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Alewife 604B BMP Development Project

Public Meeting with Belmont Citizens Forum and Sustainable Belmont

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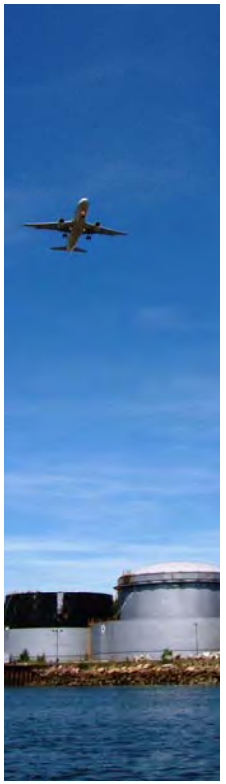
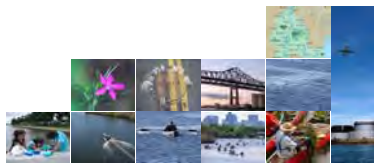
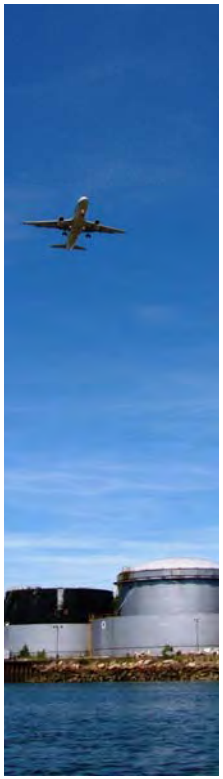


Tonight's agenda

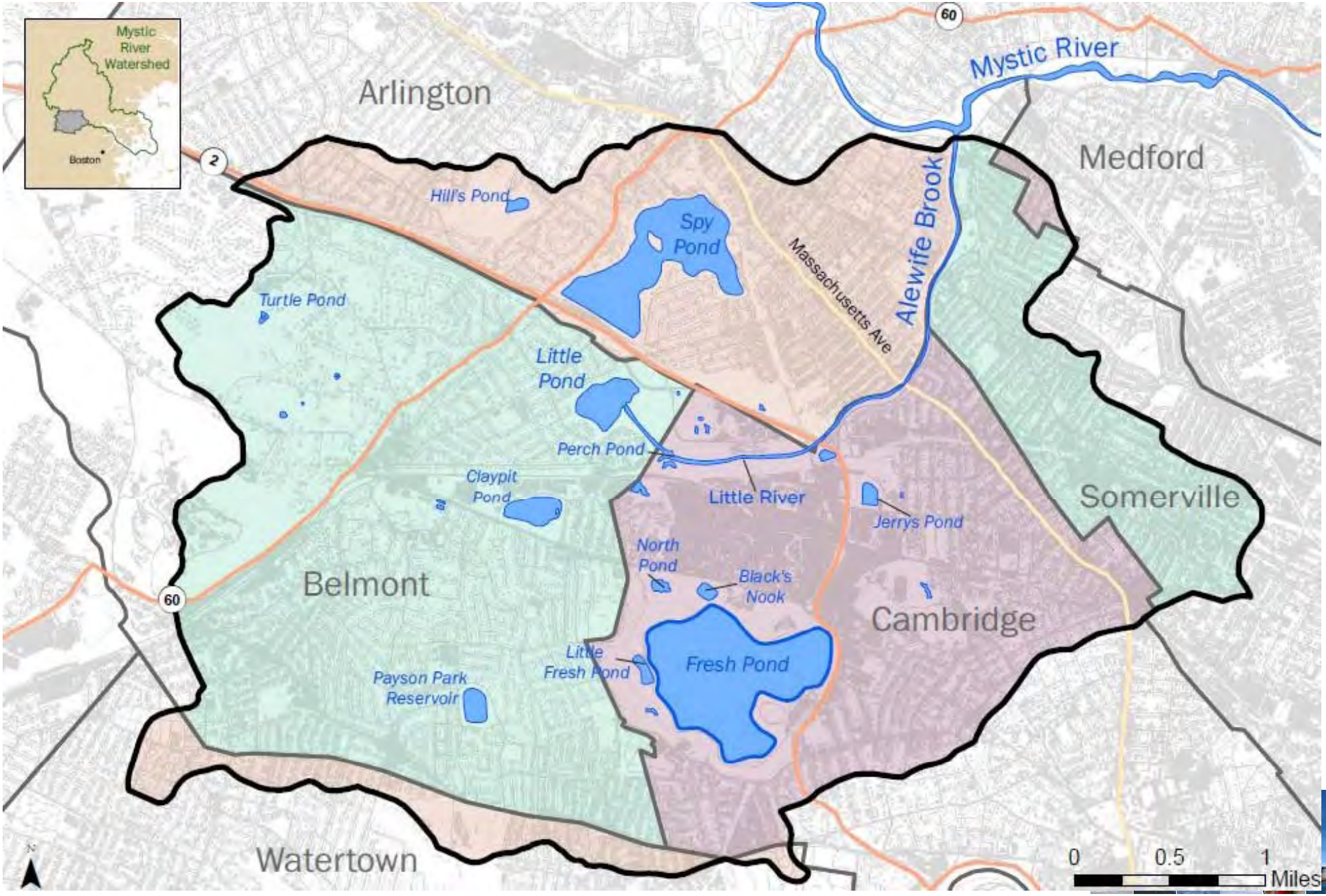
- Introduction
  - Water quality impairments in the watershed
  - Project purpose and scope
  - Green infrastructure
- Site identification workshop
- Next steps



