viable for agricultural purposes and likelihood of same for the foreseeable future.

**DAR** [mass.gov/agr/landuse/APR/index.htm](http://mass.gov/agr/landuse/APR/index.htm)

**Ronald Hall** 617-626-1704 [ronald.hall@state.ma.us](mailto:ronald.hall@state.ma.us)

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### Farm Viability Enhancement Program

Seeks to improve the economic viability and environmental integrity of participating farms through the development and implementation of farm viability (business) plans. Offers farmers environmental, technical and business planning assistance to expand, upgrade and modernize their existing operations. Seed capital for the implementation of recommended changes in the plan is available in exchange for a non-development covenant on the property for a fixed term (usually 10 yrs).

**Eligibility:** All farmers who actively farm 5 acres or more of land are eligible. Cranberry growers are eligible if they have 3 or more acres in productive bogs.

**DAR** [mass.gov/agr/programs/farmviability/](http://mass.gov/agr/programs/farmviability/)  
**Craig Richov** 617-626-1725 [craig.richov@state.ma.us](mailto:craig.richov@state.ma.us)

### Forest Stewardship Program

Encourages landowners to practice long-term guardianship through the development of a management plan for their woodlands. Provides grants to private forest landowners to protect forest ecosystems. Landowners, with the assistance of DCR foresters, develop a forest stewardship plan for their property, which makes them eligible for federal cost-sharing funds to help carry out the plan.

**Eligibility:** Any forest landowner in Massachusetts who meets the following criteria: ownership must be private, non-industrial and non-profit; size of forest land must be less than 1,000 acres in total in the state.

**DCR** [mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/service/index.htm](http://mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/service/index.htm)  
**Steve Anderson** 413-256-1201 [steve.anderson@state.ma.us](mailto:steve.anderson@state.ma.us)

### Urban Forest Planning and Education

Provides grants to cities, towns and community groups for the development of long-term public involvement strategies for community trees and forests. Subcategories of Planning and Education grants include inner city grants, watershed grants, and library grants. support projects that result in sustained improvements to local urban and community forestry programs. These grants support projects that range from developing educational brochures to completing a management plan to conducting a street tree inventory. Broad coalitions of public, private and citizen groups and communities that have not previously been funded are favored for this program.

**Eligibility:** Municipalities, nonprofit community groups

**DCR** [mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/urban/urbanGrants.htm](http://mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/urban/urbanGrants.htm)  
**Eric Seaborn** 617-626-1468 [eric.seaborn@state.ma.us](mailto:eric.seaborn@state.ma.us)



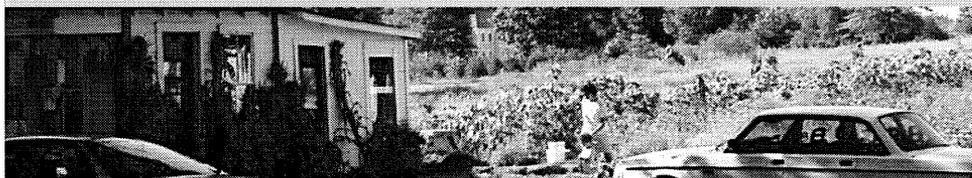
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<b>Forest Viability Program</b>		EOEA
Provides technical assistance and financial support to forest landowners for the purpose of improving the ecological integrity and economic viability of the state's 2.4 million acres of private forestland.		
Eligibility:	Eligible landowners include non-industrial, private landowners currently engaged in a forest-based business that own forestland under a forest management plan that meets the minimum requirements of the Ch. 61 program.	
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<b>Heritage Tree Care</b>		
Provides grants for professional arboricultural care of large public trees (trees 32" in diameter or greater) or trees with historical cultural significance to cities and towns.		
Eligibility:	Municipalities, nonprofit community groups	
Criteria:	Trees are in prominent location to attract public attention to the needs of large trees	
DCR	mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/urban/urbanGrants.htm	
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<b>WIC Farmer's Market Nutrition Program</b>		
Provides fruits and vegetables to nutritionally disadvantaged women, infants and children. Assists small family farms to directly market to consumers and enhance their economic viability.		
Eligibility:	Individual WIC recipients, children under age 5 at 175% of the poverty level or below. Eligible individuals receive vouchers redeemable for food at approved farmer's markets.	
DAR	mass.gov/agr/markets/farmersmarkets/coupons.htm	
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<b>Seniors Farmer's Market Nutrition Program</b>		
Provides fruits and vegetables to nutritionally disadvantaged seniors. Assists small family farms to directly market to consumers and enhance their economic viability.		
Eligibility:	Elders at 185% of the poverty level or below. Eligible individuals receive vouchers redeemable for food at approved farmer's markets.	
DAR	mass.gov/agr/markets/farmersmarkets/coupons.htm	
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## Land, Trails and Endangered Species

### MASS ReLeaf Program

Program designed to foster partnerships between business, government and nonprofit organizations to give grants to cities, towns and community groups for planting and care of urban shade tree plantings on public land.

