

Lower Neponset River Ecological Restoration
DRAFT WORKPLAN
Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

APRIL

Public Update/Education on Investigations and Public Health

- April: DEP investigation public meeting on soils, sediments, and PCBs and public health implications

MAY

Continue Public Update/Education on Investigations and Public Health

Convene the CAC and Provide Common Background and Context

- May 15: Organizing Meeting:
 - Why do I value the River and what is my (citizen) vision for the river and my community?
 - History of the Lower Neponset
 - Current efforts for community, economic, land and water restoration on the Lower Neponset
 - Handout groundrules/charge for discussion next meeting
- May: Second DEP/other agency meeting on sediments, soils, and PCBs and public health implications
- May/June: River Tour

JUNE

Community Goals and Criteria

- Role of the CAC, membership, ground rules, and agenda planning
- Further discussion/presentation on the variety of projects/context, as requested by the Committee
- Committee Brainstorms their goals for the restoration of the Lower Neponset River: what does “restoration” mean to the community
- Committee considers their goals in light of the current project goals and recommends additions/revisions
- Committee identifies criteria that flow from the community goals and would be used to evaluate alternatives
- Fact sheet developed for effective communication explaining Consultant restoration alternatives

JULY

Restoration Alternatives Review

- Presentation on restoration alternatives *to date* and their analysis (fact sheet developed)
- Committee discusses pros and cons of each restoration alternative from their diverse perspectives, based on their goals and criteria
- Committee considers/brainstorms other options/alternatives that might meet diverse interests and asks for initial reaction to their technical feasibility
- Committee considers what kind of additional technical information is needed, and how to generate it.

- Fact sheets developed for effective risk communication on public health issues and soils/sediments (?)

SEPTEMBER

Committee Consideration of Issues in relation to Overall Context & Agency Interests

- DCR presents on its view of the restoration alternatives given the agency's interest in protected areas, dam and flood safety, and greenway planning/development.
- DEP presents on its view of the restoration alternatives given the agency's work in soil PCB cleanup.
- DPH on hand to answer any health related questions.
- Committee work group charged with developing a matrix of the alternatives in relation to the CAC's Brainstormed list of goals, its evaluation criteria, and other agencies' views.

OCTOBER

Committee Review of Alternatives

- Committee discusses work group's draft matrix and refines as needed
- Committee seeks to eliminate those alternatives that are least attractive to the participants
- Committee seeks to focus in on its preferred options, including developing new alternatives/packages of actions, any further analysis that may be needed, and other actions necessary to move restoration along
- Workgroup charged with developing draft recommendations in writing, including placing recommendations in clear relation to many other river/area activities (PCB soil cleanup, greenway master plan, etc.).

NOVEMBER

Committee Reviews and Finalizes its Report

- Committee reviews draft recommendations via email ahead of time, and a revision made, as needed.
- Committee revises recommendations /report
- Committee seeks final consensus possible and prepares final report outlining agreements and any disagreements