

# Solutions for Future Flooding: Charles River Watershed

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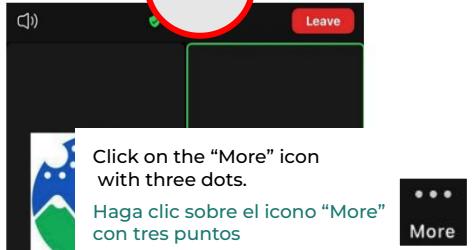


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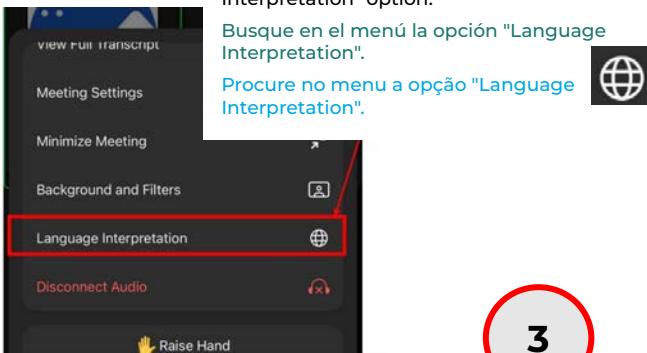
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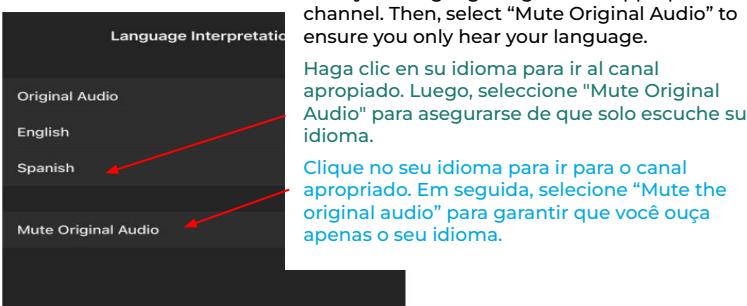
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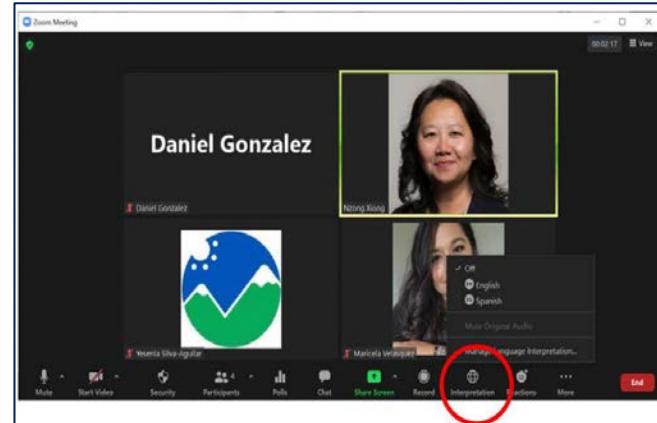


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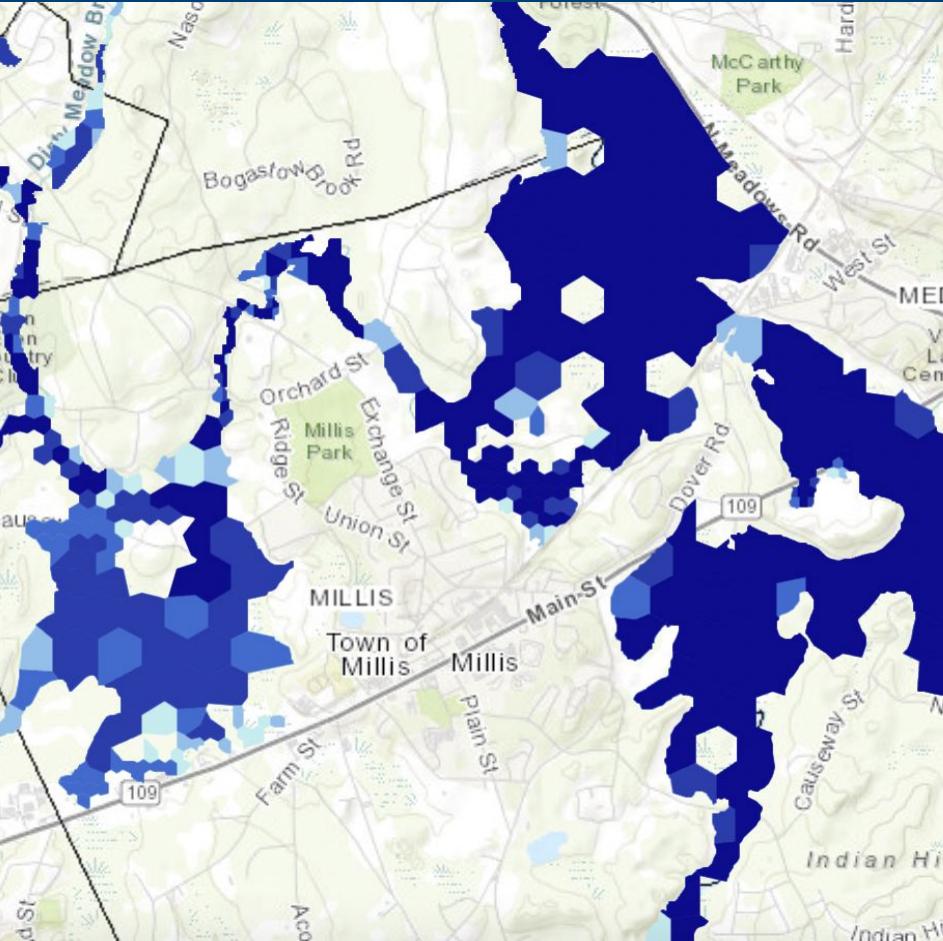
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# Welcome! Bienvenido!

## Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome
- Project Background
- Modeling and Design Results
- Municipal Perspective
- Outreach Summary
- What's Coming?
- Q&A



# Charles River Watershed Association

**MISSION:** To protect, restore, and enhance the Charles River and its watershed through science, advocacy, and the law.

**NUESTRA MISIÓN:** Protegemos, restauramos y mejoramos el río Charles y su cuenca a través de **la ciencia, la defensa y la ley**. Desarrollamos estrategias con base científica para **aumentar la resiliencia, proteger la salud pública y promover la equidad** ambiental mientras nos enfrentamos a un clima cambiante.



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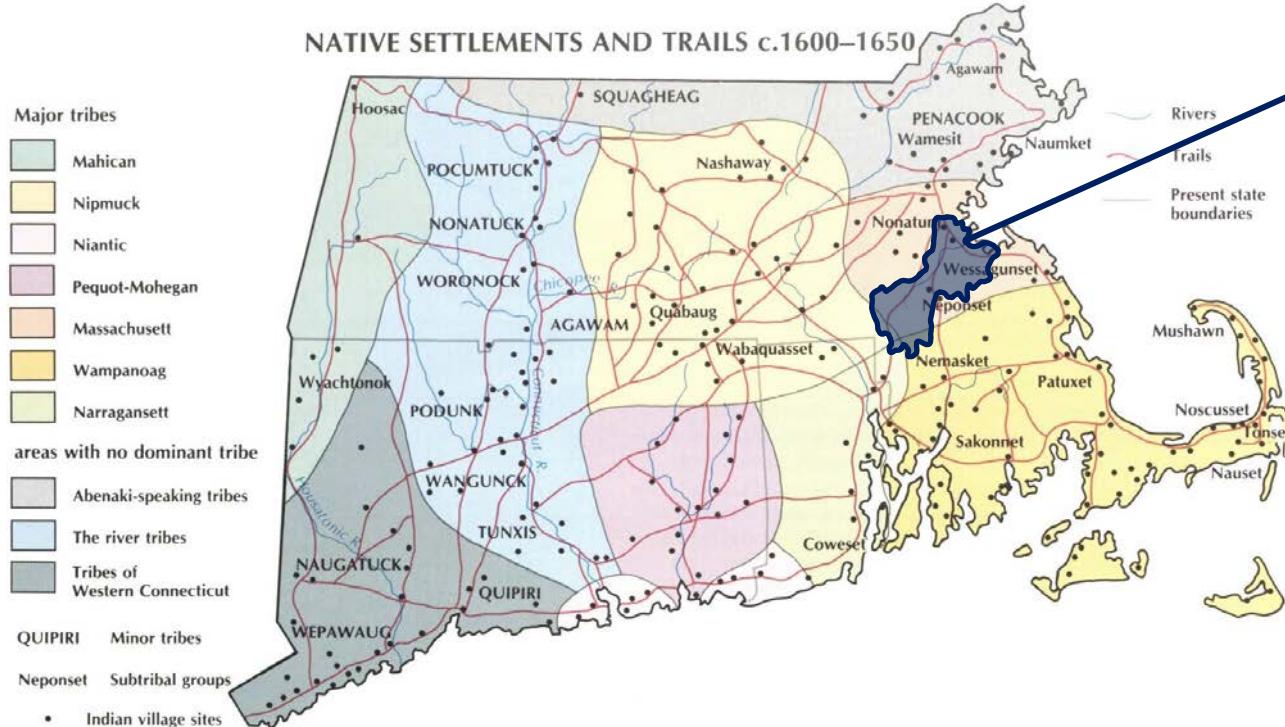


## CRWA takes a watershed-scale view

- 80 mile river
- 35 towns in watershed
- 308 mi<sup>2</sup> watershed
- Approximately 1 million residents
- >60% of population lives in Environmental Justice neighborhoods



# Land Acknowledgement



The Charles River Watershed resides on occupied territory of the **Massachusetts, Nipmuc and Wampanoag tribes.**

La CRWA reconoce humildemente a las Naciones **Massachusett, Wampanoag y Nipmuc**, ya que nuestro trabajo se lleva a cabo en su territorio tradicional, y los reconoce como los cuidadores pasados, presentes y futuros de esta tierra.

# Tonight's Speakers



**Julie Wood**

Climate Compact Director,  
CRWA



**Indrani Ghosh, PhD**

Resiliency Senior Technical Leader,  
Weston & Sampson



**Jennie Moonan, PE**

Senior Project Manager,  
Weston & Sampson



**Claire Rundelli**

Planner Conservation Agent,  
Town of Natick, MA



**Leigh Meunier**

Project Coordinator,  
Communities Responding  
to Extreme Weather  
(C.R.E.W.)

# Climate change isn't coming—it's here.



Photo by Yari Korchnoy

**99 Linden St., Waltham**



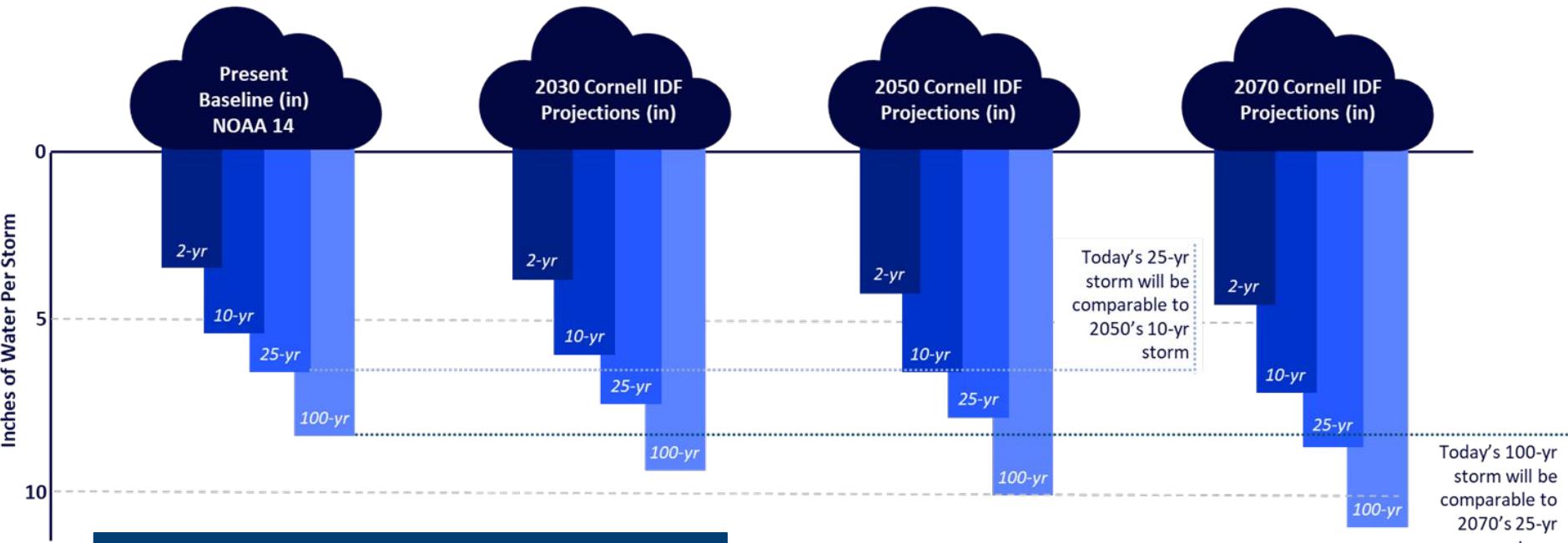
**Godfrey Brook, Milford**



**Charles River, Newton**

**Mill River, Norfolk**

# Storms Are Getting Stronger



Just a few more inches of rainfall could increase the Charles River's volume by millions of gallons during a heavy storm.