INTRODUCTION



Alewife Brook subwatershed



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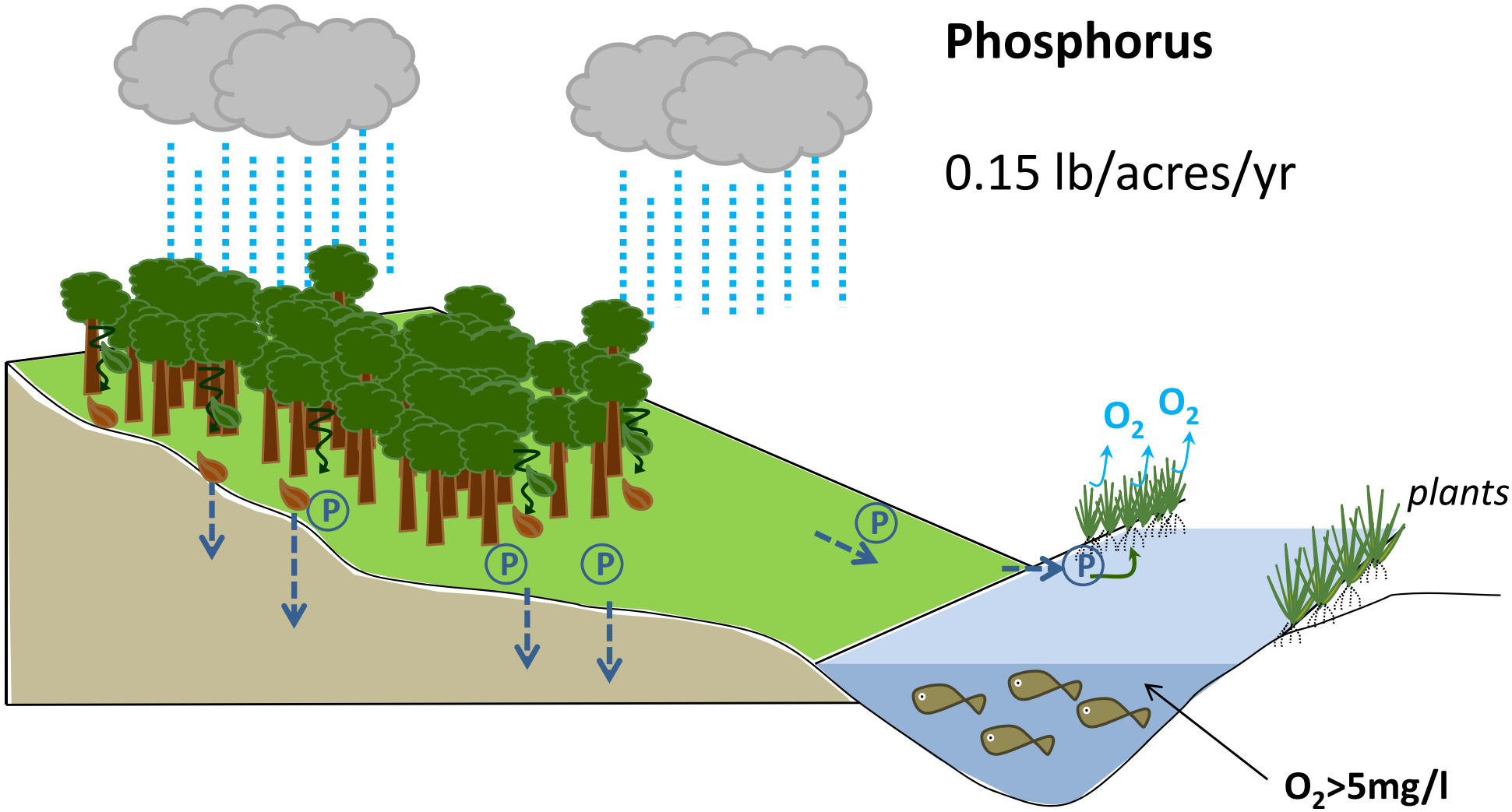
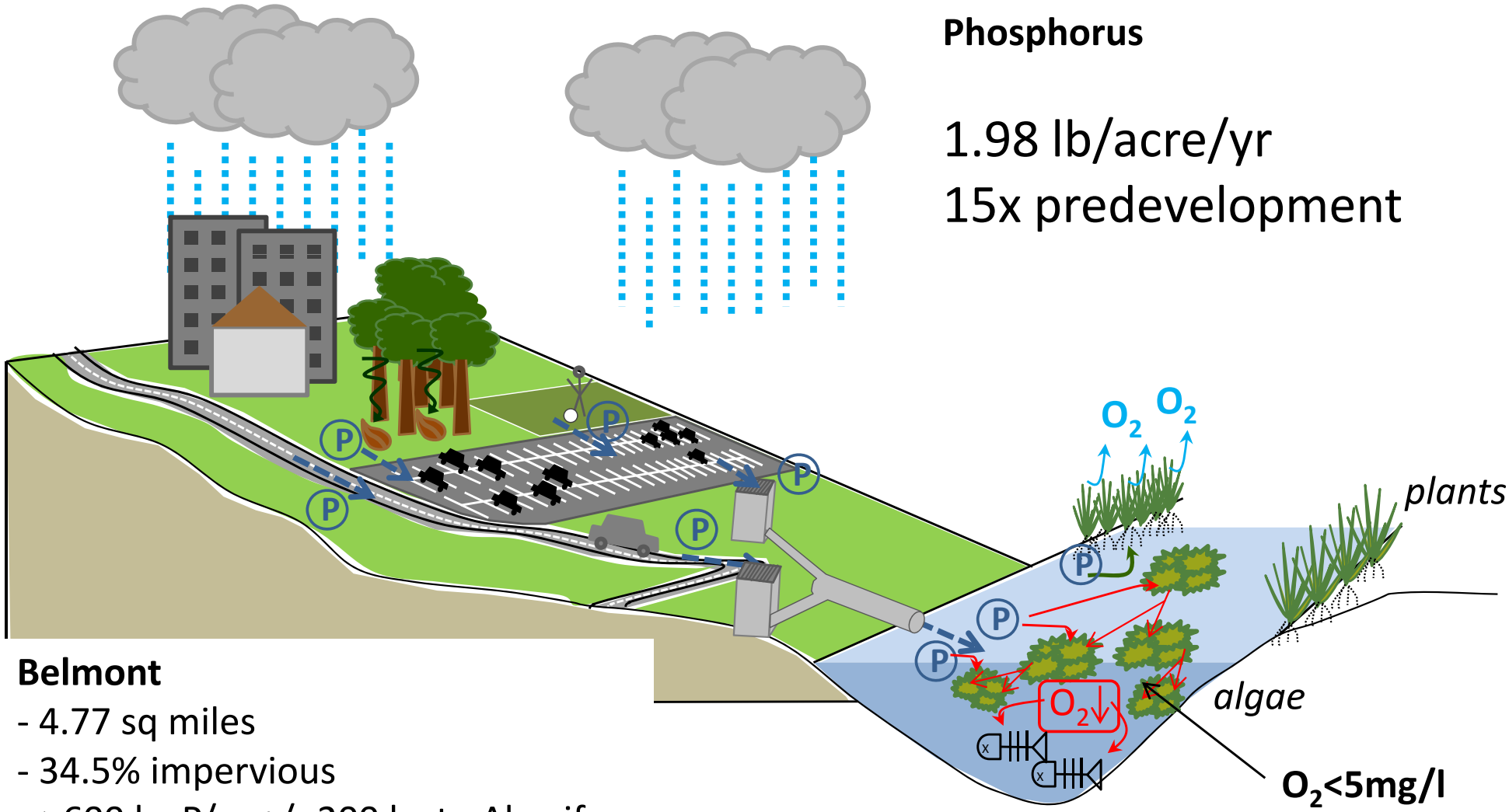


