



## **EBC Climate Change Luncheon Webinar Series**

### **Resilient Mystic Collaborative**

Friday, May 8, 2020

#### **AGENDA**

- 12:00 p.m. **Welcome:** Daniel K. Moon, Executive Director, Environmental Business Council
- 12:05 p.m. **Introduction – How and Why Resilience Mystic Collaborative was Created**
- Julie Wormser, Deputy Director, Mystic River Watershed Association
- 12:15 p.m. **Increasing Flood Resilience of the Amelia Earhart Dam**
- Kathy Watkins, Assistant Commissioner / City Engineer  
City of Cambridge, MA
- 12:30 p.m. **Managing Regional Stormwater Flooding in the Upper Mystic**
- Emily Sullivan, Environmental Planner, Town of Arlington, MA
- 12:45 p.m. **Storm Proofing Critical Regional Infrastructure in the Lower Mystic**
- Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Director, Office of Sustainability and Environment  
City of Somerville, MA
- 1:00 p.m. **Questions from the Audience**
- Moderator:** Julie Wormser, Mystic River Watershed Association
- 1:30 p.m. **Adjourn – Closing Remarks – Daniel Moon**

#### **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

The Resilient Mystic Collaborative was launched in 2018 by ten Greater Boston communities concerned about climate preparedness. Within 12 months, the RMC grew to 18 communities, or approximately 90 percent of the Mystic River Watershed. Facilitated by the Mystic River Watershed Association and Consensus Building Institute, the RMC focuses on climate resilient projects and policies that must be done on a regional scale. For more information: [resilient.mysticriver.org](http://resilient.mysticriver.org)

## MODERATOR

**Julie Wormser**, Deputy Director  
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Julie Wormser is the deputy director of the Mystic River Watershed Association and founder of the Resilient Mystic Collaborative. Prior to joining MyRWA, she was the Vice President for Policy and Planning at Boston Harbor Now. As Executive Director of The Boston Harbor Association, Wormser was instrumental in drawing attention to Boston's need to prepare for coastal flooding from extreme storms and sea level rise. She coauthored *Preparing for the Rising Tide* and *Designing With Water* and co-lead the Boston Living with Water international design competition with the City of Boston and Boston Society of Architects. She has a BA in biology from Swarthmore College and an MPA from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

## SPEAKERS

**Oliver Sellers-Garcia**, Director, Office of Sustainability and Environment  
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Oliver Sellers-Garcia is the Director of the Mayor's Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) in Somerville, Massachusetts. OSE is responsible for sustainability of municipal operations, as well as policy, programs, and long-range planning for the community. He leads initiatives on climate, resource conservation, and environmental protection in Somerville. Recent and initiatives include the 2018 release of Somerville's first climate action plan, municipal and residential energy efficiency, greenhouse gas accounting and modeling, solid waste reduction and diversion, and regional resilience planning. Somerville, located in the inner core of the Boston urban area, is the densest city in New England and in 2014 became the first city in Massachusetts to set a community-wide 2050 carbon neutrality target. Prior to joining the City of Somerville, he worked for eight years at the environmental consulting firm CDM Smith, helping clients around the country and the world integrate sustainability and climate change into physical and organizational planning. Sellers-Garcia holds a Bachelor's degree in Urban Studies from Columbia University and a Master's in City Planning from MIT.

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Emily Sullivan is the environmental planner and conservation agent for the Town of Arlington. She is the co-chair for the RMC's Upper Mystic Stormwater Working Group. She has a BA in environmental science from the College of the Holy Cross and an MUP from Texas A&M University.

**Kathy Watkins**, Assistant Commissioner / City Engineer  
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Kathy is the Assistant Commissioner / City Engineer with the City of Cambridge Department of Public Works. She oversees the design and construction of city infrastructure including the City's \$175M Public Investment Plan. She has been actively engaged with climate change preparedness and working to improve Cambridge's resiliency through city projects, regional collaboration, and design standards for new development projects. Key to these climate change efforts has been the development of the City's innovative floodviewer tool ([cambridgema.gov/Services/FloodMap](http://cambridgema.gov/Services/FloodMap)) that provides projected flood information on a parcel level to help property owners understand the risks associated with climate change.

## UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

### MAY 2020

- May 11: TSCA & Emerging Contaminants Committee Virtual Program Planning Meeting
- May 12: Annual Update from the United States Army Corps of Engineers – New England
- May 13: Ocean & Coastal Resources Webinar – Drones, More than Photo Documentation
- May 18: Water Resources Committee Virtual Program Planning Meeting
- May 19: Dam Management Webinar – Dam Dewatering
- May 20: Climate Leadership Webinar – Massachusetts Climate Programs and Priorities for 2020
- May 22: Climate Change Webinar Series – City of Boston 2019 Climate Action Plan**
- May 27: Leadership Webinar – EFCG Special Briefing – Impacts of COVID-19 on Environmental Firms
- May 29: Solid Waste Webinar – Impact of COVID-19 on the Solid Waste Industry in New England

### JUNE 2020

- June 1: New Hampshire Chapter Virtual Program Planning Meeting
- June 5: Building Resilience – COVID-19 and Climate Change
- June 8: Energy Resources Committee Virtual Program Planning Meeting
- June 8: Dam Management Committee Virtual Program Planning Meeting
- June 17: Water Resources Webinar – PFAS in Drinking Water
- June 18: Energy Resources Webinar – Natural Gas