# Working Together for Regional Solutions



## MEET THE CHARLES RIVER CLIMATE COMPACT (CRCC):

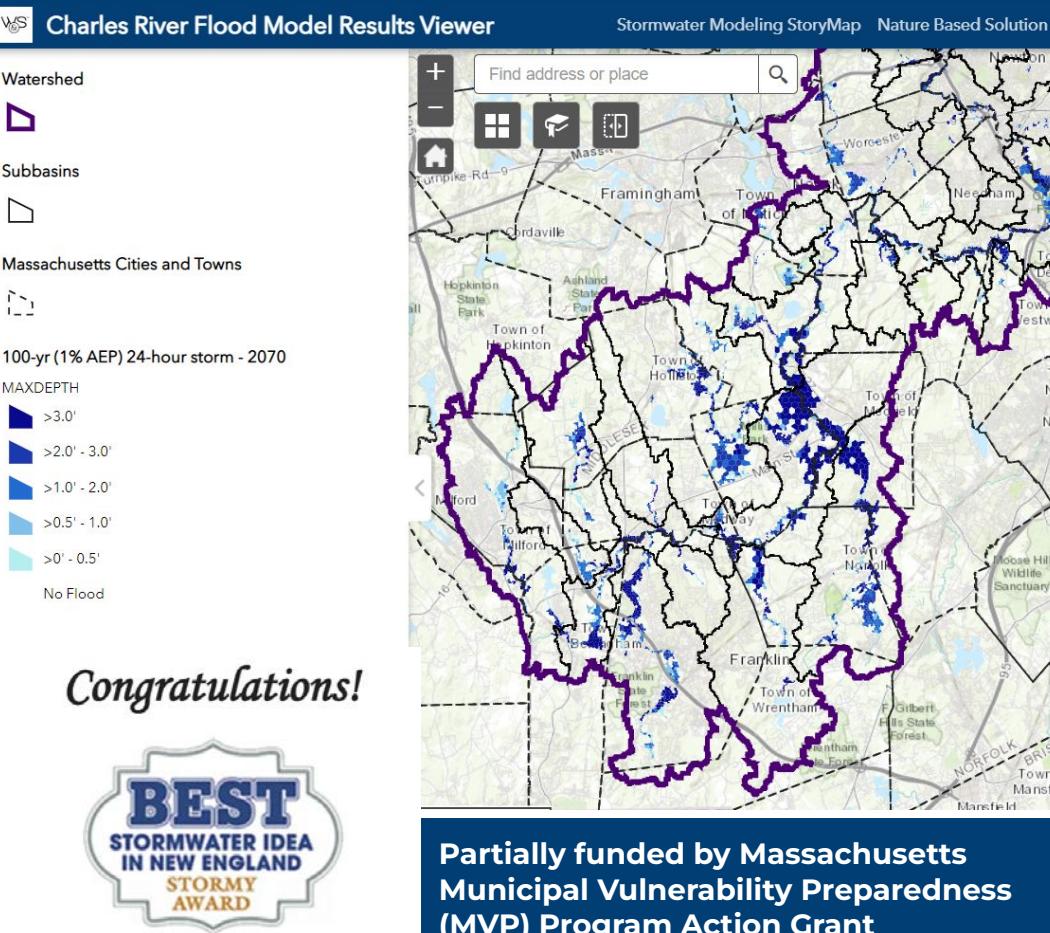
- Founded in 2019
- Regional partnership of cities + towns focused on climate resilience
- Currently 28 cities + towns
- CRCC Strategic Plan finalized March 2023



## CRCC MISSION STATEMENT

The Charles River Climate Compact's mission is to work collaboratively to increase climate resilience for people, and the natural ecosystems in the Charles River watershed by taking a regional approach to implementing climate adaptation and mitigation solutions.

# Charles River Flood Model



## PROJECT TEAM:



**Charles River Climate Compact**



Weston & Sampson<sup>SM</sup>



Arlington  
Belmont  
Boston  
Brookline  
Cambridge  
Dedham  
Dover  
Franklin  
Medfield  
Medway  
Millis  
Natick  
Needham  
Newton  
Sherborn  
Waltham  
Watertown  
Wellesley  
Weston  
Wrentham

# Climate Impacts to Solutions

## BY 2070, A 100-YEAR STORM WOULD CAUSE:

100-year storms have a 1% chance of occurring every year.



**61%**

increase in runoff  
+ 11 inches of precipitation



**2,600+**

acres that don't currently flood to see severe flooding



**50+**

critical facilities like hospitals, schools, + highways impacted

## WAYS TO PREPARE FOR FUTURE FLOODING:



BUILD GREEN  
INFRASTRUCTURE



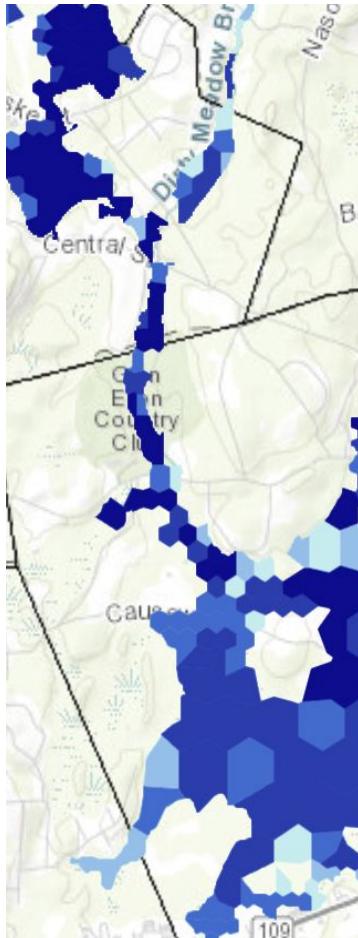
INCREASE TREE  
CANOPY



PROTECT &  
RESTORE WETLANDS



CONSERVE  
OPEN SPACE



# Solutions for Future Flooding

## BIANNUAL PROJECT UPDATE!

- JANUARY-JUNE 2023:
  - Focus on site & neighborhood scale project design & modeling
  - More in-person events
  - Results tonight!
- FUTURE: Watershed-scale planning
  - Online meetings & surveys (tonight!)
  - In-person events
  - Updated Flood Mitigation Plan!



# Charles River Flood Model

## PROGRESS IN 2023:

### PROJECT SELECTION

### COMMUNITY INPUT

### CONCEPT DESIGN & MODELING

- |   |                                   |  |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| ○ Selected three priority site projects | ○ Online community input sessions | ○ Incorporate feedback + develop preliminary designs |
| ○ Two subwatershed “impact areas”       | ○ Online feedback survey          | ○ Use model to assess flood impacts                  |
|   | ○ In-person events                |  |

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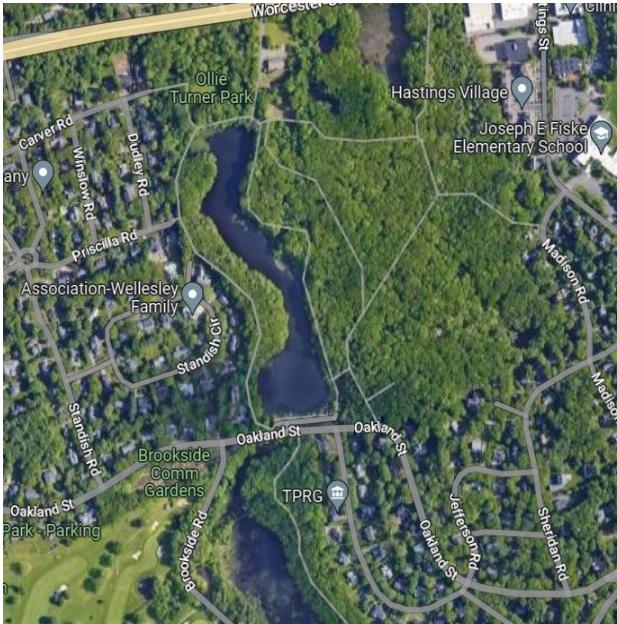
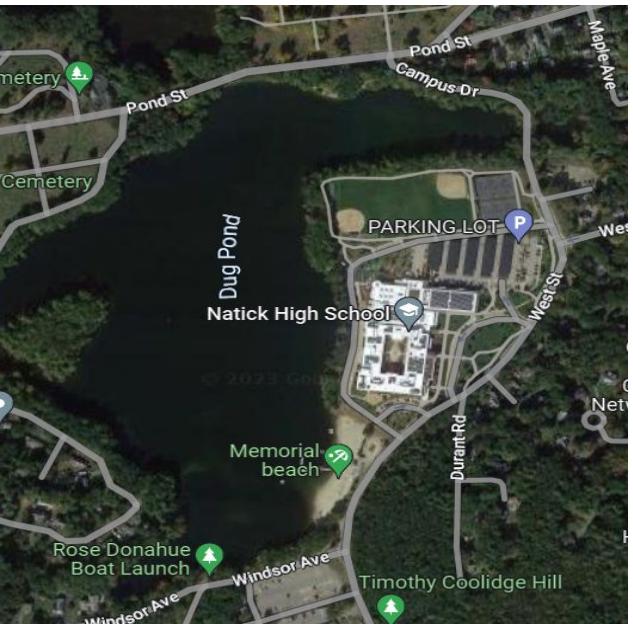
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**Interested to know more about these steps?** Watch the recording of our Community Input sessions on CRWA's YouTube channel and the project website.

# Current Priority Projects



**Natick High School**

**Longfellow Pond, Wellesley**

**Weston Town Center**

# Priority Impact Areas

## Upper & Lower Watershed Priority Impact Areas



**Milford**



**Waltham/Weston**

Data source: Weston & Sampson GIS & MassGIS 2019 Aerial Imagery

## CURRENT PRIORITY PROJECTS:



### WALTHAM

Restoring wetlands in Hardy Pond to store floodwaters in extreme weather and designing green infrastructure, infiltration, and de-paving in the priority impact area of west Waltham.



### NEWTON

Building green infrastructure + infiltration chambers on Albemarle Field to reduce flash flooding of nearby channelized stream, Cheesecake Brook.



### WESTON

Maximizing benefits of green infrastructure, pervious pavement, infiltration, and flood storage in the priority impact area of Weston Town Center.



### WELLESLEY

Restoring Longfellow Pond and Rosemary Brook using wetland restoration, and culvert repair to prevent flooding on Rt. 9 + surrounding neighborhoods.



### NATICK

Constructing infiltration chambers, adding rain gardens, and restoring wetlands to prevent future flooding at Natick High School.



### MEDWAY

Building green infrastructure + flood storage in Oakland Park to build climate resilience, restore groundwater, and reduce flooding.



### MILFORD

Maximizing benefits of protected open space, constructed wetland, stream restoration, de-paving, and permeable pavement in the priority impact area of north Milford.

# Approach to Choosing Solutions

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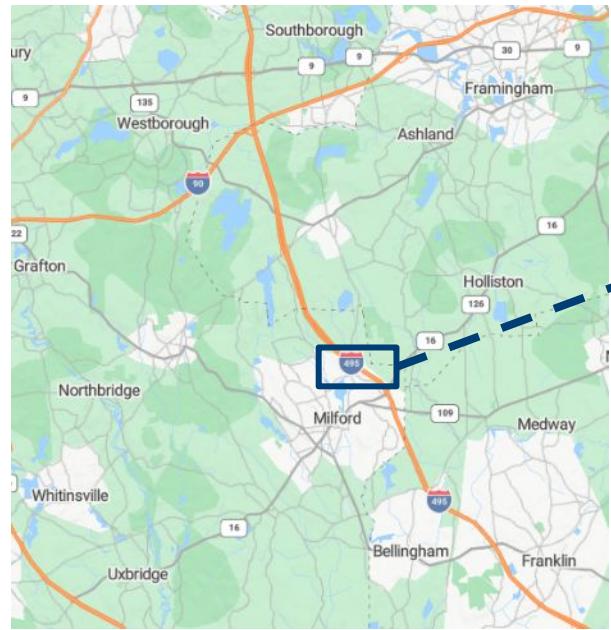
CONSERVE  
OPEN SPACE

In developing concepts for Impact Areas and Priority Sites, the goal was to maximize the potential use of nature-based solutions and green stormwater infrastructure (beyond “maximum extent practicable”).

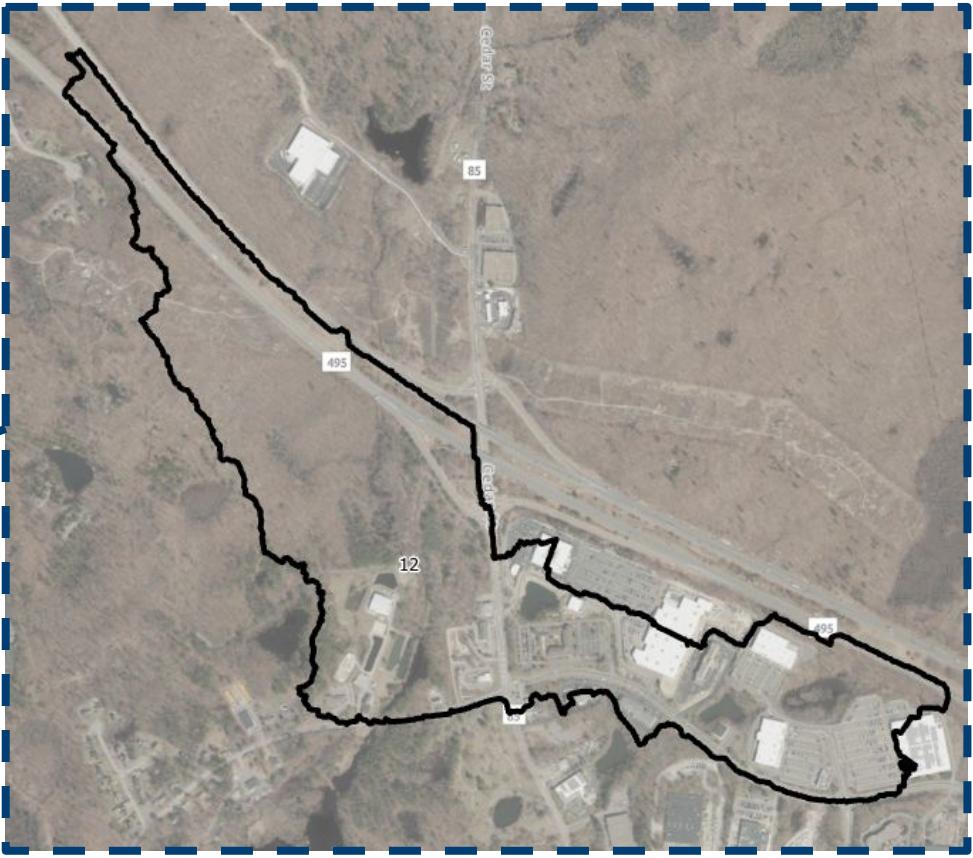
As we received feedback from municipal staff and the public, constraints and limitations that would affect implementation were conveyed, and concepts were updated accordingly.