Undeveloped watershed

Eutrophication

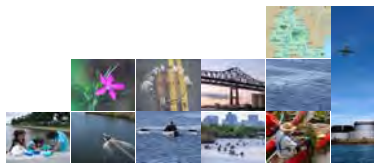


Phosphorus

1.98 lb/acre/yr
15x predevelopment

Belmont
- 4.77 sq miles
- 34.5% impervious
-->600 kg P/yr +/- 200 kg to Alewife Brook

Developed landscape



MyRWA water quality website

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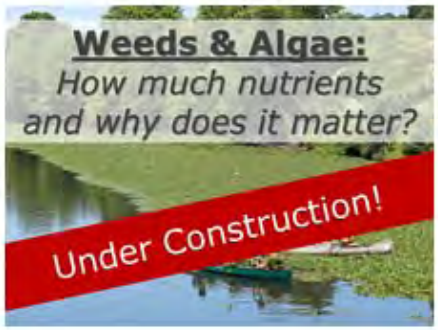
HOW IS WATER QUALITY IN THE MYSTIC RIVER WATERSHED?

The Mystic River Watershed Association has been collecting water quality data and studying this question for over a decade and has your answer! Because there are so many measures of water quality, it is best to ask this question in a few different ways. To begin answering this question, choose the path below that interests you most.

Click an image for more information.



Click here for information about the Mystic Monitoring Network.

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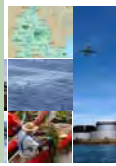
http://mysticriver.org/water-quality-explore/



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I LOVE THIS STUFF: MORE WATER QUALITY INFORMATION PLEASE!

More information coming soon!

2013 Raw Data

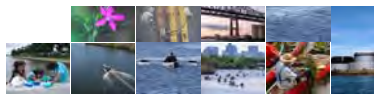
Select a characteristic from the drop-down menu to view the results for each month: Total Phosphorus

Learn more about these characteristics and sampling dates at th Monitor Resources page.

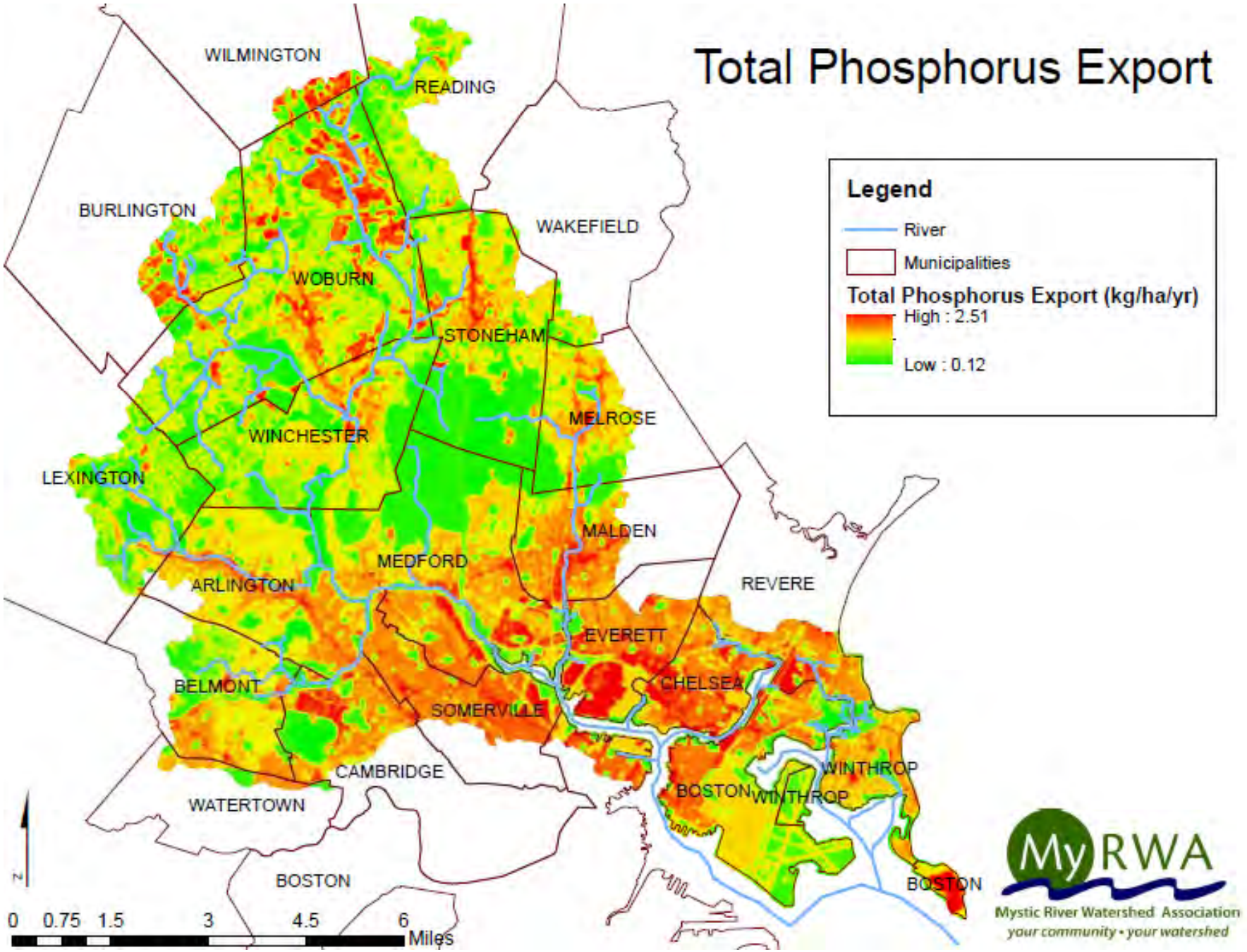
2013 Total Phosphorus (mg/l)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Aberjona River (Lower)	0.0480	0.0719	0.0371	0.0390	0.0442	0.0610	0.0567	0.0443	0.0470
Aberjona River (Middle)	0.0587	0.0771	0.0401	0.0327	0.0398	0.0527	0.0384	0.0342	0.0380
Aberjona River (Upper)	0.0628	0.0730		0.0430	0.0473	0.0479	0.0309	0.0560	0.0318
Alewife Brook	0.0893	0.1060	0.0721	0.1023	0.0848	0.1558	0.0938	0.0847	0.1008
Belle Isle Inlet	0.8010	0.1770	0.2010	0.0465	0.1030	0.0740	0.2620	0.1040	0.0875
Chelsea River	0.0310	0.0250	0.0865	0.0200	0.0330	0.0410	0.0530	0.0395	0.0490
Malden River	0.0676	0.0804	0.0519	0.0493	0.1059	0.0743	0.0865	0.0587	0.0813
Meetinghouse Brook	0.0535	0.0424	0.0358	0.0953	0.0365	0.0400		0.0298	0.0853
Mill Brook	0.1172	0.0639	0.0534	0.0584	0.0652	0.0838	0.0652	0.0499	0.0619
Mill Creek	0.7110	0.0585	0.0420	0.0580	0.0530	0.0750	0.0765	0.0910	0.0950
Mystic River (Lower)	0.1890	0.0250	0.0390	0.0520	0.0350	0.0650	0.0560	0.0460	0.0420
Mystic River (Middle)	0.0840	0.0440	0.0370	0.0290	0.0395	0.0540	0.0690	0.0340	0.0600
Mystic River (Upper)	0.0373	0.0362	0.0310	0.0315	0.0197	0.0330	0.0391	0.0278	0.0297
Upper Mystic Lake	0.0409	0.0329	0.0280	0.0252	0.0186	0.0398	0.0427	0.0254	0.0256
Winn Brook	0.0784	0.0845	0.0597	0.0511	0.0709	0.1028	0.0952	0.0970	0.1662

