



**EBC Climate Change Program  
Lessons Learned from Massachusetts MVP Grant Program**

Friday, March 15, 2019

Nixon Peabody LLP | Boston, Massachusetts

**AGENDA**

- 9:00 a.m.     **Welcome**
- Daniel K. Moon, President, Environmental Business Council
- Program Co-Chairs**
- David Billo, Office Manager, Sovereign Consulting
  - Joe Famely, Project Manager/Environmental Scientist, Woods Hole Group
  - Tiffany Skogstrom, Outreach and Policy Analyst  
Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance (OTA)
- Program Overview and What You Will Learn**
- Tiffany Skogstrom, Outreach and Policy Analyst  
Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance (OTA)
- 9:15 a.m.     **Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program**
- Mia Mansfield, Director of Climate Adaptation & Resiliency  
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- 9:50 a.m.     **MAPC Lessons Learned from Implementing the MVP Program**
- Anne Herbst, Senior Regional Environmental Planner  
Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)
- 10:15 a.m.    **NB Resilient: New Bedford's Plan for Community Climate Action and Resilience**
- Michele Paul, LSP, Director of Resilience and Environmental Stewardship  
City of New Bedford
- 10:40 a.m.    **Networking Break**

- 11:10 a.m. Regional and Local Partnerships in the Pioneer Valley**
- Emily Slotnick, AICP, CFM, Senior Planner, Environmental & Land Use  
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
- 11:35 a.m. Creating Best Management Practices for Climate Migration**
- Andrew B. Smith, Director of Conservation  
Holyoke Conservation & Sustainability
- 12:00 p.m. Panel Discussion**
- Moderator: Tiffany Skogstrom, Outreach and Policy Analyst  
Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance (OTA)
- Panelists:
- Anne Herbst, Metropolitan Area Planning Council
  - Michele Paul, City of New Bedford
  - Emily Slotnick, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
  - Andrew B. Smith, Holyoke Conservation & Sustainability
- 12:30 p.m. Adjourn – Closing Remarks – Daniel Moon**

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David Billo has more than 30 years of experience as an environmental consultant and has been a Licensed Site Professional since 2003. His career has included subsurface site assessment, remedial design and oversight, underground storage tank management, site closure, indoor air quality assessment, and landfill monitoring. Recently, David has been a team member coordinating the installation of a solar array and microgrid at a closed landfill and surrounding municipal facilities. He has been with Sovereign Consulting since 2009 and has been the manager of Sovereign's Foxborough office since 2016. David has a B.S. in Geology from Boston College and is also a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) accredited professional in Interior Design + Construction.

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Joe Famely is a Senior Environmental Scientist at Woods Hole Group. Focused on environmental and sustainability planning, he has expertise in assessing climate change vulnerability and risk for infrastructure and natural resources, and developing adaptation and resiliency plans for communities and organizations. In addition to numerous sea level rise and storm surge vulnerability assessments in

the New England region, he has developed customized greenhouse gas assessment tools to help organizations benchmark and track their carbon footprints and prepare sustainability reports, and has led strategic land use planning projects. Joe's background in ecological risk assessment, urban ecology, and environmental design brings a systems thinking approach to projects and facilitates collaboration with engineering and design professionals, as well as with clients and stakeholders.

Joe has a B.A. from Bowdoin College, and a M.E.M. in Urban Ecology and Environmental Design from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. He is also a certified provider in the MA EOOEA Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program.

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Tiffany Skogstrom, MPH, is the Outreach and Chemical Policy Analyst for the Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance (OTA), where she raises the agency's visibility as a free and confidential toxics use reduction resource for Massachusetts' businesses. Leading OTA's [Building Chemical Safety Into Climate Change Resiliency Project](#), Ms. Skogstrom boosts awareness about the importance of incorporating chemical safety into climate change and emergency preparedness to reduce risks of severe weather related industrial accidents. Throughout her career, Ms. Skogstrom has worked with various environmental and nonprofit organizations on waste reduction, recycling, and pollution prevention campaigns. Tiffany graduated from the Boston University School of Public Health where she concentrated in Environmental Health and was awarded the William B. Patterson Memorial Award for Excellence in Environmental and Occupational Health. She is also a 2006 Environmental Leadership Program Fellow and 2011 Fellow of the University of California San Francisco Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment's Reach the Decision Makers Program.

## **SPEAKERS**

**Anne Herbst**, Senior Regional Environmental Planner  
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Anne Herbst leads environmental planning projects including climate adaptation and hazard mitigation plans. She has served as project manager or facilitator for thirteen Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness communities. The thirteen communities include urban and suburban, as well as coastal and inland communities.

Prior to MAPC, Anne worked for the Town of Hull as their Conservation Administrator. She led Hull's climate resilience projects. Hull's climate adaptation programs were recognized as a "best practice" by FEMA and the EPA, and received an award from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for "Excellence in Local Government".