# Upper Watershed Impact Area

Located in Milford



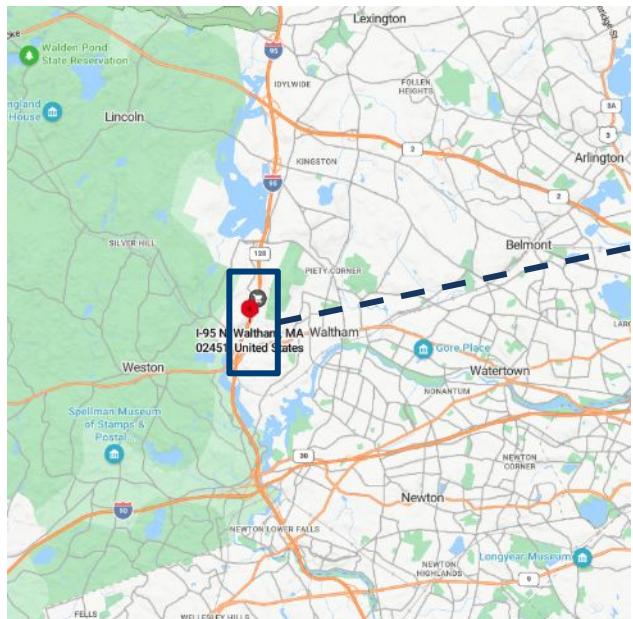
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# Lower Watershed Impact Area

Located in Waltham/Weston



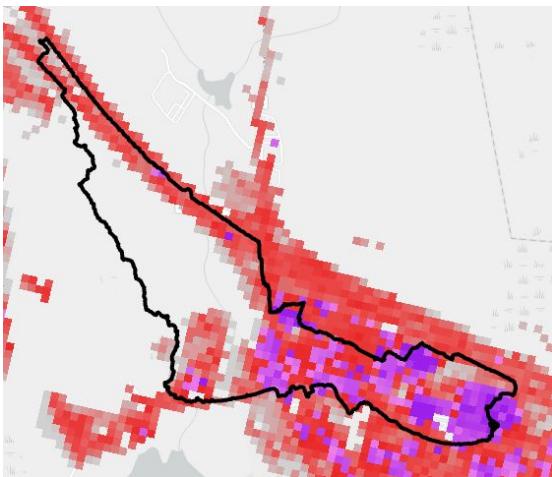
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# Impervious Cover

## Upper Watershed Impact Area

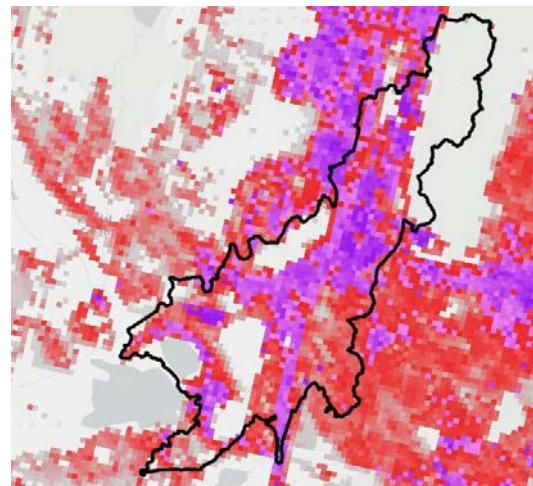


Catchment Area: 170 Acres  
Impervious Area: 110 Acres

**66% Impervious**



## Lower Watershed Impact Area



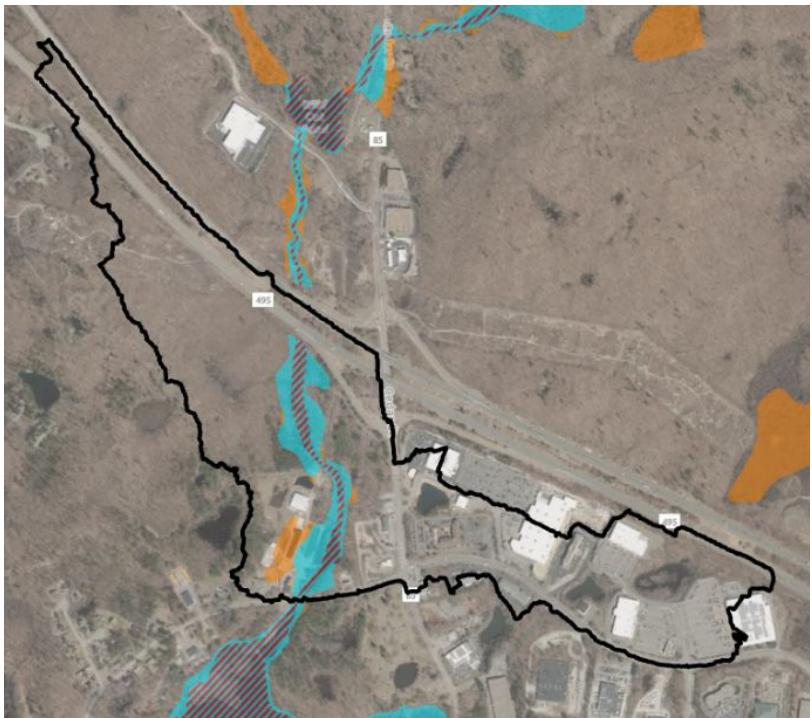
Catchment Area: 440 Acres  
Impervious Area: 312 Acres

**71% Impervious**

# Where is current flooding shown on maps?

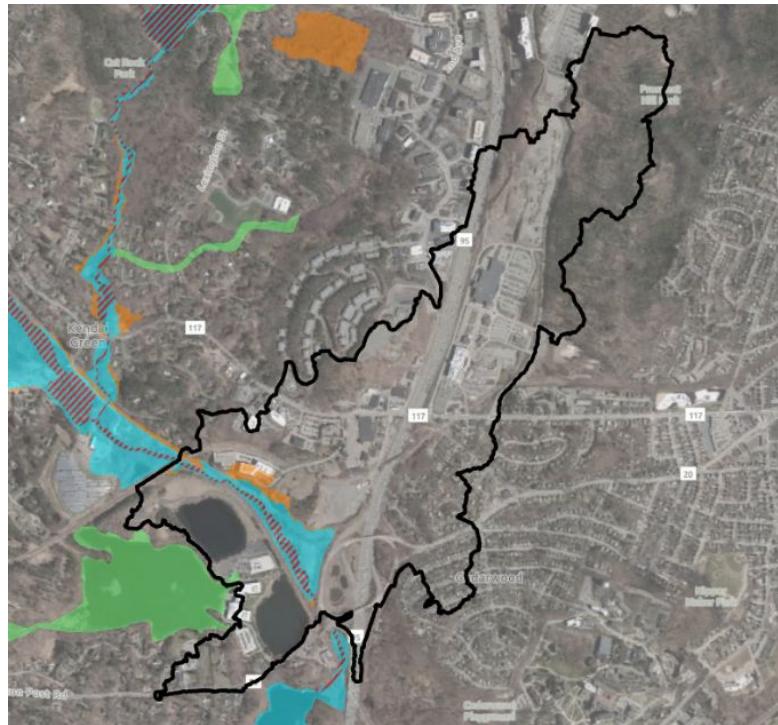


## FEMA Flood Hazard Zones



### Legend

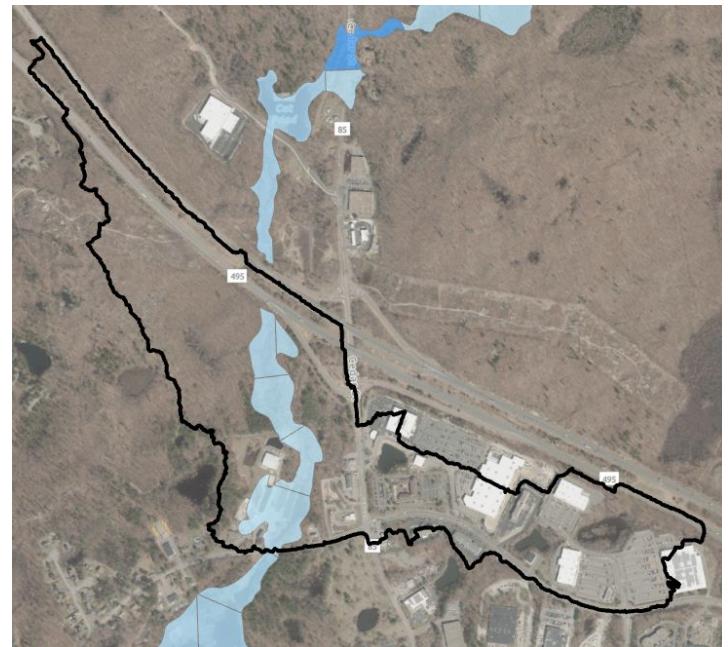
- CRWA Priority Catchments
- FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer**
  - A: 1% Annual Chance of Flooding, no BFE
  - AE: 1% Annual Chance of Flooding, with BFE
  - AE: Regulatory Floodway
  - X: 0.2% Annual Chance of Flooding



# Where might it flood in the future?



## Projected Flooding from 2070 10-yr storm – 7.1 inches of rain in 24 hours



Subbasins



10-yr (10% AEP) 24-hour storm - 2070

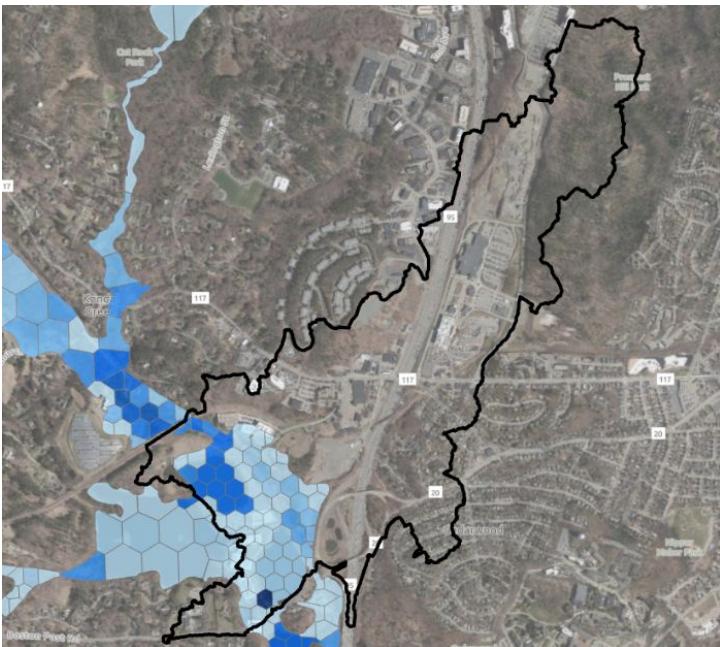
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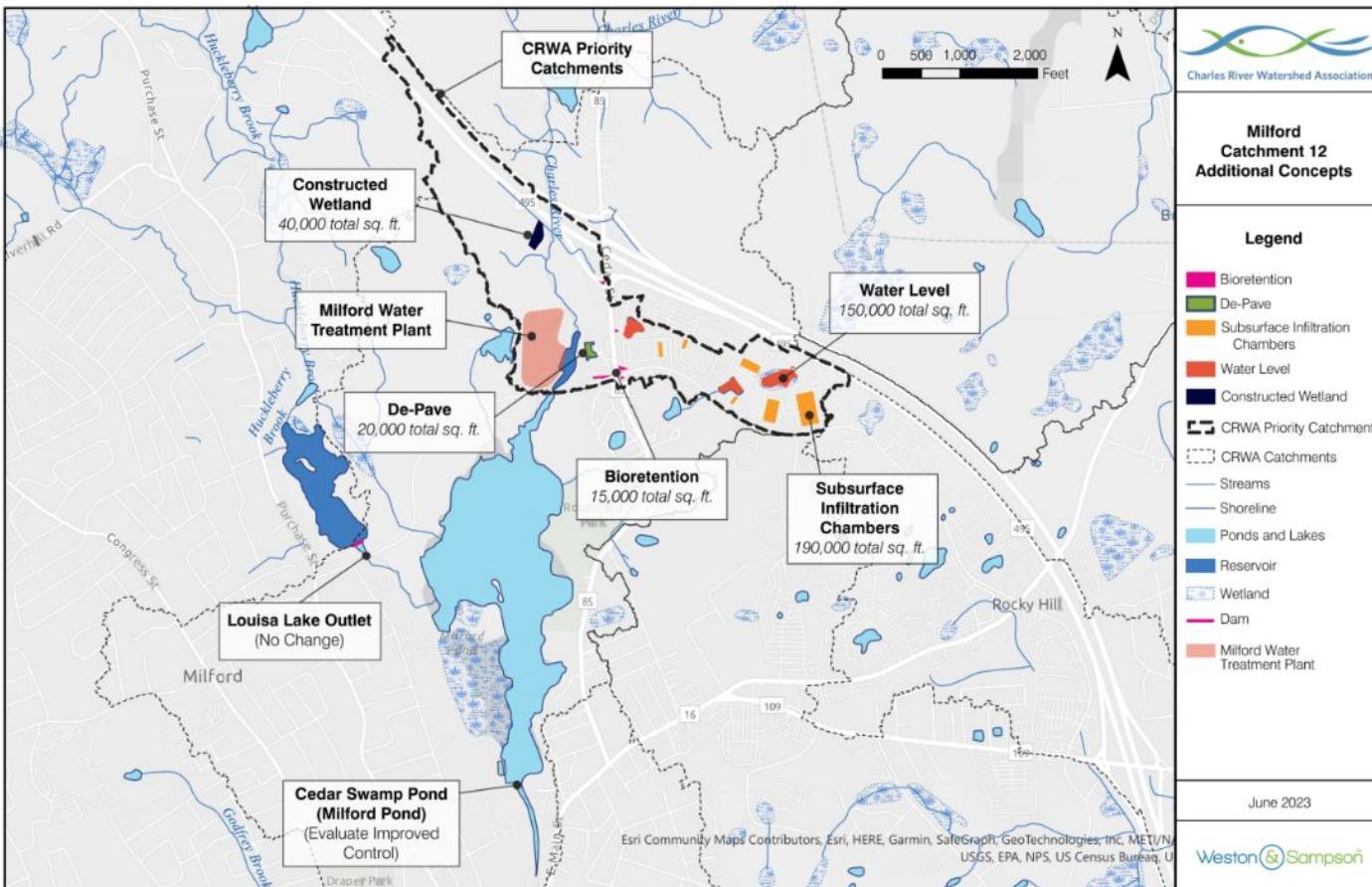
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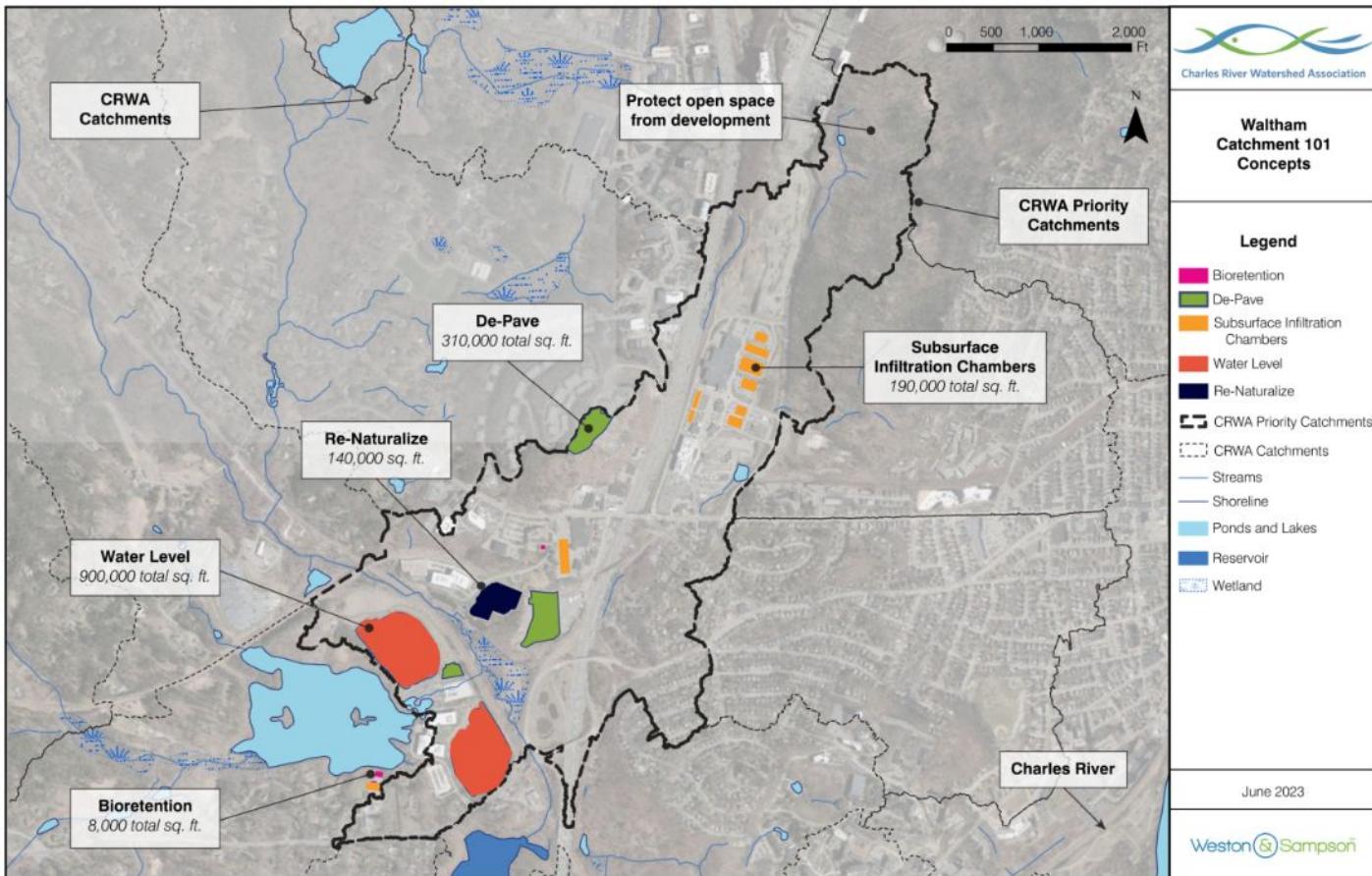
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## Overview of Solutions Explored