http://mysticriver.org/in-depth-water-quality/



Total Phosphorus source geography in the watershed



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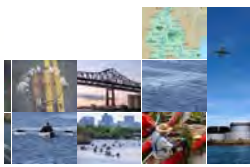
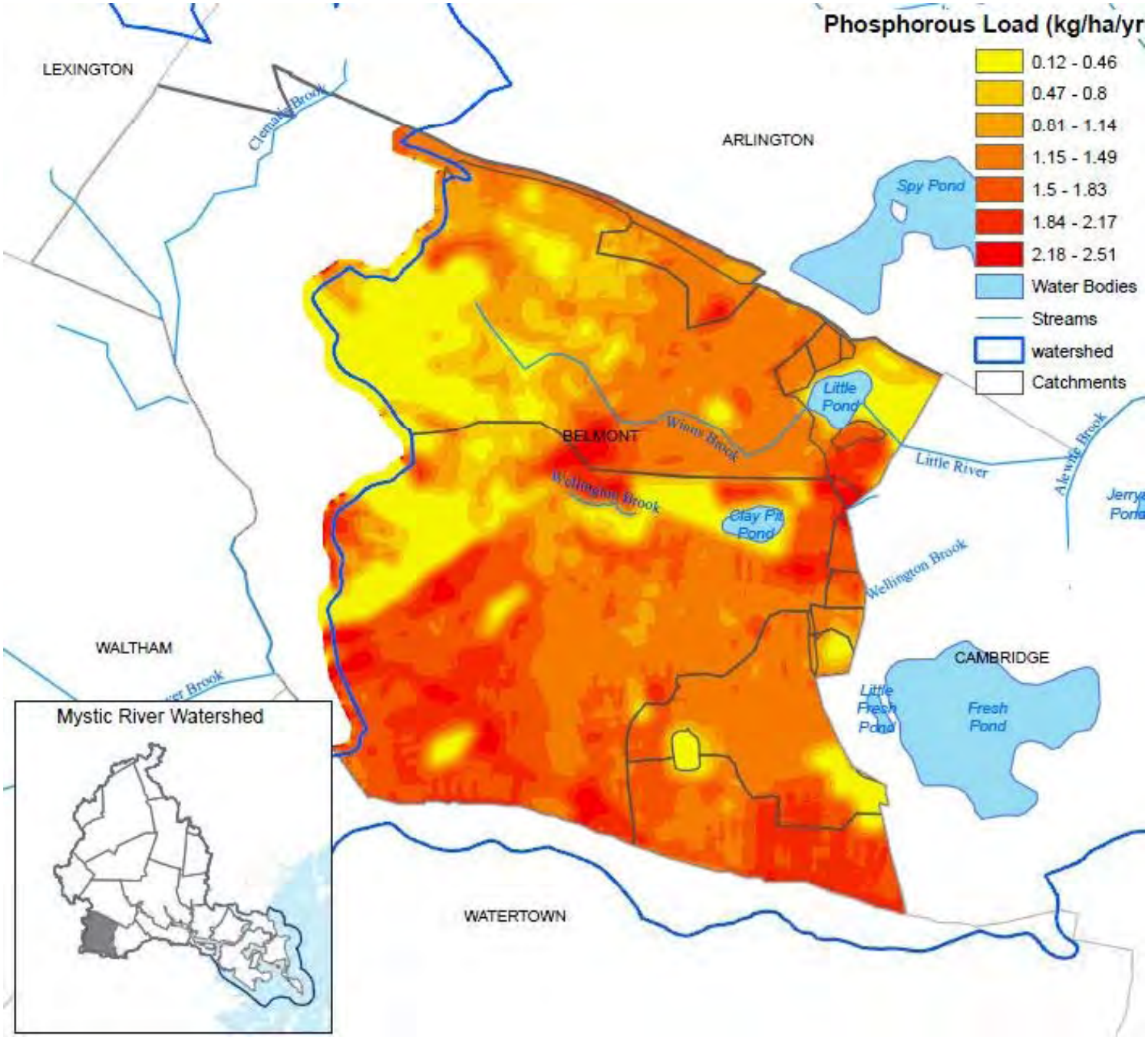


