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## UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

### Housatonic River Restoration Projects: Round 4

#### Informational Presentation

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, comprising the Massachusetts SubCouncil of the Housatonic River Trustees (MA SubCouncil), have scheduled a pre – Grant Application and Announcement (GAA) Informational Presentation to discuss an upcoming grant opportunity for restoration projects that have a positive impact on the Housatonic River’s natural resources and natural resource services. We recommend potential applicants attend to discuss project ideas before the Housatonic River Restoration Round 4 GAA is issued in August 2018.

The Presentation will be made in the Welles Gallery of the Lenox Public Library, on June 26, 2018 at 5:30 PM.

A total of up to \$1.5 million is available for habitat restoration projects that address one or more of the following restoration categories:

- **Aquatic Biological Resources and Habitat** – Fish, amphibians, aquatic reptiles, benthic invertebrates, and other aquatic organisms. Restoration activities may include, but are not limited to, projects that restore aquatic biological resources directly or enhance the habitats of these resources (e.g., enhancements in water quality).
- **Wildlife Resources and Habitat** – Avian, terrestrial reptilian, and mammalian species that use the Housatonic River in some manner. Restoration activities may include, but

are not limited to, projects that restore wildlife resources directly or enhance the habitats of these resources (e.g., riparian habitat enhancements).

- **Recreational Uses** – Human recreational uses of the Housatonic River environment such as, but not limited to, recreational fishing, recreational boating, and wildlife/nature viewing. Restoration activities may include, but are not limited to, creation/enhancement of public access opportunities and enhancement of the natural resource aspect of the recreational experience.
- **Environmental Education and Outreach** – Projects that inform the public using the Housatonic River environment about issues that affect the health of the Housatonic River environment. The purpose of such projects is to instill understanding and appreciation for the environment so that human behaviors are changed in a manner that helps to achieve the goal of the sustainable restoration of the Housatonic River, its injured natural resources, and/or the services provided by those resources.

Additional information on the Massachusetts Housatonic River Watershed Restoration Program is available on-line at [www.ma-housatonicrestoration.org](http://www.ma-housatonicrestoration.org) and hardcopies are available at the Lenox Library and other public libraries in the Housatonic River watershed.

The Commonwealth's procurement rules prohibit MassDEP from consulting with potential applicants to develop project ideas once the GAA is issued. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact MassDEP before the GAA issue date to refine project ideas and obtain feedback. Contact Thomas M. Potter (617-292-5628 or [thomas.potter@state.ma.us](mailto:thomas.potter@state.ma.us)) for a discussion of ideas and settlement objectives.