MVP
Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness

Nashua River Watershed Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP)
Natural Climate Solutions Project

First Community Meeting in Fitchburg, MA

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NASHUA RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

BSC GROUP

Regenerative DesignGroup

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NRWA Conservation and Climate Resilience Specialist, Sara Singh, welcomes attendees and introduces the agenda for the First MVP Community Meeting at the Fitchburg Senior Center. Following the welcome, attendees were introduced to the concepts of Nature-based Solutions as a way to address the negative impact of climate change in the City.

Adrienne Lennon, with the consultant BSC Group, gave an introductory presentation on the project and the concept of Nature-based Solutions as a way to address the negative impact of climate change in the City.

Paulina Torres (left), NRWA Climate Resiliency Coordinator & Educator, introduces the objective for the small break-out groups: to identify areas in the City that they feel are impacted by climate change; mark those areas on maps that were provided; and discuss prioritization of locations most in need of intervention. On right, Stacey Chilcoat, NRWA Education Director providing assistance.

Small Break-out Groups

The small groups met to review maps of the City, discuss negative climate impacts such as flooding, heat islands, and polluted storm run-off during intense rain events. Using the maps, group members identified areas in the City being impacted by climate change that could benefit from Nature-based Solutions.

Chelsea
PURPLE

PINK

Marc
PURPLE

Mike
BLACK
CELSIUS

FASTENAL
MASSACHUSETTS
Abby

Thank you to N.Karuzis for attending and photographing this meeting.

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