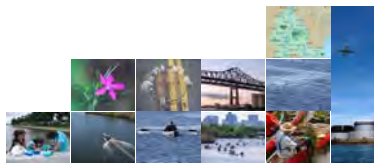
Total Phosphorus source geography in Belmont




Project purpose and scope

Why are we engaged in this project?

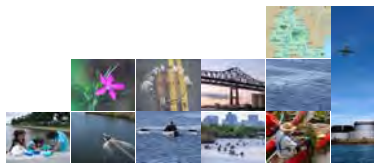
- Problem
  - Too many nutrients are being carried off of the land area
- Objectives of the project
  - Initiate a conversation
  - Identify pollution sources
  - Identify opportunities
  - Develop conceptual designs for two structures
  - Share key expertise among municipalities



Green stormwater infrastructure for Belmont

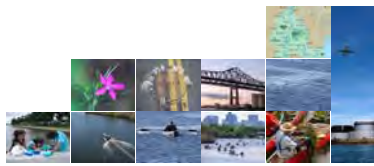
Glossary

- LID (Low Impact Development)
- BMPs (Best Management Practices)
- Green (stormwater) infrastructure



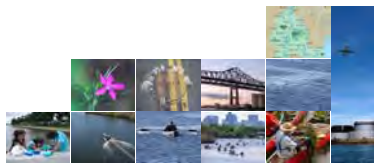
Low Impact Development (LID)

- Definition
  - Planning and design approach to restore pre-development hydrology of urban and developing watersheds
- Characteristics
  - Small scale facilities
  - Manage runoff as close to source as possible
  - Mimic natural processes
  - Slow down, cleanse, infiltrate and reuse rainwater
- Benefits
  - Reduce localized flooding
  - Improve water quality
  - Reduce stream erosion
  - Improve quality of life
  - Cost effectiveness



Low Impact Development toolbox

- Preserve Existing Vegetation and Soils
- Re-vegetate Impervious Land
- **Bioretention swale and basin (rain garden)**
- **Permeable pavements**
- **Constructed wetland**
- Green Roof
- Street Trees
- Rainwater Harvesting



Bioretention basin / Raingarden

Hardy School, Arlington

$3,700 Materials

$830 Labor

Design (In-kind)

Excavation (In-kind)

Volunteers

MyRWA Staff Outreach

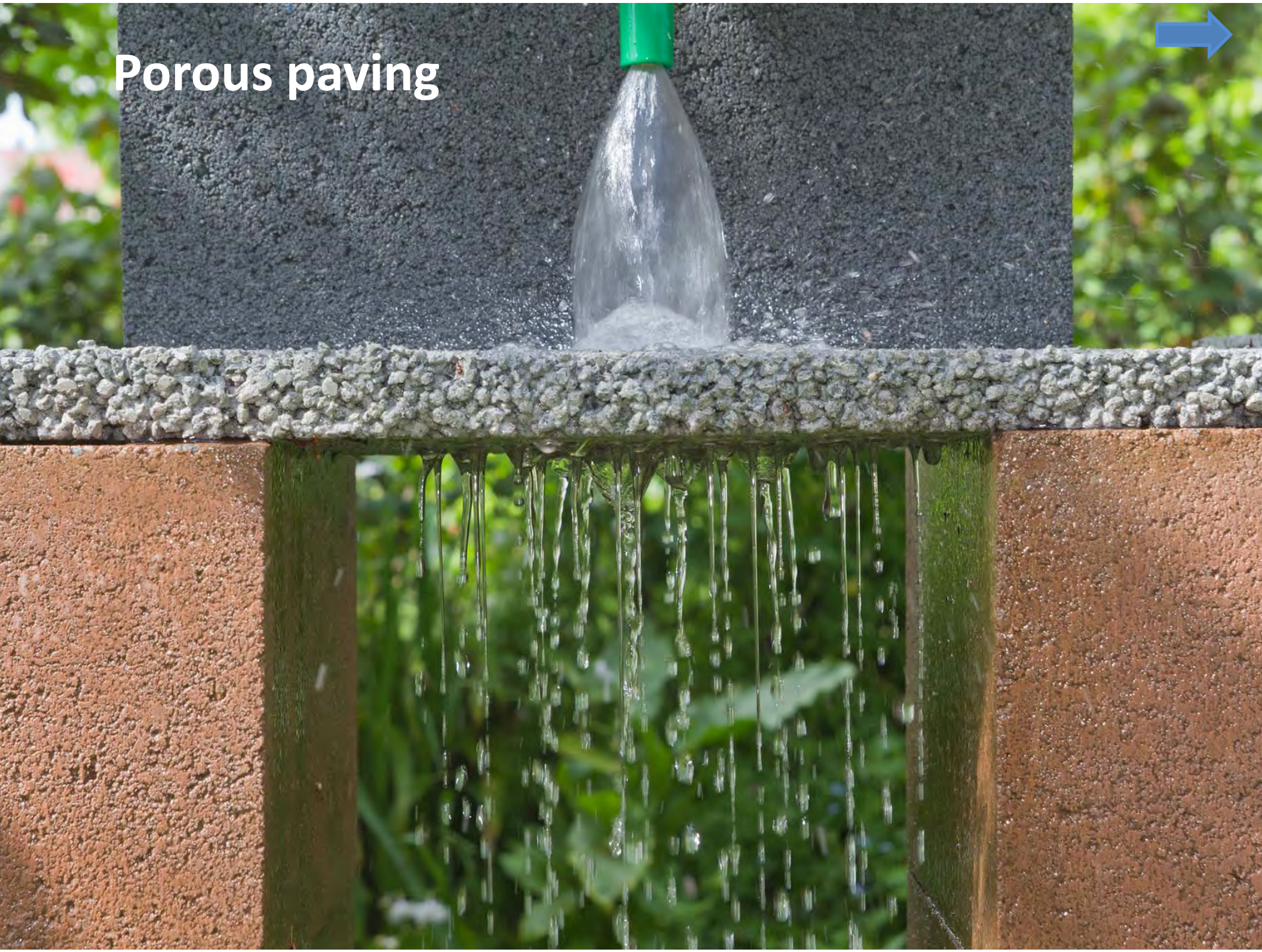
Bioretention Basin: Green Street Application