Eligibility:	Municipalities, community groups
Criteria:	50%, usually in-kind services for tree maintenance
DCR	<a href="http://mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/urban/urbanGrants.htm">mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/urban/urbanGrants.htm</a>
Eric Seaborn	(617) 626-1468 <a href="mailto:eric.seaborn@state.ma.us">eric.seaborn@state.ma.us</a>

### Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)

Program is a partnership that provides private landowners interested in developing and maintaining wildlife habitat on their property with financial and technical assistance. State biologists are currently working with private landowners to enhance and protect important habitats across the Commonwealth. Funding will be awarded for on-the-ground activities that (1) enhance wildlife habitat and provide benefits for species-at-risk or (2) that meet goals outlined by LIP.

Eligibility:	Private landowner, land trust or conservation organization
Criteria:	Landowners eligible to receive funding include land that is not owned by the State of Massachusetts or the Federal Government. Private landowners, individually or as a group, can submit project proposals for their property. Additionally, individuals or groups (e.g. land conservancies or trusts, watershed councils, community organizations, or conservation organizations) working with private landowners or on trust lands are also eligible.
DFG	<a href="http://mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/dfw_lip.htm">mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/dfw_lip.htm</a>
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### Buzzards Bay Watershed Wetlands and Open Space

**Grants** \* See Water, Rivers and Harbors

### Farm Viability Enhancement Program

**Forest Stewardship Program** \* See Working Resources



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### Land Conservation Estate Planning Program – EOEА

To protect high priority resource areas through no-development covenants and rights of first refusal, and to encourage and increase gifts and bargain sales in these areas by providing information and funding to landowners for conservation oriented estate planning.

Eligibility:	Individuals with 10 or more acres of undeveloped land in priority focus areas.	
Criteria:	Landowner must grant a 5 year no-development covenant and a right of first refusal to receive estate planning services.	
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### Conservation Partnership Grants

To assist not-for-profit corporations in acquiring land and interests in lands suitable for conservation or recreation.

Eligibility:	A non-profit corporation, formed for one of the purposes described in Section 4 of Chapter 180 of the Mass. General Laws and be considered an exempt organization within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. section 501(c) (3).
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EOEA	<a href="http://mass.gov/envir/dcs/default.htm">mass.gov/envir/dcs/default.htm</a>	
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### Self-Help Conservation Land Acquisition Program

Provides grant assistance to city and town conservation commissions for the acquisition of open space for conservation and passive recreation purposes.

Eligibility:	Municipalities must have a current open space and recreation plan to apply, and the land must be open to the general public.	
EOEA--DCS	<a href="http://mass.gov/envir/dcs/selfhelp/default.htm">mass.gov/envir/dcs/selfhelp/default.htm</a>	
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### Urban Self-Help Program

Assists cities and towns acquire and develop land for park and outdoor recreation purposes. Provides grant assistance to cities and towns to acquire parkland, and also to develop or renovate existing outdoor public recreation facilities.

Eligibility:	Any town with a population of 35,000 or more year-round residents, or any city regardless of size, that has an authorized park /recreation commission and conservation commission, is eligible to participate in the program. Municipalities must have a current open space and recreation plan to apply, and the land must be open to the general public. Smaller municipalities may still qualify under "small town", "regional", or "statewide" project provisions of the program.	
EOEA--DCS	<a href="http://mass.gov/envir/dcs/urban/default.htm">mass.gov/envir/dcs/urban/default.htm</a>	
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## Land, Trails and Endangered Species (cont.)