Ms. Herbst has a Master in City Planning with a focus on Environmental Policy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Massachusetts at Boston. She is a member of the Boston Conservation Commission.

**Mia Mansfield**, Director of Climate Adaptation & Resiliency  
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Mia is the Director of Climate Adaptation and Resilience at EEA. She most recently managed the Climate Ready Boston initiative in the City of Boston Office of Environment, Energy and Open Space. In this role, she led the City's climate adaptation efforts, including implementation of the Climate Ready Boston plan and Resilient Boston Harbor Vision, the City's participation in the Metro Boston Preparedness Taskforce, and collaboration with ongoing planning processes like Imagine Boston 2030, Go Boston 2030 and the Resilience Strategy. She has a Master's in City Planning from MIT and a BA from Brandeis University.

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Michele Paul is New Bedford's Director of Resilience and Environmental Stewardship. Michele is a Massachusetts Licensed Site Professional (LSP) and serves on MassDEP's Waste Site Cleanup Advisory Committee representing municipal officials. Under the leadership of New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell, Michele's role is focused on community sustainability, combining infrastructure, social, and economic development efforts. She has recently joined the New England Municipal Sustainability Network where resilience professionals share best practices and lessons learned in this emerging field. After becoming a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) community, New Bedford has launched NB Resilient: a comprehensive climate adaptation and resilience plan that will guide future capital and program direction through the lenses of equity and community character. Michele represents New Bedford on the Mass Municipal Association's Policy Committee for Energy and the Environment.

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Emily Slotnick joined the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's Land Use and Environment section in 2016 as a Senior Planner and Project Manager focusing on resiliency, open space and environmental planning. During that time she has assisted communities around the Pioneer Valley in completing the MVP planning process and submitting successful MVP action grant proposals, as well as completing a variety of other planning processes. Prior to joining PVPC, Emily worked for 8 years in the private sector where she concentrated on resilience and hazard mitigation planning, disaster recovery, and floodplain management. Her last consulting assignment was to facilitate EPA's Building Blocks technical assistance flood resilience workshop for the communities of Skykomish, WA, Wareham, MA and DeSoto Parish, LA.

Ms. Slotnick is an AICP certified planner and Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM). She has a B.A. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and a Masters in Urban Planning from the University of Washington.

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Andrew Smith is the Conservation and Sustainability Director in the City of Holyoke, where he has served as the City's first sustainability director since 2011. During his time with the City, he has focused on climate adaptation and climate mitigation through managing the city's urban forestry initiatives, wetlands permitting, managing investments in energy efficiency, promotion of renewable energy and steering the city's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program towards focusing on the interests of the City's unique relationship with Puerto Rico.

### UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

March 22 – Ocean & Coastal Resources Program: The Northeast Ocean Data Portal  
March 27 – Evening Program: Annual Review from MassDEP Commissioner Marty Suuberg  
March 29 – Solid Waste Management Program: “Talking Trash” Northern New England  
April 4 – Rhode Island Program: Briefing from State Agency Leadership  
April 9 – Energy Resources Program: States Procurement of Renewables  
April 11 – Ocean and Coastal Resources Program: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Coastal Construction Conference  
April 12 – Dam Management Program: Dam Removal & Sediment Management  
April 17 – Ascending Professionals Committee Program Planning Meeting  
April 24 – Connecticut Update from the CT DEEP Leadership  
April 25 – Ocean & Coastal Resources Program: Implementation of Municipal Vulnerability Assessments  
**April 26 – Climate Change Program: Business and Facility Planning and Preparedness**  
April 29 – Solid Waste Management Program: “Talking Trash” Southern New England  
May 1 – New Hampshire Ascending Professionals Regulatory Meet and Greet  
May 2 – Emerging Contaminants Program: PFAS Overview  
May 3 – Emerging Contaminants Program: PCB Air Sampling and Encapsulation  
May 7 – New Hampshire Program: Update on NHDES Wetlands Rulemaking  
May 9 – Rhode Island Program: ENVISION Briefing  
May 9 – Spotlight on Success: The 2018 Ascending Leaders Award Recipients Panel  
May 13 – New Hampshire Chapter Program Planning Meeting  
May 15 – Offshore Wind Program: Workforce Development  
May 16 – Connecticut Dam Management Program: Emergency Action Planning  
May 16 – Connecticut Chapter Program Planning Luncheon  
**May 17 – Climate Change Program: Regional Flood Pathways**  
May 20 – Ocean and Coastal Resources Committee Program Planning Meeting  
May 21 – Solid Waste Management Program: Alternative Diversion Strategies  
**May 23 – Evening Program: Climate Programs from the City of Boston and the MA Commonwealth**  
May 29 – Site Remediation and Redevelopment Program: Brownfields Tax Credits  
May 30 – Ocean and Coastal Resources Program: Coastal Contamination  
May 31 – Energy Resources Program: Carbon Capture & Sequestration  
**July 16 – Climate Change and Air Committee Program Planning Meeting**