Curb Extension, Portland OR

Peabody square, Dorchester

Bio(retention) Swale
MIT Campus – Cambridge , MA

Bioretention Swale –Chelsea, MA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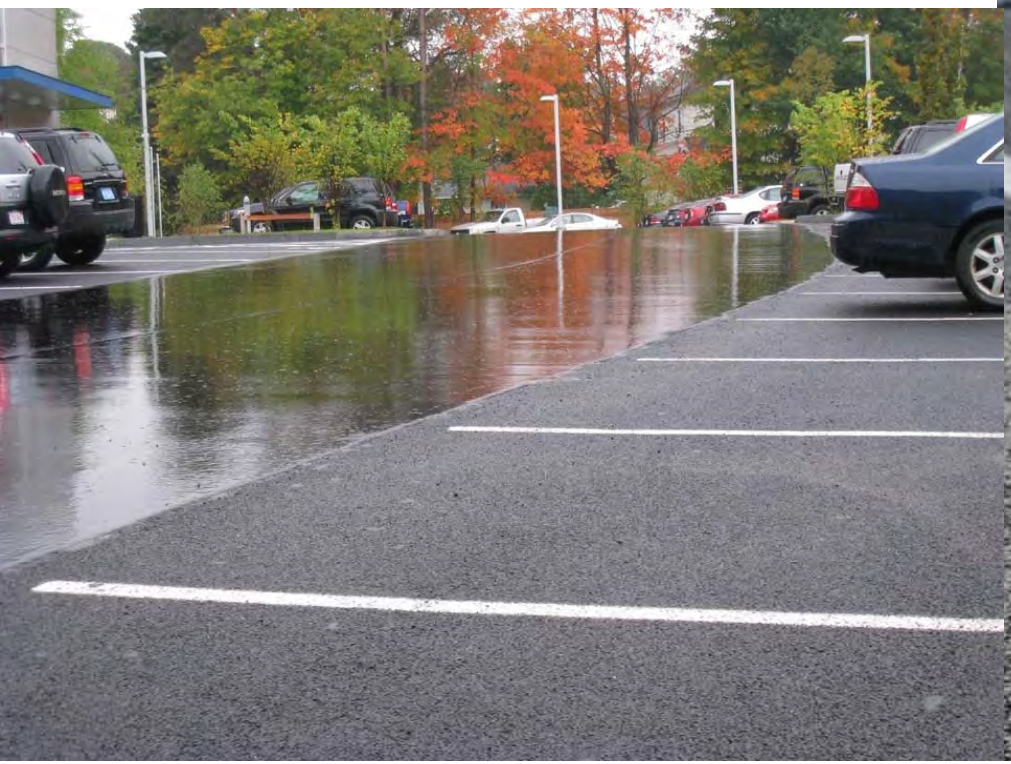

Porous Asphalt Winter Conditions - Welch School, Peabody MA

Permeable Pavers (Interlocking and Grid Types)

