

SNEP WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS (SWIG) for Watershed Planning & Implementation

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Southeast New England Program (SNEP)

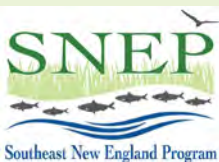
Federal Funding Program managed by EPA since 2014

Program Vision 2050: A resilient ecosystem of safe and healthy waters, thriving watersheds and natural lands, and sustainable communities in the Southeast New England Program coastal watershed region.

Program Goals:

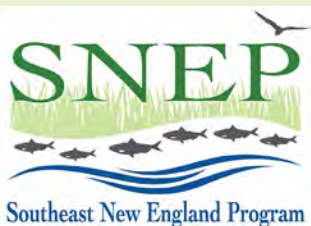
- Resilient Ecosystem of Safe & Healthy Waters
- Thriving Watersheds & Natural Lands
- Sustainable Communities

Link to SNEP program & Strategic Plan from www.snepgrants.org



About SWIG

- RAE/EPA Partnership – Federal Funds
- Generally \$3 M / yr, split between RI & MA
- Grants \$10k - \$500k, most in the \$100k -- \$400k range
- Since 2018, 70+ Grants, \$15 M awards
- 33% non-federal match required



SWIG24: \$2.8 M available

Restore Ecosystems, Improve Communities

2024 Funding Themes:

- Restore Small Cities & Urban Environmental Resources;
- Conserve and Restore Rural and Natural Landscapes;
- Innovate to Improve Water Quality;
- Promote Environmental Justice and Equity;
- Address Environmental Change;
- Build & Sustain Local and Regional Partnerships; and
- Foster Regional Learning.

Using SWIG for Watershed Planning

- Address three main goal areas: Clean Water, Healthy Ecosystems, and Sustainable Communities
- SWIG looks for plans with realistic prospects for implementation
- Comprehensive, holistic, multi-municipality, multi-partner, engage stakeholders
- Planning projects may include implementation components

Next Steps

Next SWIG RFP solicitation: February, 2025

See www.snepgrants.org for complete information, or
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More about EPA SNEP Program: Google “SNEP
Strategic Plan” or link from SWIG web page