- Approx. **9.5 ac** available in the catchment area where nature-based solutions/ green stormwater infrastructure can be implemented

# Lower Watershed Impact Area



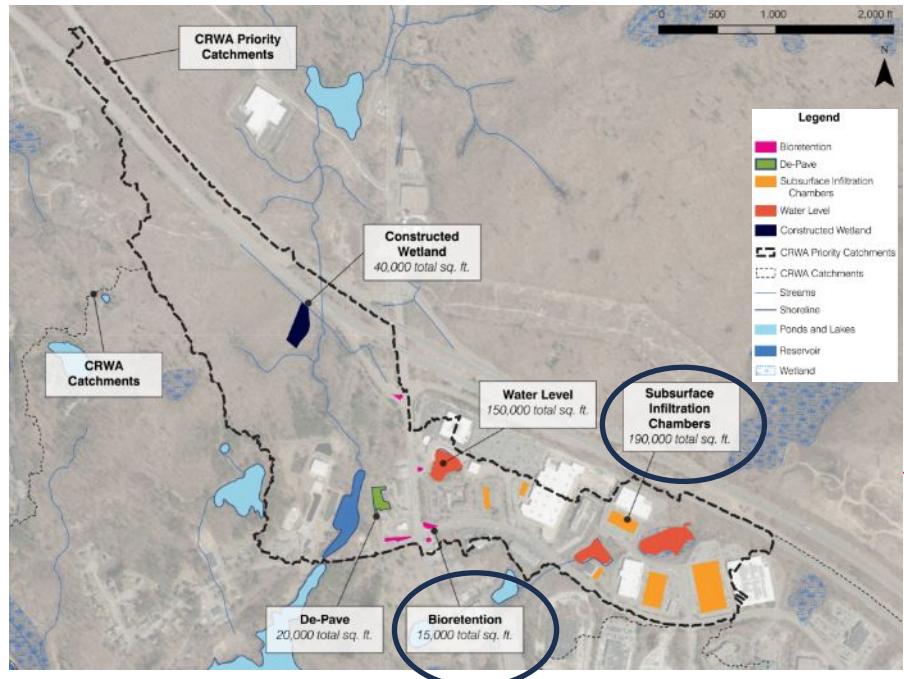
## Overview of Solutions Explored

- Approx. **35.5 ac** available in the catchment area where nature-based solutions/ green stormwater infrastructure can be implemented

# Upper Watershed Impact Area



## Opportunities



Source: Weston & Sampson GIS

Retrofit space to improve stormwater storage

Source: Google Earth



Subsurface infiltration chambers

Source: Weston & Sampson project with City of Lynn

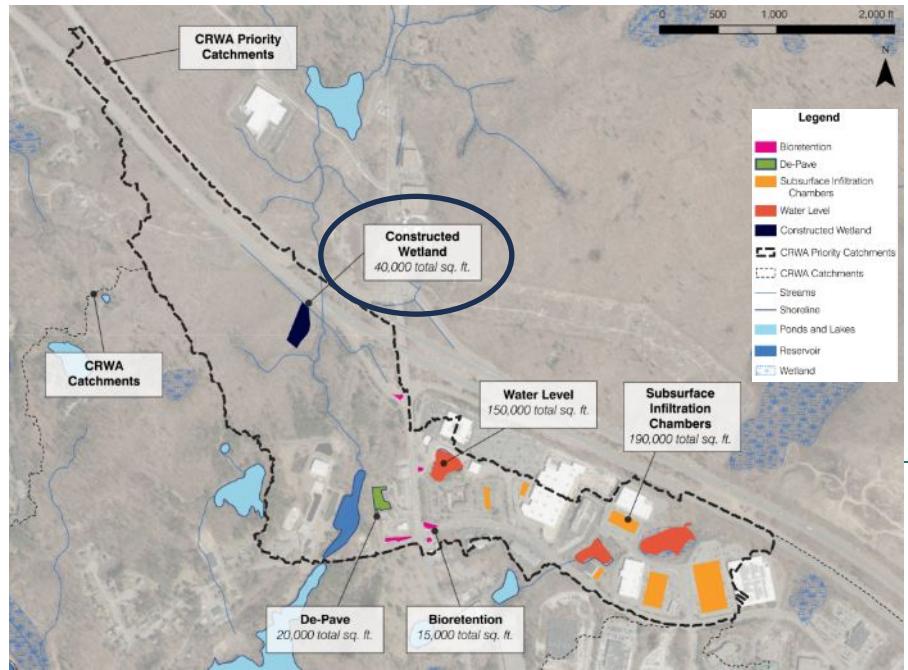


Bioretention basins

Source: U.S. EPA Publication

# Upper Watershed Impact Area

## Opportunities



Source: Weston & Sampson GIS

Increase storage and restore natural conditions

Source: Google Earth



Constructed Wetland

Source: U.S. EPA



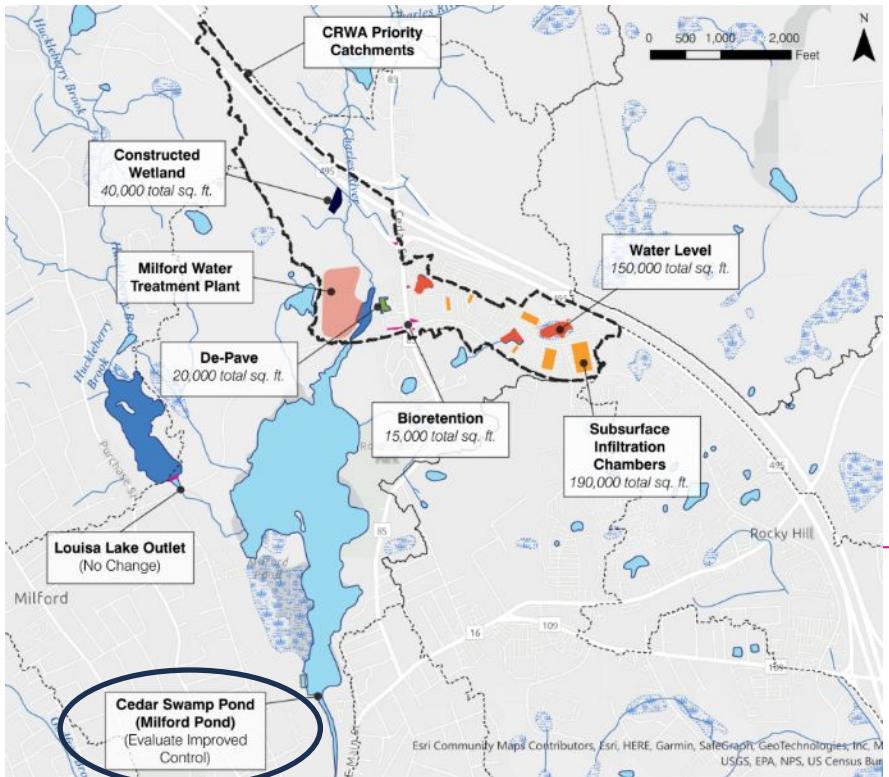
Stream Restoration

Source: Weston & Sampson Project with the Town of Arlington

# Upper Watershed Impact Area



## Opportunities



Increase stormwater storage through water level management

Source: Google Earth



Cedar Swamp Pond Dam

Source: Dam Emergency Action Plan, Weston & Sampson



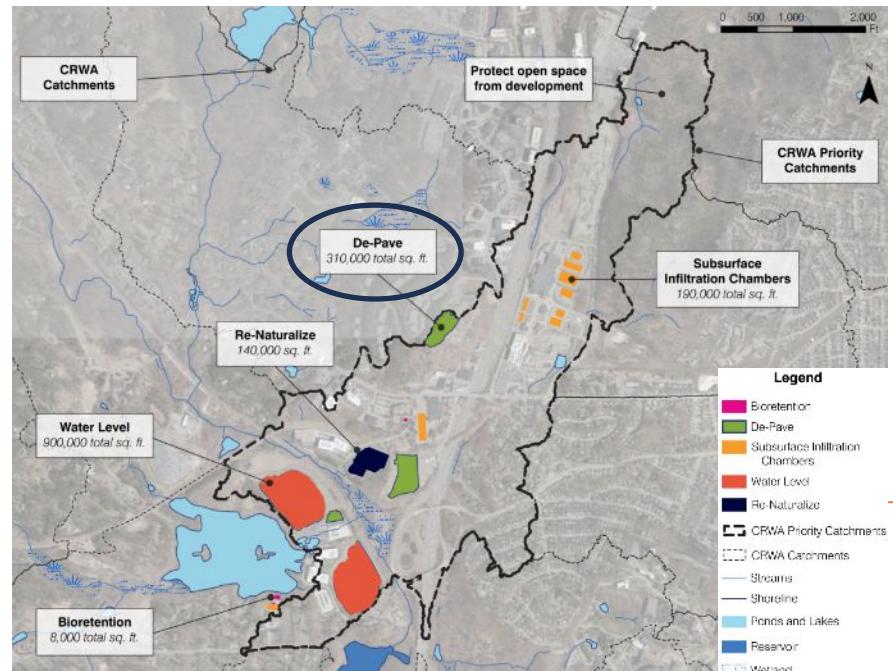
Example of stop logs

Source: North Attleborough Dam Inspection Report

# Lower Watershed Impact Area



## Opportunities



Depave

Source: Google Earth



With Porous Pavement

Source: U.S. EPA



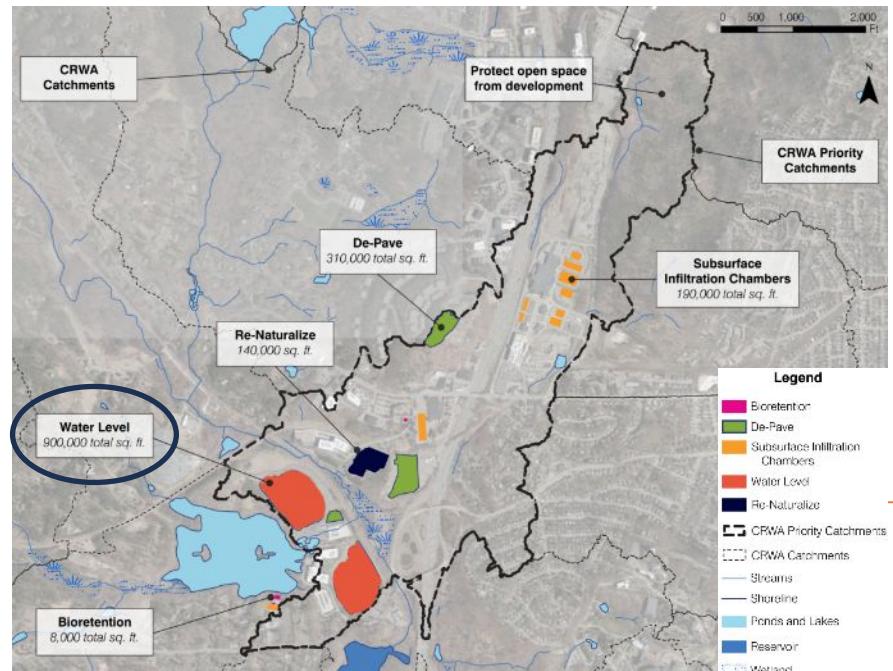
With Pavers

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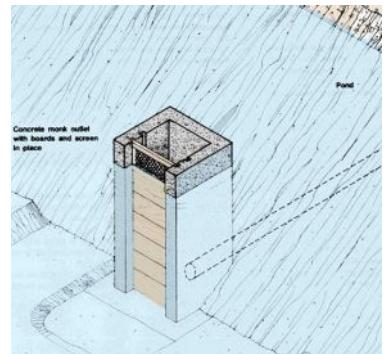
Retention Pond Retrofit