<b>Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund</b>		
The Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund (P.L.88-578) provides up to 50% of the total project cost for the acquisition, development and renovation of park, recreation or conservation areas. Nearly 4000 acres have been acquired and hundreds of parks renovated using the \$94.2 million that Massachusetts has received from the state side portion of the federal program since 1965.		
Eligibility:	Municipal Conservation commissions, park departments, and certain agencies within EOEA	
Criteria:	Access by the general public is required.	
EOEA-DCS	<a href="http://mass.gov/envir/dcs/landwater/default.htm">mass.gov/envir/dcs/landwater/default.htm</a>	
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<b>Recreational Trails Program</b>		
Provides funding for a variety of trail protection, construction and stewardship projects. This national program makes funds available to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses.		
Eligibility:	Municipalities, nonprofit groups and regional and state agencies	
DCR	<a href="http://mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/greenway/regionalGrants.htm">mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/greenway/regionalGrants.htm</a>	
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<b>Urban Land Assessment Program</b>	* See Urban Environments	
<b>Agriculture Preservation Restriction Program</b>		
<b>Urban Forest Planning and Education</b>	* See Working Resources	
<b>Watershed Management Community Technical Assistance</b>		
<b>Watershed Improvement Grants</b>	* See Water, Rivers, Harbors	
 <b>Recycling, Materials Conservation &amp; Toxics Reduction</b> 		
<b>Business Recycling Loan Fund</b>		
Provides financial assistance to support the state's recycling industry. Provides low interest loans for equipment, real estate and working capital costs.		
Eligibility:	Massachusetts Recycling-related businesses	
DEP	<a href="http://mass.gov/dep/recycle/recawgr.htm">mass.gov/dep/recycle/recawgr.htm</a>	
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<b>Agricultural Environmental Enhancement Program</b>		
		* See Working Resources

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### Municipal Waste Reduction Grant Program

Provides capital equipment, education, and technical assistance grants to municipalities to address recycling, composting, household hazardous waste, vehicle idling, and water conservation. Included in this grant program are:

- 1) Recycling, Composting, Household Hazardous Waste Equipment, Education and Technical Assistance Grants: Grants to municipalities to develop comprehensive recycling infrastructure to properly manage residential solid waste.
- 2) School Chemical Management and Cleanout Grants: Grants to assist with the disposal of unwanted chemicals in schools and improvements in chemical procurement and storage practices.
- 3) Idling Reduction and Water Conservation Grant Program: Grants to assist communities and schools in establishing idling reduction campaigns including street signs and other promotional materials.
- 4) Pay-As-You-Throw: Grants to assist with the implementation of Pay-As-You-Throw waste management programs in municipalities.

Eligibility:	Municipalities and regional groups
Criteria:	Various conditions are placed on each grant. Communities must have an ongoing or proposed recycling program and a "buy recycled" program to apply.
DEP--BWP	<a href="http://mass.gov/dep/recycle/cities.htm">mass.gov/dep/recycle/cities.htm</a>
Brooke Nash	617-292-5861 <a href="mailto:brooke.nash@state.ma.us">brooke.nash@state.ma.us</a>

### Recycling Industry Reimbursement Credit Grant Program

Provides grants to Massachusetts companies engaged in processing or utilizing recovered waste materials as raw materials. Grants are for capital equipment, research and pilot programs focused on increasing the demand for recyclable materials.

Eligibility:	Businesses processing or utilizing recovered materials
DEP	<a href="http://mass.gov/dep/recycle/business.htm#market">mass.gov/dep/recycle/business.htm#market</a>
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## Urban Environments

### Urban Brownfields Site Assessment Program

Provides grants to assist municipalities in assessing Brownfields in order to minimize the uncertainties surrounding the actual or perceived contamination associated with these sites in urban settings. Through these grants, EOEА seeks to provide municipalities, economic development agencies, and potential developers with the information necessary to determine cleanup options and cost estimates. By providing funding for environmental assessment work on these sites, EOEА hopes that municipalities will be able to more effectively move Brownfield sites back into safe and productive use.

Eligibility: Municipalities and municipal redevelopment authorities

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### Urban Land Assessment Program

Provides technical assistance and partnership support to assess park needs and potentially reusable open space in urban communities. In FY '05, the following communities have been selected for the "Five Cities Initiative" pilot: Fall River, Somerville, Holyoke, Worcester, and Lawrence.