Constructed wetlands

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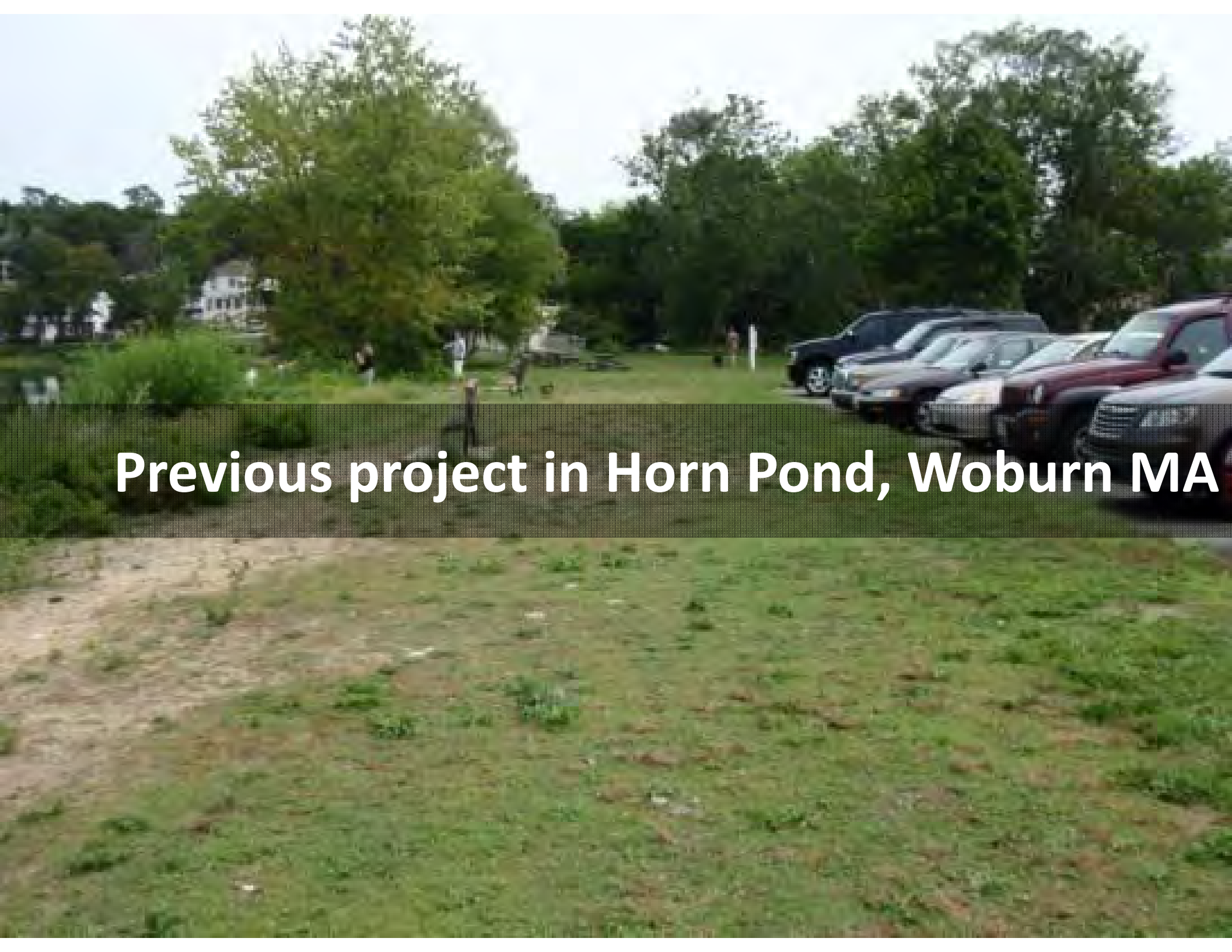
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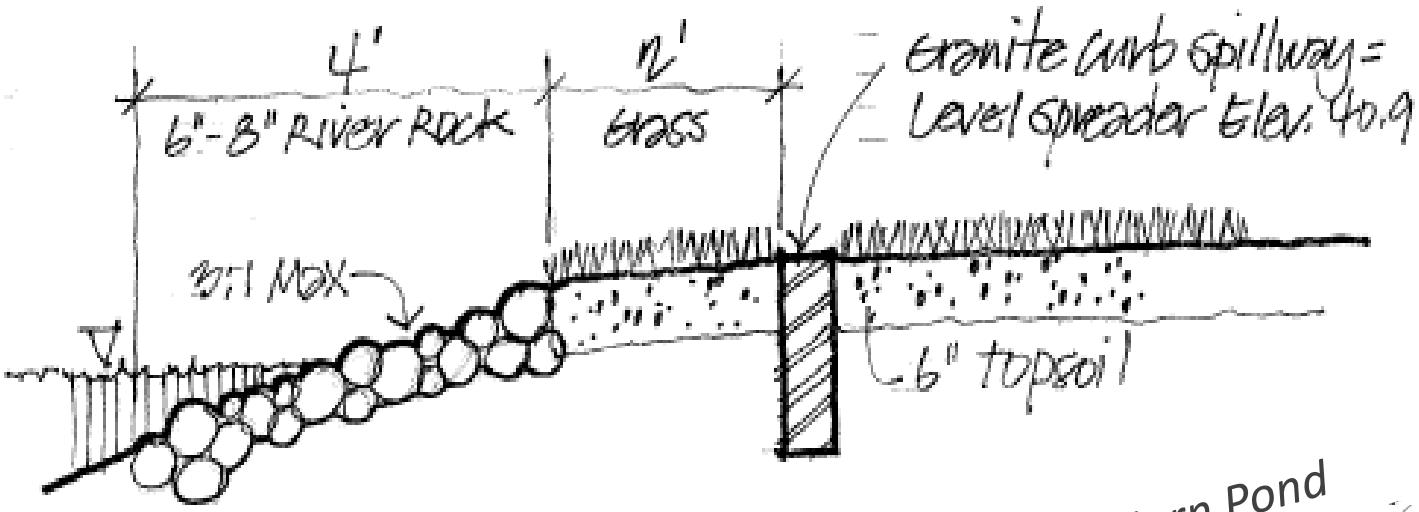

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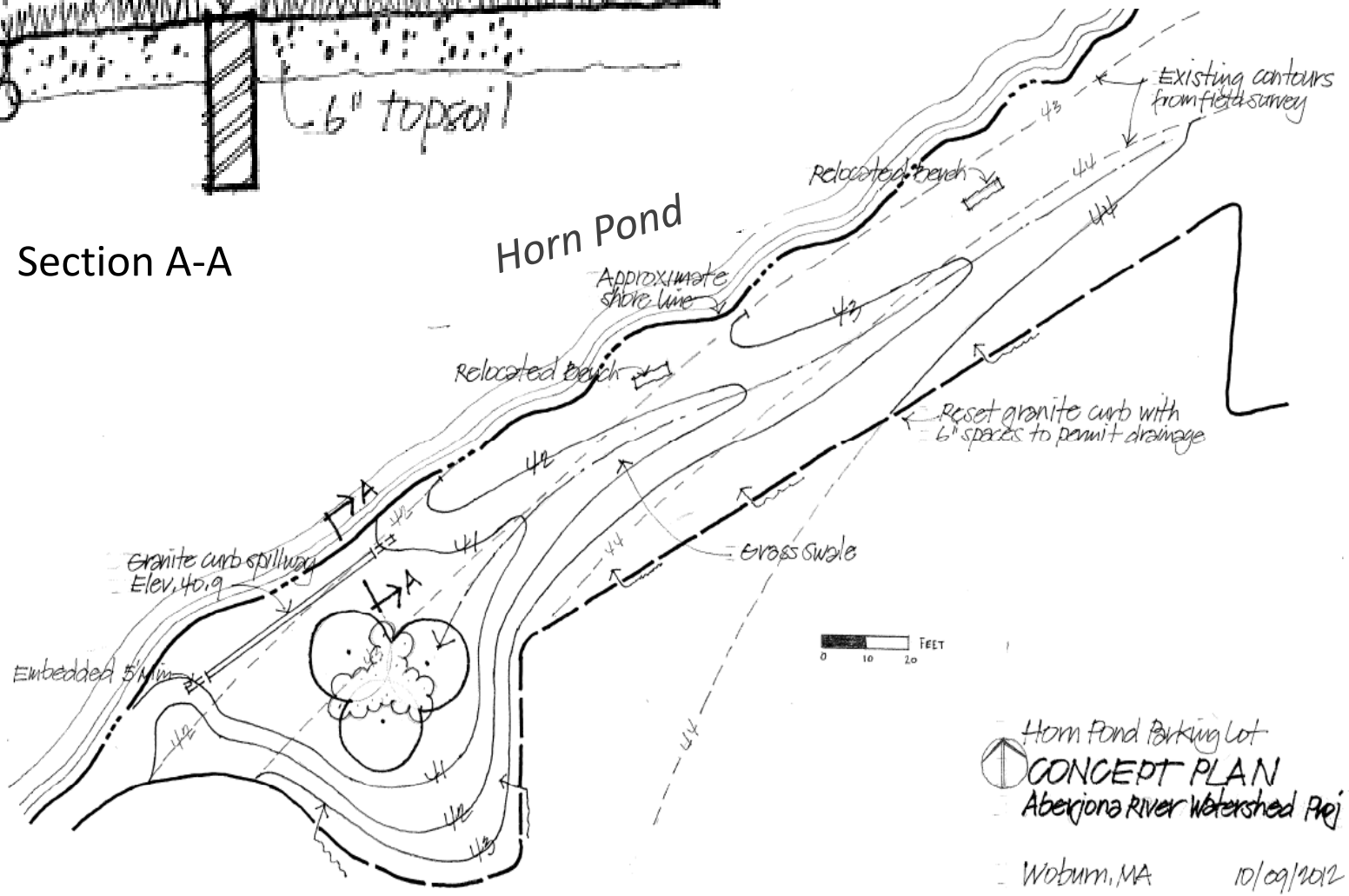
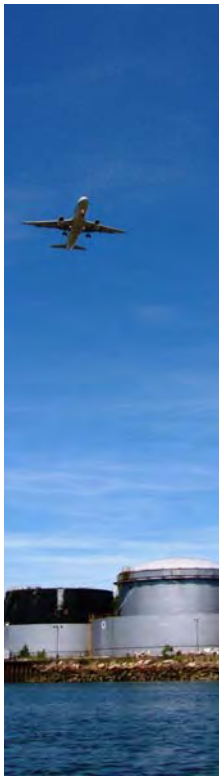