Source: Google Earth



Increase storage by excavating existing basins

Source: U.S. EPA



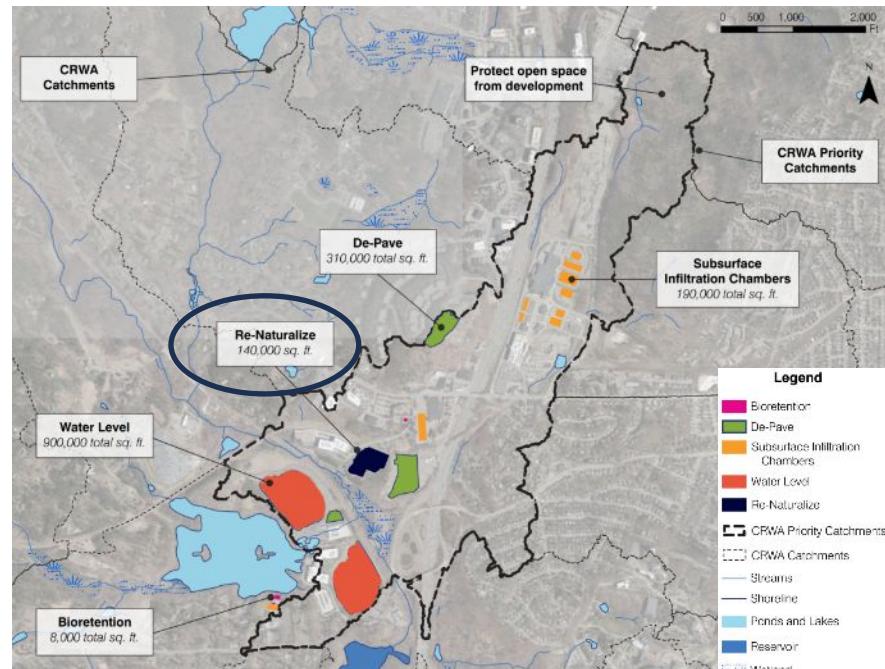
Example of outlet control

Source: U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization

# Lower Watershed Impact Area



## Opportunities



Re-naturalize developed space and protect open spaces

Source: Google Earth



With native plants and trees

Source: U.S. EPA



Bioretention basins

Source: U.S. EPA

# Results of Modeling



## Impact-area concepts showed great benefits

- For the 2070 10-year storm, proposed solutions for the impact area (catchment) are able to reduce flooding by almost
  - 3.7 MG in the upper watershed area
  - 6.4 MG in the lower watershed area
- These targeted proposed solutions resulted in a greater flood reduction benefit for this catchment compared to overall watershed-wide scenario 1A (GSI to store 4.5" of rain from 50% of impervious cover)

# Benefits and Co-Benefits



- Improved water quality
- Community education / STEM resource
- Create outdoor spaces (a.k.a. “placemaking”)
- Less-intense and more frequent storms can be managed
- Reduction in “heat islands” in parking lots and paved areas
- Addition of vegetation and potential creation of habitat

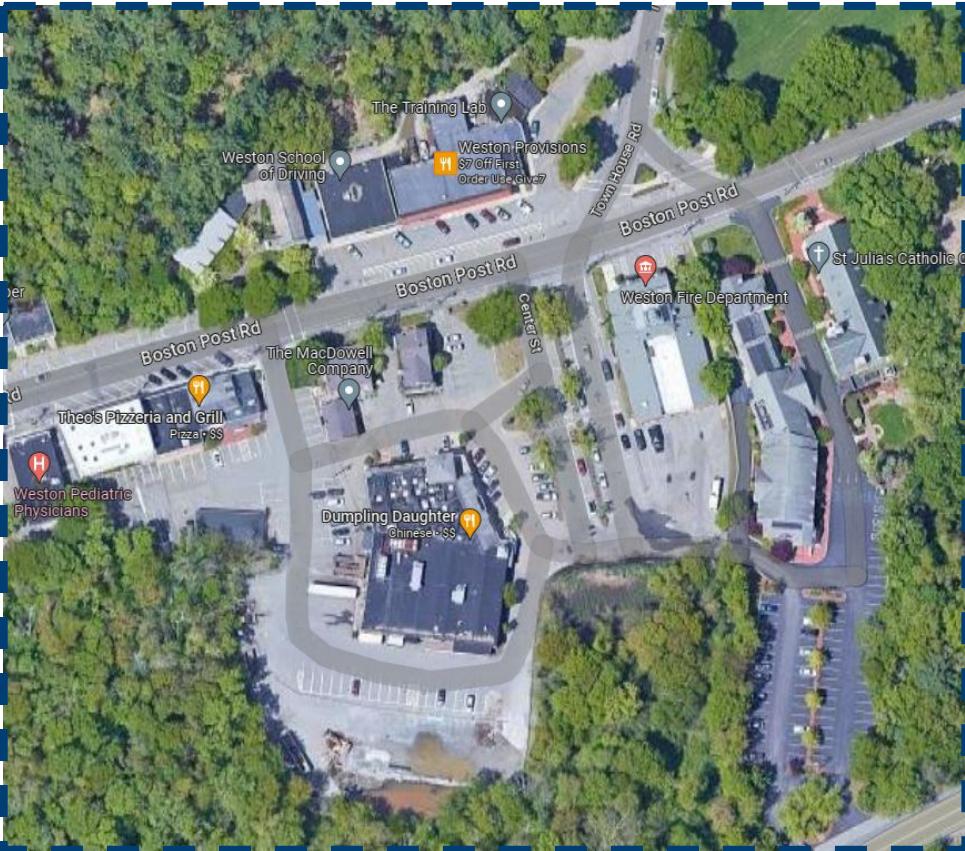
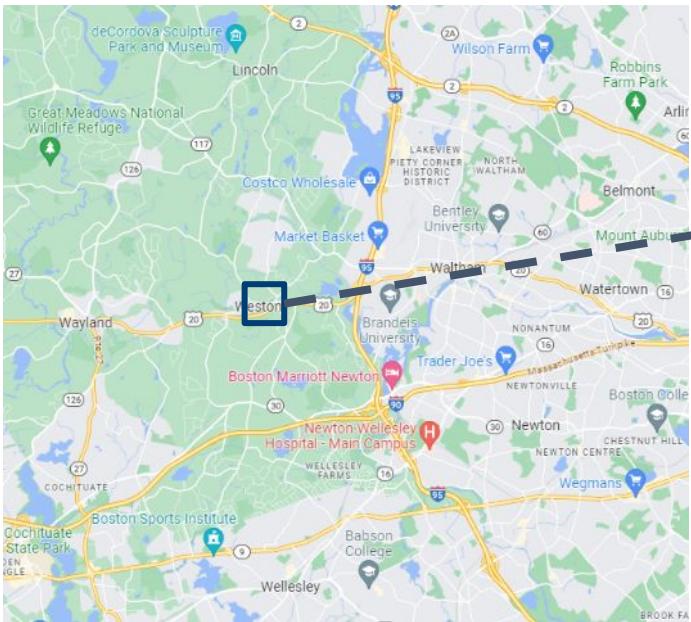
# Potential Challenges/Concerns

- Significant coordination required among various landowners and municipality
- Coordination with drinking water suppliers
- Environmental permits necessary
- Maintenance capacity of public and private entities



# Weston Town Center

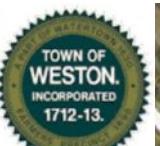
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# Weston Town Center



## Site Location



Drainage Features Current  
Catch Basin - Single  
Catch Basin - Double  
Catch Basin - Inlet  
Catch Basin/Curb Inlet  
Aux Catch Basin  
Manhole  
Curb Inlet  
Culvert Outlet  
Outfall  
Clean Out  
Sep  
Curb Inlet  
Deflection  
Junction  
Drop Inlet  
Dry Well  
Pipe Drainage Line  
Manhole Line  
Pipe End Inlet  
Pipe End Outlet  
Other  
Swale  
Temporary  
Unknown  
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Sidewalks  
Kads  
Bridge  
Paved Road  
Unpaved Road  
Parking  
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Driveways  
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Stream Centerlines  
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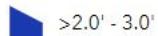
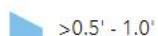
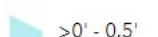
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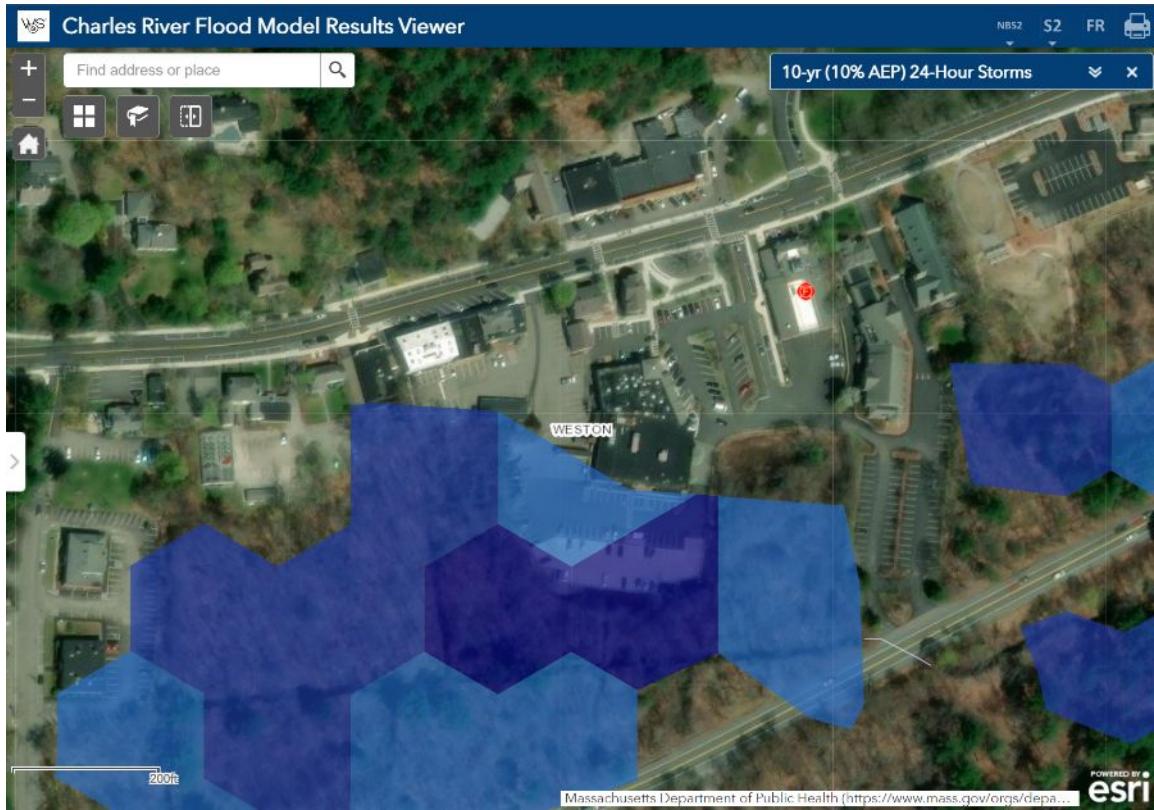
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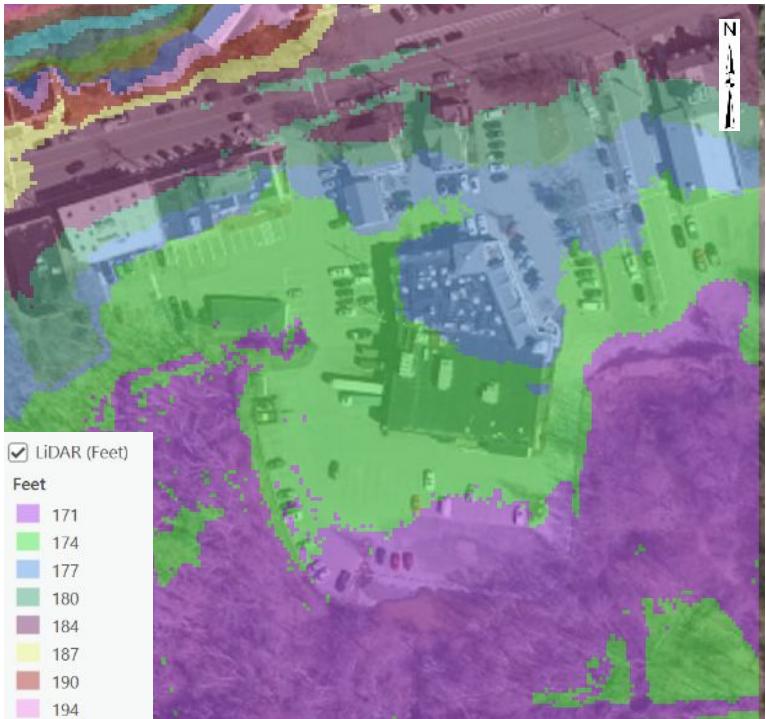
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# Weston Town Center

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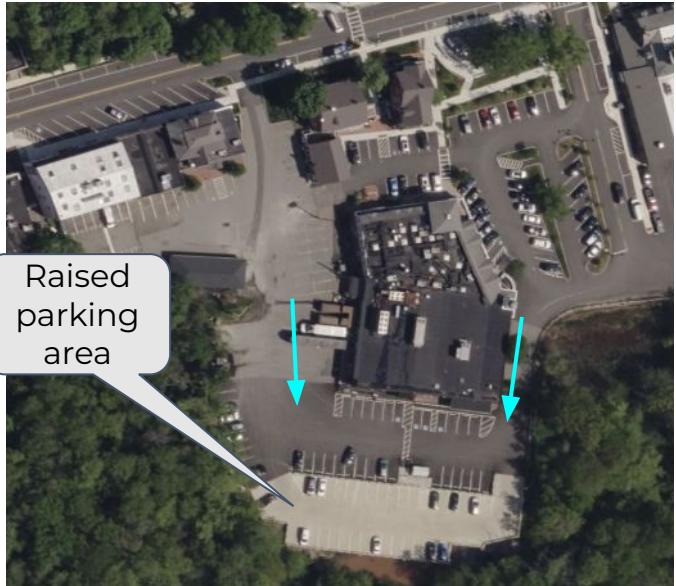