Eligibility: Municipalities

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### UrbanRiver Visions

\* See Water, Rivers and Harbors

### Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund

### MASS ReLeaf Program

### Urban Self-Help Program

\* See Land & Endangered Species

### Urban Forest Planning and Education

### Heritage Tree Care

\* See Working Resources

### Municipal Waste Reduction Grant Program

\* See Recycling, Materials & Toxics Reduction

### Digital Parcel Mapping Grant Program

\* See Smart Growth Technical Assistance



**Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant Program**

Provides funding to municipalities to implement smart growth zoning changes and other activities that will improve sustainable development practices locally or implement a specific Community Development or Master Plan action. A second funding goal is to support city and town efforts to enact local or regional measures and plans that help augment municipal scores on the state's Commonwealth Capital (CC) application that is linked to many state grant or loan programs.

Eligibility:	Municipalities and regional planning agencies	
EOEA	<a href="http://commpres.env.state.ma.us/content/sgta_grants.asp">commpres.env.state.ma.us/content/sgta_grants.asp</a>	
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**Digital Parcel Mapping Grant Program**

Grants help cities and towns develop GIS versions of their assessors tax parcel maps and related database information. These can be used by state agencies, regional planning agencies, and municipalities to modernize operations and in support of various planning activities. Program provides reimbursement for the cost of developing digital parcel data that meets the MassGIS Level II standard.

Eligibility:	Municipalities and regional planning agencies ("community partners") on their behalf.	
EOEA—MassGIS	<a href="http://mass.gov/mgis/parcelgrantstatus.htm">mass.gov/mgis/parcelgrantstatus.htm</a>	
Christian Jacqz	617-626-1056	<a href="mailto:christian.jacqz@state.ma.us">christian.jacqz@state.ma.us</a>

**Coastal Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution Grant Program**

**Watershed Management Community Technical Assistance**

**UrbanRiver Visions Program**

\* See Water, Rivers and Harbors

**Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants**

**Hazard Mitigation Grants**

**Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants**

\* See Disasters, Hazards & Floods



## Office of Public/Private Partnerships

In August 2003, EOEA created the Office of Public/Private Partnerships (OPPP). The goal of the Office is to restore trust in the public realm, develop partnerships which can be the bridge between the state's environmental agencies and constituents, increase constituent community involvement, and create new models of stewardship and a culture of shared responsibility in the stewardship of our parks and open space assets to ensure long term preservation of the Commonwealth's open space legacy.

As part of this initiative, the OPPP will collect and document existing permits and contracts and oversee the creation of a new permit database, and input of existing data, to establish a transparent Request for Response (RFR) process and a permit renewal process.

OPPP will also continue its work to ensure institutionalization of the DCR Lifeguard Training program that addresses the critical need for jobs for youth from urban neighborhoods and creates career opportunities in the environmental field, such as the establishment of the Madison Park Vocational School/DCR Training Coop Program.

### Office of Public/Private Partnerships

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## Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) <sup>20</sup>

The mission of EOEA is to safeguard public health from environmental threats and to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources of the Commonwealth. To meet its mandate, the Secretariat has established departments to carry out four distinct missions:

The Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR) works to provide a safe, local supply of high quality foods and to strengthen the economic viability of Massachusetts' agriculture.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) strives to protect, preserve, manage, and enhance the natural and cultural resources of the Commonwealth in order to promote healthy, livable and sustainable communities, and to connect people to these resources through recreation and education;

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) works to fulfill Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution's guarantee of the people's right to clean air and water, as well as the natural, scenic, historic, and aesthetic qualities of their environment;

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is charged with stewardship of the Commonwealth's marine and freshwater fisheries, wildlife species, plants and natural communities, and wildlife-dependent recreation.

In addition, the Executive Office is comprised of various offices and divisions: Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM), Division of Conservation Services (DCS), Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), Massachusetts Environmental Trust (MET), Office of Environmental and Geographic Information (MassGIS), Office of Law Enforcement (OLE), Office of Public Private Partnerships (OPPP), and Office of Technical Assistance for Toxics Use Reduction (OTA).