Previous project in Horn Pond, Woburn MA
LID Retrofit opportunity: Vegetated swale

- Water Quality Improvements:
  - 82% Total Suspended Sediment (TSS) removal
  - 60% Total Phosphorus removal (ave.)
  - 40% Total Nitrogen removal (ave.)
  - 70% Metals removal (ave.)
  - 48% Organics removal (ave.)
- Project Benefits:
  - Improved Water Quality
  - Reduced Erosion/ Sedimentation
  - Ease of Maintenance
  - Improved Aesthetics

Estimated Cost: $15,600.

SITE IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP

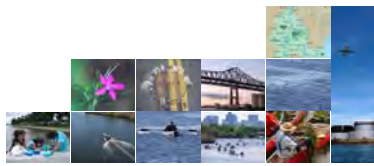


Stormwater quality concerns

What part of the land area or drainage area (e.g. street, parking lot, development) do you have the greatest concern about stormwater water quality?

e.g.

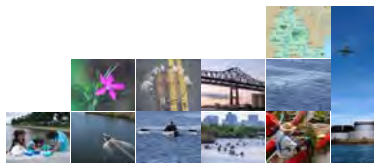
- heavily used parking lot that drains directly to water body
- significant road surface draining direcetly without treatment



Stormwater quality concerns

Most significant flooding issues

Where are the most significant flooding issues in your town?

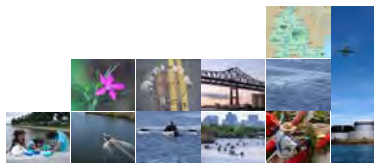


Public projects

What public projects will occur within the next five years within the community ?

e.g.

- development or redevelopment of road
- parking lot
- school
- library
- public offices

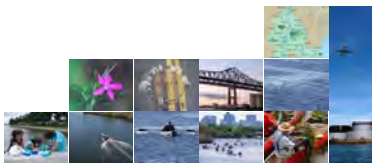


Private projects

What private properties, partners or projects will be amenable toward incorporating green infrastructure

e.g.

- Condo development
- Businesses
- Churches
- Non-profits
- Private homeowner

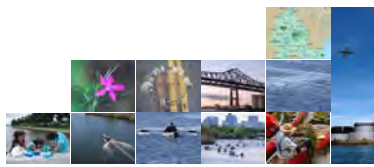


Best opportunities to incorporate green stormwater infrastructures

What do you identify as some of the best opportunities to incorporate green stormwater infrastructures?

Positive siting characteristics could include

- treating a large impervious surface
- placement in a visible location for education
- ease of maintenance
- aesthetics/recreational space
- traffic calming
- heat island reduction
- wildlife habitat
- energy efficiency (green roof)
- costs
- educational/pilot project



Workshop conclusion

NEXT STEPS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Reading
Burlington
Woburn
Wakefield
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Winchester
Melrose
Arlington
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Malden
Everett
Revere
Somerville
Chelsea
Belmont
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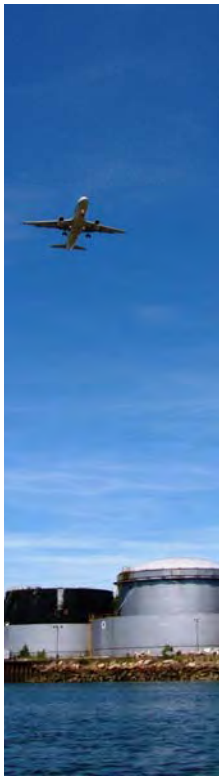


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Additional ideas?

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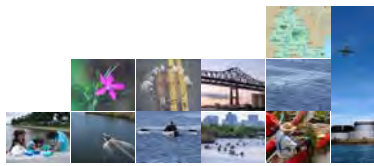

Upcoming dates:

January 13th - 17th	Prioritization workshop Municipal Staff, key stakeholders, Bioengineering Group
January 29th	Meeting of Belmont Stormwater Committee
Feb – March	Site visits by bioengineering Group (5 sites)
May	Development of conceptual design on two sites