Site Topography



FEMA 500 year flood zone

## Site Description



Raised parking area

Frequent flooding occurred at the southern end of the parking lot, in 2019 property owner raised that section

Source: Bing Maps

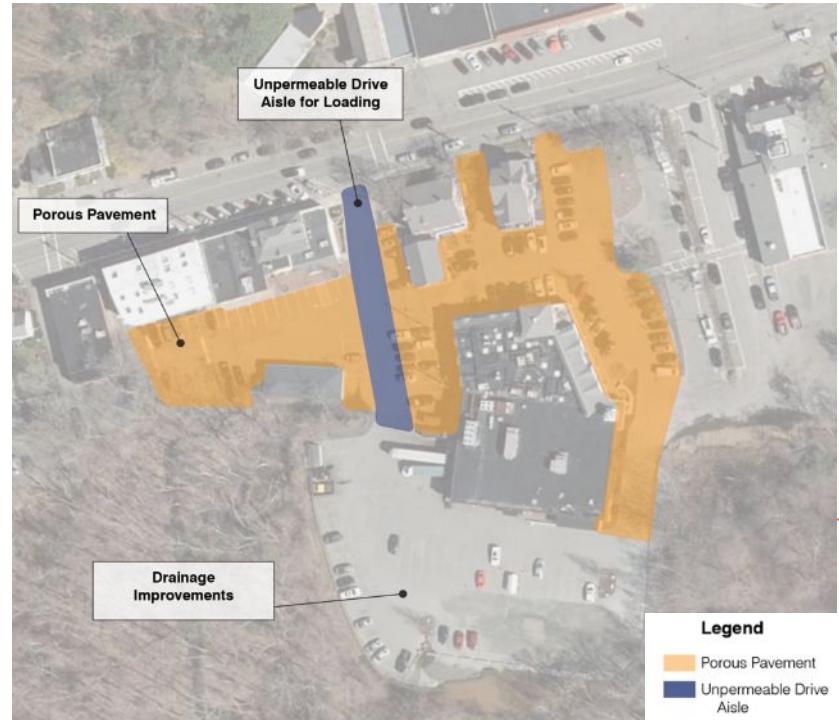


Recent photograph of actual site conditions, Town of Weston

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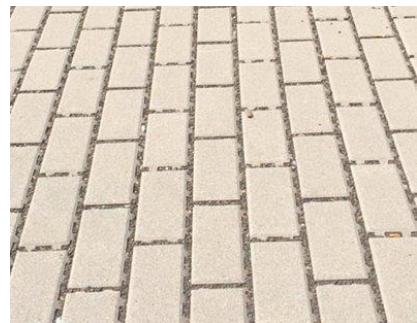
## Concept



*Source: Google Earth*



*Source: U.S. EPA*



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## Opportunities Considered



Restore Natural Systems  
and Wetlands



Culvert Improvements

Source: CRWA



Stream Restoration

Source: Weston & Sampson Project with the Town of Arlington

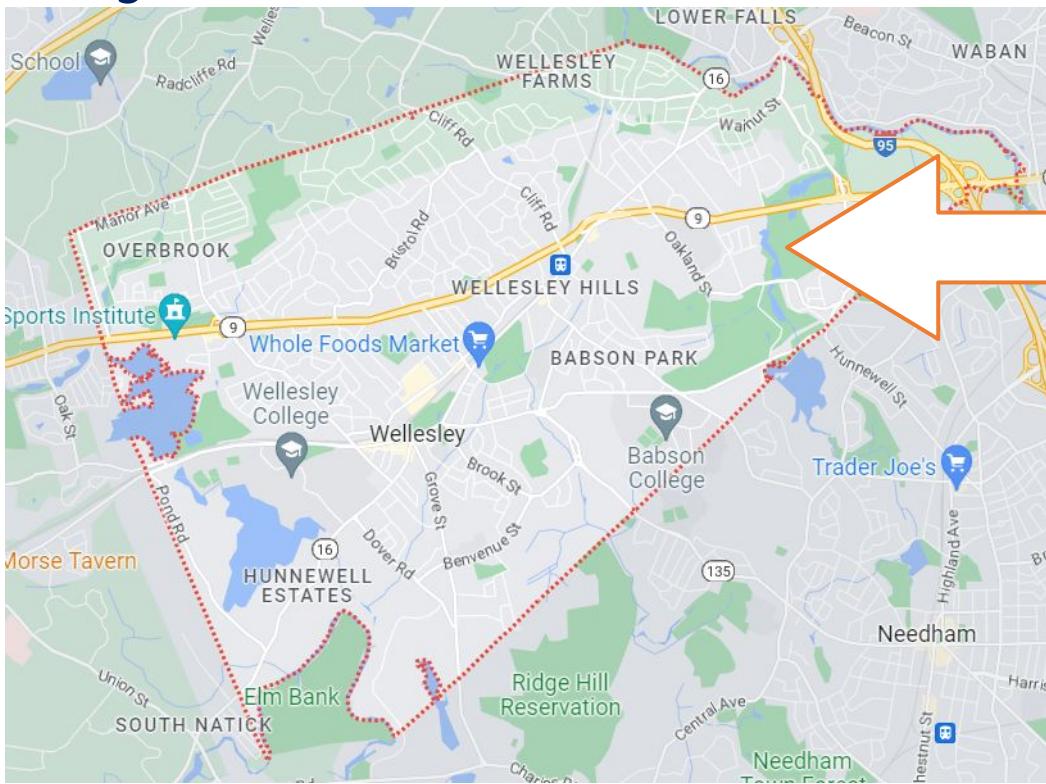
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- The Concept for Weston Town Center is able to reduce flooding for the 2070 10-year storm by:
  - 200,000 Gallons
  - 0.3 cubic feet per second (cfs)

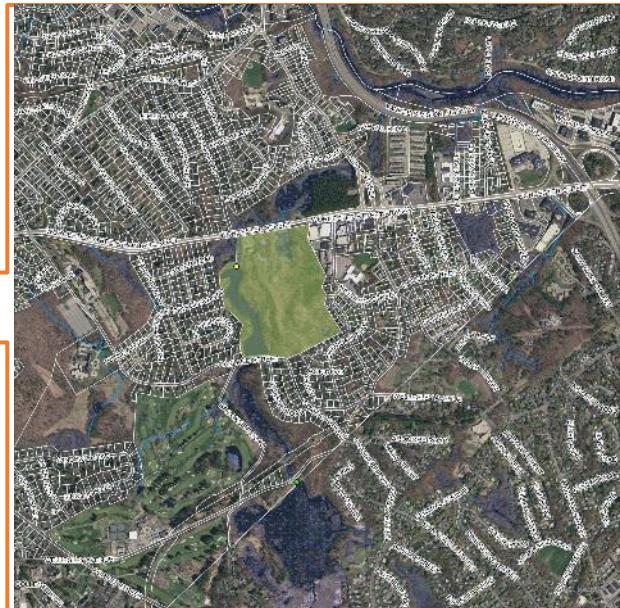
# Longfellow Pond Area



## Project Location



Source: Google Maps and Weston & Sampson GIS



# Longfellow Pond Area



## Project Location

Confluence with  
the Charles River

Route 9 culvert

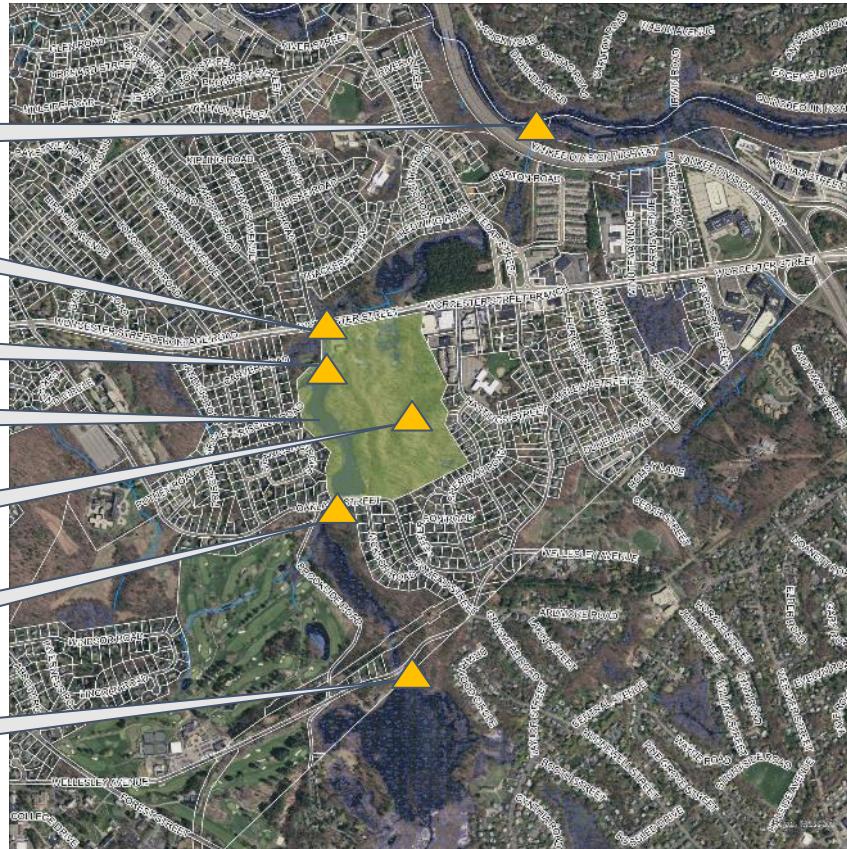
Longfellow Pond  
Dam

Longfellow Pond

Town Forest

Oakland Street  
Parking Lot

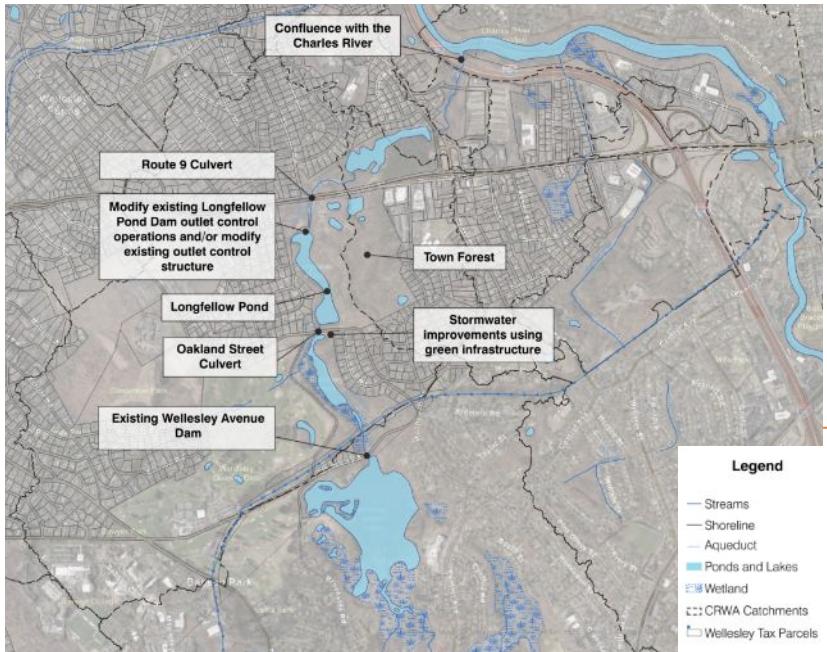
Wellesley Avenue  
Dam



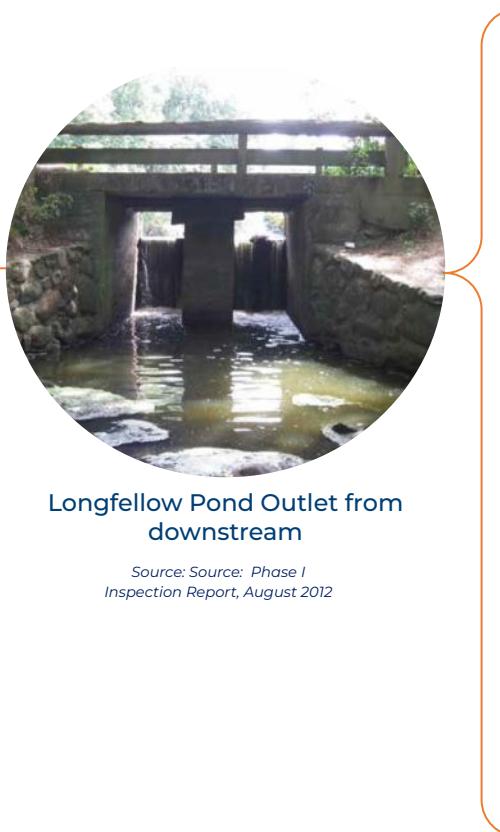
# Longfellow Pond Area



## Proposed Concept



Source: Weston & Sampson GIS



Source: R.K. Trading Co., Model Town, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana

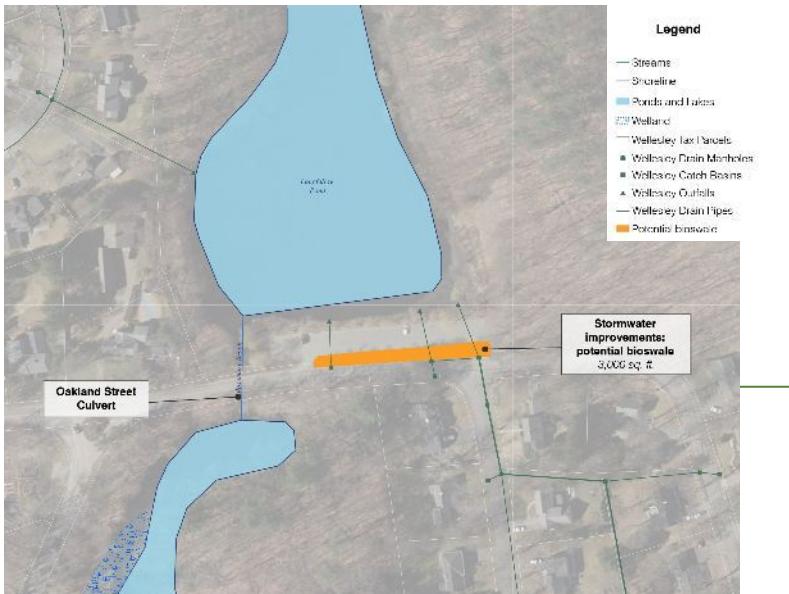


### Real time controls

Source: Weston & Sampson

# Longfellow Pond Area

## Proposed Concept



Address Parking Lot Area

Source: Google Earth



Bioswale with plantings

Source: U.S. EPA



Bioswale with Trees

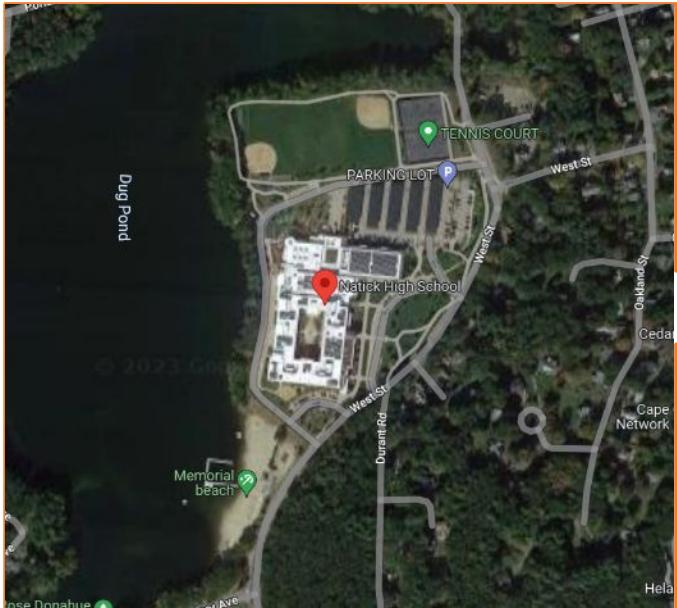
Source: U.S. EPA

## Results of Modeling

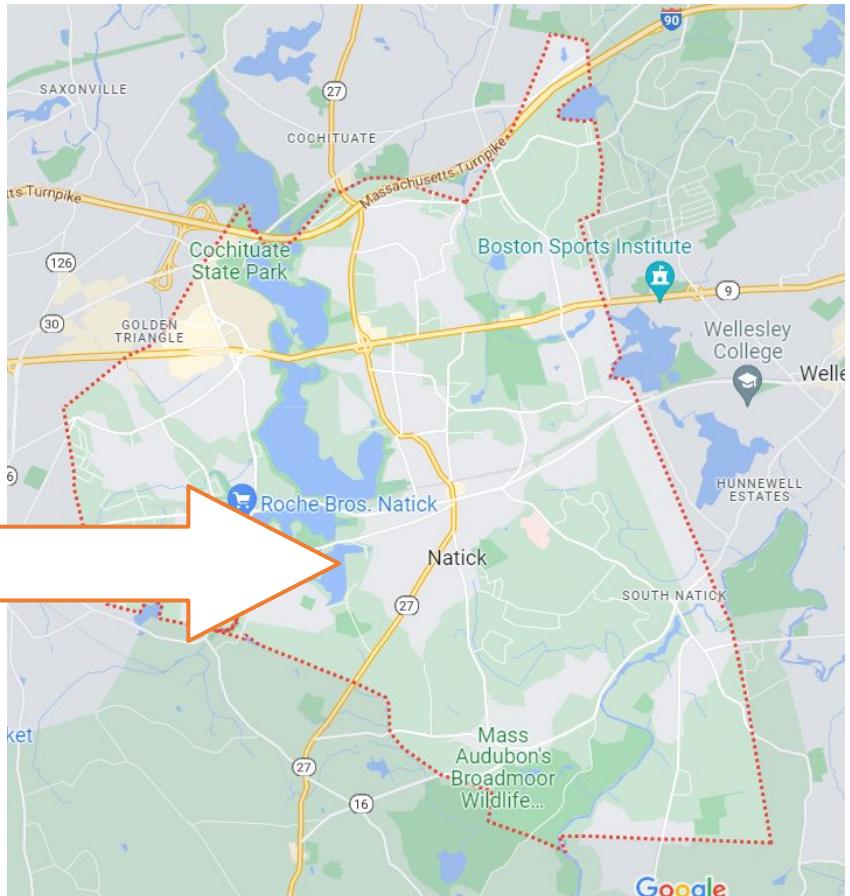
- The Concept at Longfellow Pond is able to reduce flooding by for the 2070 10-year storm
  - 40,000 Gallons
  - 0.1 cubic feet per second

# Natick High School

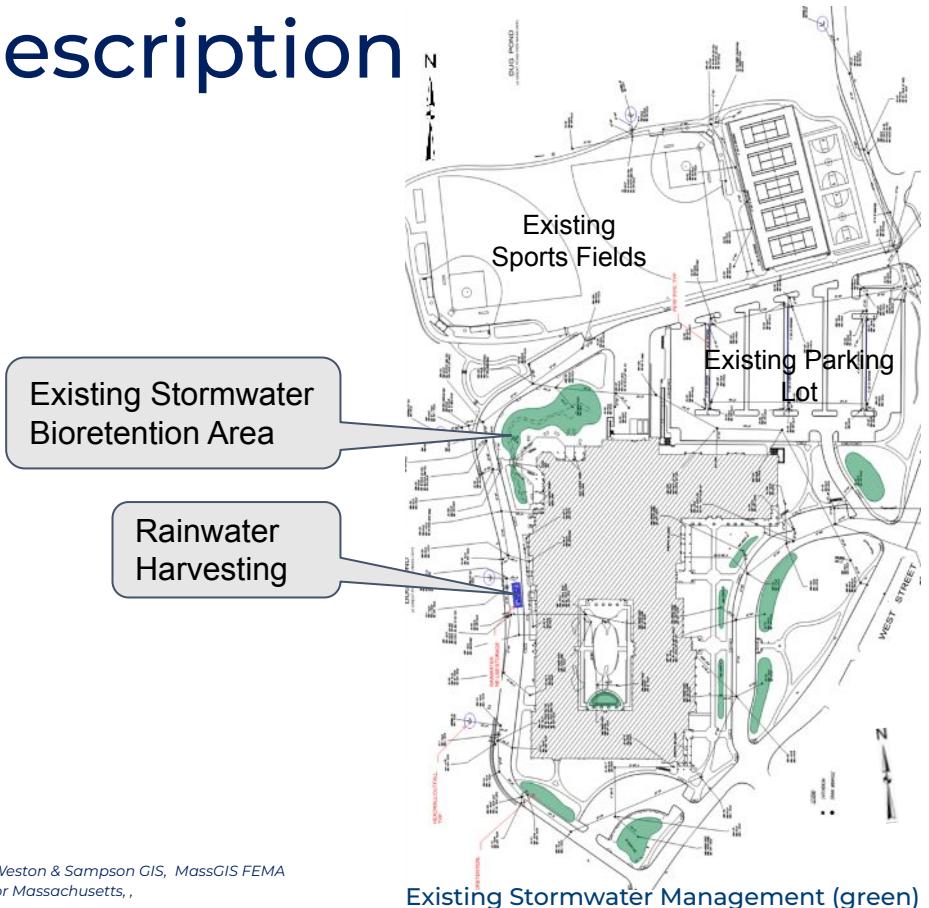
## Project Location



Source: Google Maps



## Site Description



FEMA flood extents

## Projected Future Flooding

Subbasins



10-yr (10% AEP) 24-hour storm - 2070 (7.1 inches)

MAXDEPTH

>3.0'

>2.0' - 3.0'

>1.0' - 2.0'

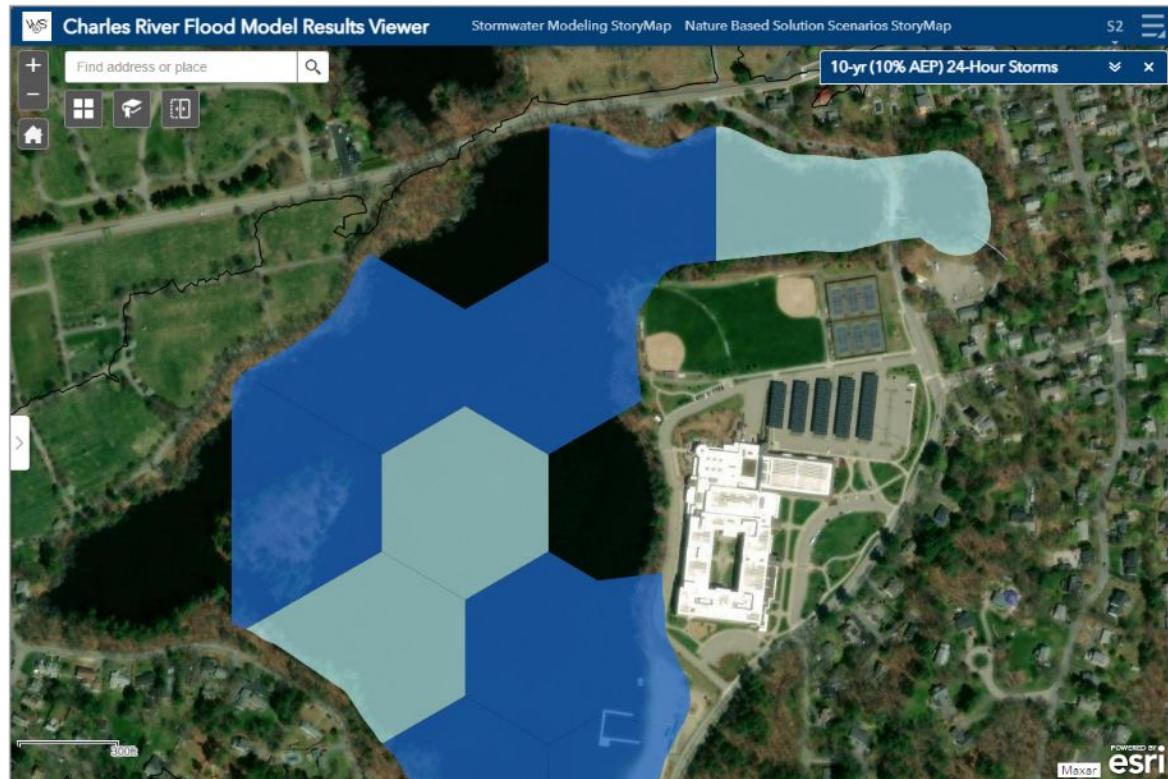
>0.5' - 1.0'

>0' - 0.5'

No Flood

Massachusetts Boundaries

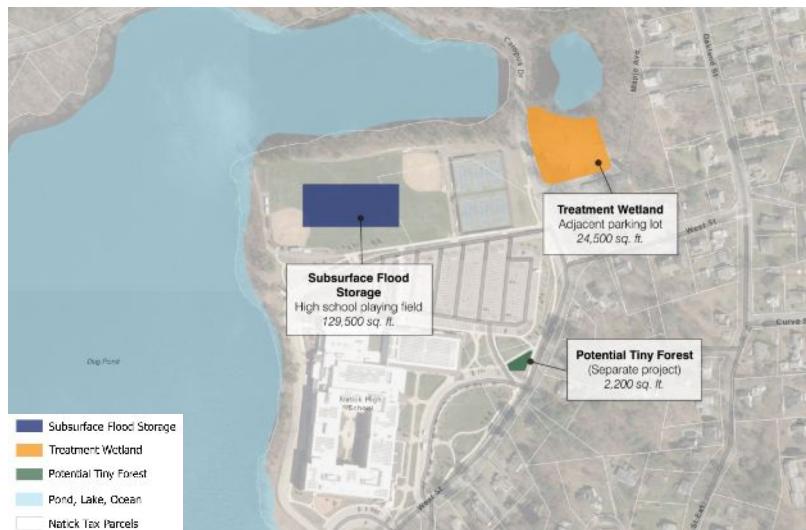
Massachusetts Municipalities



# Natick High School

## Concept

- Auxiliary parking lot
- Frequent flooding from small pond (yellow circle)



Renaturalize space

Source: Google Earth



Constructed Wetland

Source: U.S. EPA



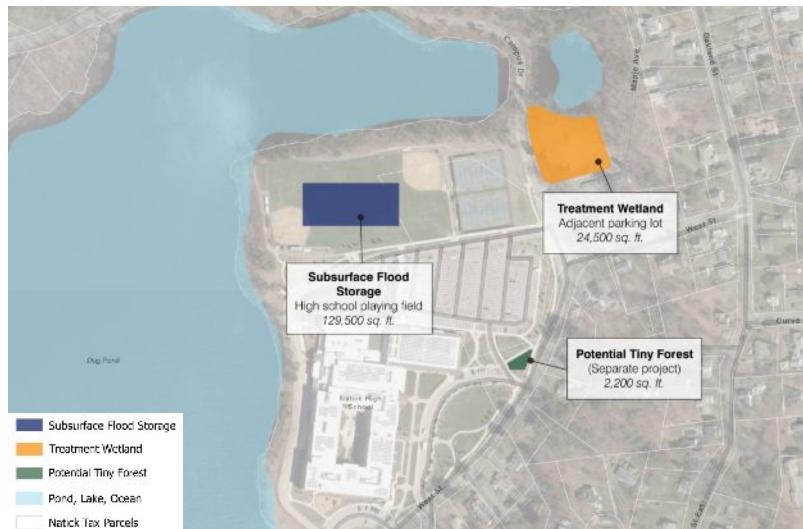
Additional floodable storage space

Source: U.S. EPA

# Natick High School

## Concept

- Underground storage with controlled outlet structure
- Combined grey and green infrastructure



Subsurface storage  
underneath playing field

Potential to connect  
existing drainage system

Source: Google Earth



Subsurface infiltration  
chambers

Source: Weston & Sampson project with  
City of Lynn

Approx. **3.6 ac** available at this site where additional stormwater storage opportunities can be implemented

## Results of Modeling

- The Concept for Natick High School is able to reduce flooding for the 2070 10-year storm
  - 2.1 Million Gallons
  - 0.8 cubic feet per second

# Engaging & Empowering Charles River Watershed Communities

# Conectando y Empoderando Comunidades de la Cuenca del Río Charles



# Engaging Watershed Communities | Conectando con las comunidades de cuencas hidrográficas



## CREW's primary focuses:

### Awareness

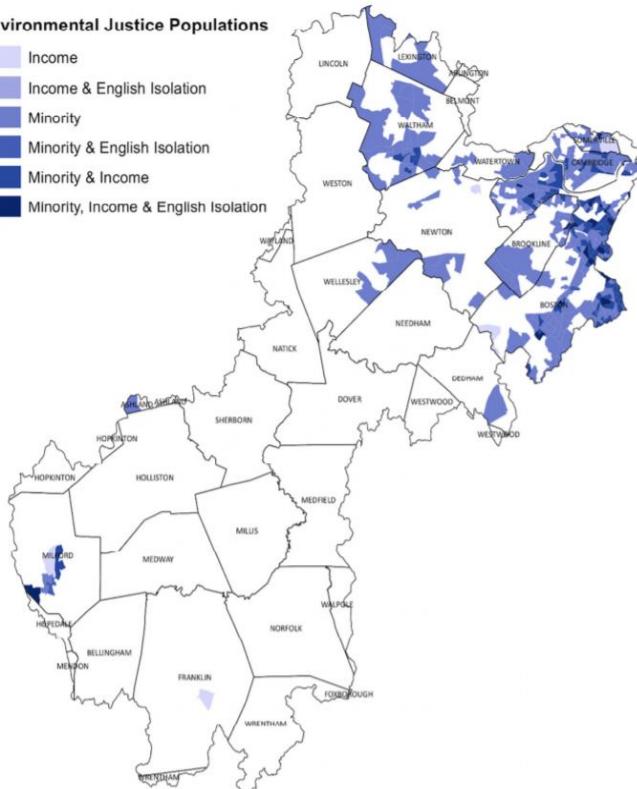
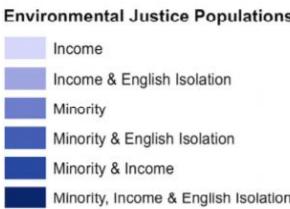
- Share out the Charles River Flood Model (CRFM)

### Education

- Increase communities' understanding of and connection to nature-based solutions / green infrastructure

### Preparedness

- Flooding preparedness: Meaningfully reach and empower community members most vulnerable to riverine flooding impacts (i.e. env'l justice populations; flood zone residents)



## Los principales enfoques de CREW:

### Conciencia

- Distribuir información sobre el Modelo de Inundación del Río Charles (CRFM)

### Educación

- Aumentar la comprensión y la conexión de las comunidades con las soluciones basadas en la naturaleza / infraestructura verde

### Preparación

- Preparación para inundaciones: Contactar y empoderar significativamente a los miembros de la comunidad más vulnerables a los impactos de las inundaciones fluviales (i.e. comunidades de justicia ambiental; Residentes en zonas inundables)

# Who is CREW? ¿Quién es CREW?



**CREW** – A network of local leaders building grassroots climate resilience through inclusive & hands-on education, service, and planning.