*Collectively these departments, offices, and divisions carry out the mission of EOEA, with a focus on five key Secretarial initiatives:*

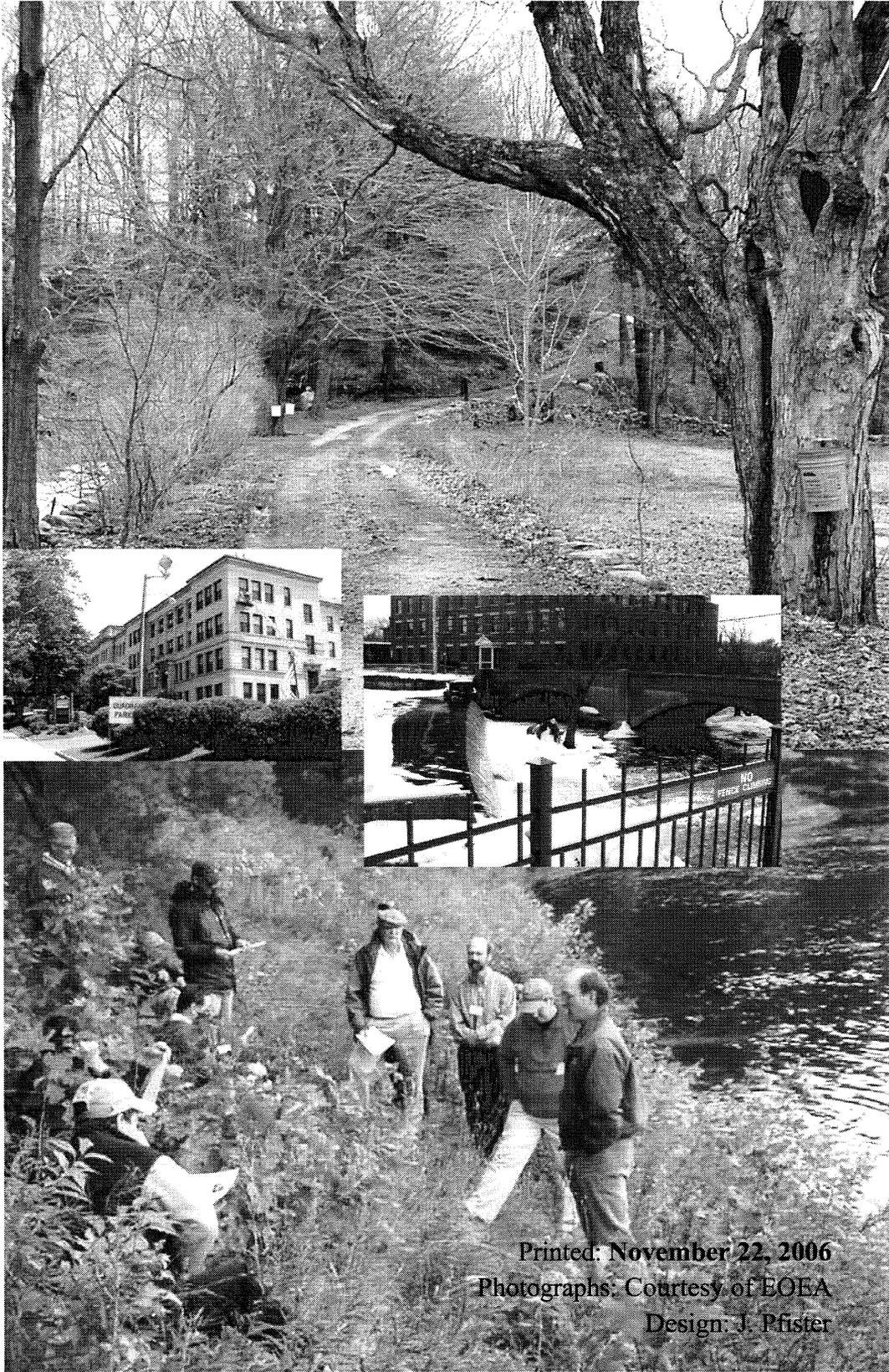
**World Class Parks:** Focuses on actions to revitalize the Commonwealth's vast state parks system through new models of stewardship, high-quality service for diverse park users, multi-year planning, Best Management Practices (BMP), and increased accountability.

**Lean and Green:** Focuses on efficient and effective service, better information, technical assistance, and increased enforcement to achieve environmental results and promote innovative environmental technologies.

**Smart Conservation:** The Secretary's Smart Conservation strategy brings the conservation of air, land, ocean, and water resources into a comprehensive conservation approach that includes the topics of traditional environmental protection and restoration.

**Smart Growth:** Encourages municipalities to adopt land use regulations that reduce sprawl and are consistent with the Governor's Sustainable Development Principles.

**Urban Environments:** Encourages the redevelopment of Brownfields and downtown riverfronts and addresses urban environmental justice issues.



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