**Together**, we work to empower and equip families and communities with the resources and capacity to prepare for and respond to local climate changes and extreme weather **equitably, sustainably, & collaboratively**.

**CREW** – Una red de líderes locales que construyen resiliencia climática de base a través de la educación, el servicio y la planificación inclusivos y directos.

**Juntos**, trabajamos para empoderar y equipar a las familias y comunidades con los recursos y la capacidad para prepararse y responder a los cambios climáticos locales y al clima extremo de manera **equitativa, sostenible y colaborativa**.

For more info / Para más información [climatecrew.org](http://climatecrew.org)

# Engagement Efforts

## Esfuerzos para conectar con la gente

### Raise Awareness with Watershed Residents

- Watershed-wide virtual events (like this one!)
- CRFM Town-specific posters
- **Large, town-wide celebrations – Celebrate Milford, Medway Pride Day, Newton Earth Fest**

### Engage Residents in Planning Efforts

- **Flyer outreach in communities with green infrastructure projects**
- Virtual sessions – Wellesley, Natick, Waltham, Weston, Milford
- **Project visuals and on-site planners to collect feedback**

### Engage EJ and Climate Vulnerable Residents

- Establish relationships with groups addressing acute and chronic community needs
- **Engage intermediaries and get creative!**

### Educar a los habitantes de la cuenca.

- Actos virtuales en toda la cuenca (como éste)
- Carteles específicos de la ciudad de CRFM
- Grandes celebraciones en toda la ciudad - Celebrate Milford, Medway Pride Day, Newton Earth Fest

### Involucrar a los residentes en los esfuerzos de planificación

- Divulgación mediante folletos en comunidades con proyectos de infraestructuras verdes
- Sesiones virtuales - Wellesley, Natick, Waltham, Weston, Milford
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### Involucrar a la justicia ambiental y a los residentes vulnerables al clima

- Establecer relaciones con grupos que se ocupan de las necesidades agudas y crónicas de la comunidad.
- Involucre a los intermediarios y sea creativo.

# Focused community-building & education | Creación de relaciones y educación específicas



## Newton!



## ROSETTA LANGUAGES

Apply language lessons to  
new moment! /  
Aplique las lecciones de  
idiomas a un nuevo  
momento

## Cambridge!

A screenshot of a Google Slides presentation titled "WHAT IS WATER?". The slide includes a section titled "SHARE OUT -- IDEAS FROM GROUP:" with the text "We can't live without water", "Without water, there's no life", "A liquid", and "Can also be:". The presentation is titled "6.5.23 Cambridge CLC - Google Slides" and shows two participants in a video call at the top.

Teaching English  
through CRFM /  
Utilizar CRFM para  
enseñar inglés -  
Cambridge Community  
Learning Center



Place-based outreach along the Charles River /  
Educar a la población directamente a lo largo del río Charles

# Resource Distribution

# Distribución de recursos



**READY  
BOSTON**

[www.cityofboston.gov/readyboston](http://www.cityofboston.gov/readyboston)

Keep this  
somewhere  
handy!

## Household Emergency Kit Checklist

**Get it in Your Kit!** Keep enough supplies in your Household Emergency Kit to last you and your family at least 3 days. Though you should personalize your kit to suit your specific needs, below are some key items that will start you on the road to being ready!

- Water: one gallon a day per person for drinking and sanitation
- Food: non-perishable that does not require cooking
- Manual can opener
- First aid kit
- Battery powered AM/FM radio & extra batteries
- Flash light & extra batteries
- Toiletries & personal items
- Filter mask
- Phone that does not require electricity
- Whistle
- Garbage bags & plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Blankets
- Warm clothes & extra changes of clothes
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Other specialty items such as: prescription medication, pet supplies, baby necessities, and copies of important documents



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¡Mantén esto en  
algun lugar a  
mano!

## Hogar Kit de Emergencia Lista

Al prepararse para una posible situación de emergencia, conviene pensar primero en los fundamentos de la supervivencia: agua potable, comida, aire limpio y retención del calor.

### Suministros Recomendados Para Incluir en un Equipo Portátil

- Agua, un galón de agua por persona al día, por lo menos para tres días, para tomar y para la higiene.
- Comida, provisiones por lo menos para tres días de alimentos no perecederos.
- Radio portátil de pilas o de manivela y un Radio Meteorológico NOAA con alerta de tonos y pilas extras para ambos.
- Linterna y pilas extras.
- Botiquín de primeros auxilios
- Silbato para alertar y pedir ayuda.
- Máscara contra polvo
- Toallitas húmedas, bolsas de basura y tiritas plásticas de amarrar para utilizar con fines de higiene personal.
- Llave inglesa o alicates para cerrar los servicios públicos.
- Abrelatas para la comida (si el equipo contiene alimentos enlatados)
- Mapas locales
- Teléfono que no requiere electricidad
- Manta
- Ropa de abrigo extra y cambios de ropa
- Otras especialidades tales como: la prescripción de medicamentos, suministros para mascotas, bebé necesidades, y de las copias de documentos importantes

Want to help your community  
prepare for **extreme weather**?

### CLIMATE RESILIENCE HUBS

educate residents about extreme weather preparedness. They can be libraries, schools, faith institutions, or any other place that serves the community.

- Climate Resilience Hubs may provide services such as:
  - educational events and information
  - cooling shelter during a heat wave
  - phone charging during a power outage
  - medical supplies



Are you connected with a business or organization that wants to learn more?

Contact CREW: [www.climatecrew.org/resilience\\_hubs](http://www.climatecrew.org/resilience_hubs)

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Communities Responding to Extreme Weather

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### CREW

Communities Responding to Extreme Weather



# Celebrations! ¡Celebraciones!

Invited to and presented at regional conference - Cross-pollination! Learning from others!

Invitación a presentar en la conferencia regional - !Polinización cruzada! Aprender de los demás!

Partnered with language services and provided support for 10 events (in-person, virtual, translated materials)

Colaboración con los servicios lingüísticos y apoyo a 10 actos (presenciales, virtuales, materiales traducidos)

Identified new, creative ways of engagement for Phase 4 – curriculum, workshops, parties!

Determinación de formas de participación nuevas y creativas para la Fase 4: planes de estudios, talleres, fiestas



# Community Comments | Comentarios de la comunidad



Trees and rain gardens are awesome!!

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¡Los árboles y los jardines de lluvia son increíbles!

This work is an opportunity to heal relationships with the land and indigenous tribes.

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Este trabajo es una oportunidad para sanar las relaciones con la tierra y las tribus indígenas.

What about development – in flooding zones, wetlands, forests?

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¿Y más edificios? – en zonas de inundación, humedales, bosques

Who do I contact locally if I want to learn more?

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¿Con quién puedo ponerme en contacto si quiero saber más?

Thank you for the emergency blanket!  
Can I take a few?

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¡Gracias por la manta de emergencia!  
¿Puedo tener algunos?

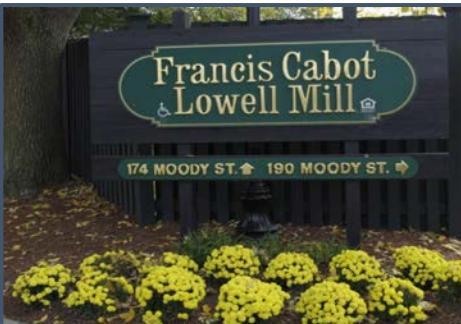
# What we look forward to! | Lo que nos espera

## Working with City/Town staff | Colaboración con el personal municipal

Continued community events |  
Continuación de los actos  
comunitarios



Dialogue and workshops with  
climate-vulnerable residents |  
Diálogo y talleres con  
residentes vulnerables al clima



Social  
conversations |  
Conversaciones  
sociales



# Thank you! | ¡Gracias!



*Interested in  
learning more  
and partnering  
with CREW?*

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*¿Está interesado  
en aprender más  
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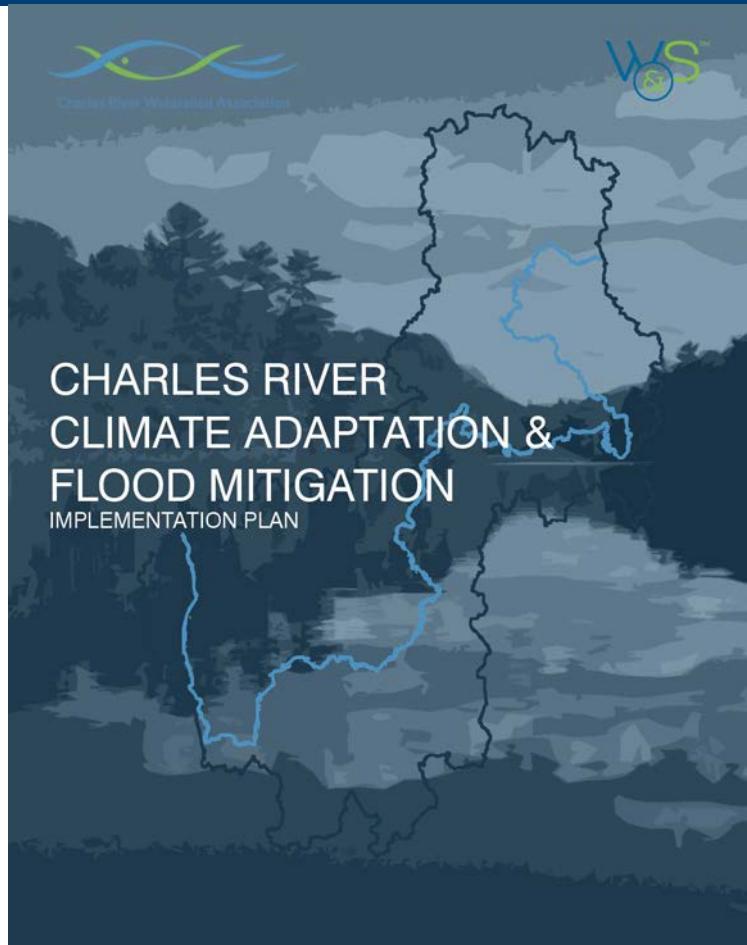
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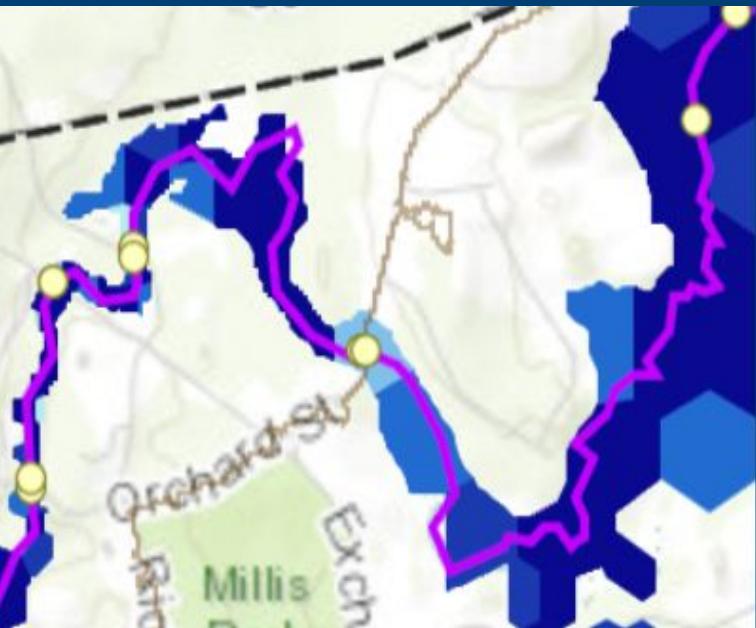
# Looking Ahead...

## WHAT'S NEXT:

- Building on past modeling work, use the CRFM to identify and assess various alternative “pathways” that will mitigate flooding down to present day levels or even further
- **Update the Charles River Climate Adaptation Flood Mitigation Plan** to include additional site scale / impacted area project concepts, flood reduction alternatives analysis, and additional community input



# Share Your Thoughts!



TAKE THE SURVEY:

## What do you think?

What is your top concern about how climate change will effect you, your family, and community?

TAKE THE SHORT SURVEY!

VISIT [CRWA.ORG/CRFM-23](http://CRWA.ORG/CRFM-23)

¡TOMA LA ENCUESTA CORTA!

VISITE [CRWA.ORG/CRFM-23](http://CRWA.ORG/CRFM-23)

# Learn More



Available in  
seven languages!



## Flood Predictions Become Flood Solutions

Climate change isn't coming—it's here. Precipitation during heavy rain events increased by 55% between 1958 and 2016 in



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