



**EBC Virtual Lunch Time Conversation
The Impact of COVID-19 on the Environmental Industry in New England**

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

AGENDA

12:30 p.m. **Welcome & Introduction:** Daniel K. Moon, President & Executive Director, EBC

1:00 p.m. **The Impact of COVID-19 on the Environmental Industry in New England**

Moderator:



Michael Scipione
Chief Executive Officer
Weston & Sampson

Panelists:



Peggy Briggs
Managing Principal
Epsilon Associates, Inc.



Robert D. Cox, Jr.
Managing Partner
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Patricia Pinto
Senior Vice President & Principal
Sanborn, Head & Associates, Inc.



Patrick Sheehan
President and Chief Executive Officer
GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.

2:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

MODERATOR

Michael J. Scipione, P.E., CEO

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Michael J. Scipione, P.E., CEO of Weston & Sampson, has nearly 40 years of engineering experience. Since joining Weston & Sampson in 1985 as a project engineer, Mike has risen through the corporation and been instrumental in the success and growth of the firm. In 2005, Mike was elected and promoted to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer. Under his leadership, Weston & Sampson has experienced significant growth to more than 650 employees in regional offices throughout the Northeast, Southeast, and Mid-Atlantic regions.

As the firm's CEO, Mike provides clients and business associates with an accessible and hands-on approach to projects while fostering Weston & Sampson's tradition of prompt client service and response. A professional engineer in all New England states, Mike has been active in and/or held offices in national and regional professional organizations throughout his career, including the Environmental Business Council, the American Council of Engineering Companies, the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, American Water Works Association, and the Solid Waste Association of North America.

Mike holds a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from Northeastern University and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He is also a graduate of ACEC's Senior Executive Institute and Harvard Business School's Program for Leadership Development.

PANELISTS

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Margaret (Peggy) Briggs is a co-founder and Managing Principal of Epsilon Associates, Inc., a leader in providing environmental management and permitting services to real estate, energy, industrial and public sector clients. Epsilon's engineers and environmental scientists provide clients with the full range of environmental analysis, permitting, and compliance services. Epsilon's reputation for practical strategies and successful outcomes has made Epsilon an industry leader, as demonstrated by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce award for Business Excellence, conveyed to Epsilon in 2002.

Ms. Briggs has an extensive track record of successfully assisting clients through the complex regulatory process associated with development, institutional, infrastructure and energy facility projects. She has played a major role in countless MEPA, BRA and NEPA permitting efforts over the past 20 years. She regularly collaborates with lawyers, project proponents, and regulatory agencies in strategic discussions of permitting, and project planning. She has developed streamlined permitting processes for numerous projects.

Ms. Briggs combines a firm technical understanding of key environmental issues and driving regulatory programs, with the strong communications skills that are necessary to complete a successful and efficient permitting program. Through her complex and visible assignments, she has developed a reputation as a pre-eminent project manager and MEPA/NEPA specialist. Her recent projects include the Boston Convention Center expansion, the Mashpee Wampanoag Casino in Taunton, the

redevelopment of the Christian Science Plaza in Boston, and the redevelopment of the site of the former Boston Garden.

Ms. Briggs was elected to the Board of Selectmen in Concord, Massachusetts, and served from 2002 – 2008. She holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Biology from Middlebury College.

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Bob Cox is an environmental lawyer with over 30 years of experience helping clients with complex, technically challenging environmental compliance and enforcement actions. Bob counsels primarily businesses, public utilities and municipal authorities in water, air, hazardous waste and solid waste matters before EPA, MassDEP and municipal regulatory boards. He represents clients in cost recovery claims in private party litigation under Chapter 21E and CERCLA in state and federal courts. Bob regularly advises clients on brownfields development activities and on strategies to limit or shift environmental liability risks in connection with real estate or business transfers. He has extensive experience advising and defending clients before local boards with respect to license and permitting issues. He also has significant experience in NPDES water permitting, including appeals of NPDES permits, as well as administrative appeals and hearings on MassDEP issued permits. He defends claims and actions brought by government environmental enforcement agencies.

Bob is recognized as one of the top environmental lawyers in Massachusetts by Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business. He has been selected by his peers as one of the Best Lawyers in America in the practice area of Environmental Law and Litigation – Environmental, and since 2004, has been selected for inclusion in Massachusetts Super Lawyers.

Bob is Managing Partner at Bowditch. He is Chair of the Environmental Business Council of New England. He also serves as Clerk, Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Chair, Mayor's Brownfields Task Force, City of Worcester, and is a member of NAIOP's Massachusetts Brownfields Redevelopment Committee.

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Tricia is a Senior Vice President at Sanborn, Head & Associates, Inc., a firm specializing in environmental and geotechnical engineering, with offices throughout New England and beyond. Tricia leads Sanborn Head's Developer Client Service Area, a group which provides services to the greater Boston real estate development market. With 20 years in the industry, Tricia has focused on evaluation of business environmental risk in support of real estate negotiations in the development industry, as well as investigating and remediating contamination for industrial clients. Her key areas of practice include hydrogeologic and environmental investigations, remedial system design and implementation, and environmental due diligence.

Tricia is a Massachusetts Licensed Site Professional (LSP), a Massachusetts Professional Engineer (P.E.) and a Connecticut Licensed Environmental Professional (LEP). Tricia's strong technical background and understanding of environmental issues complements her working knowledge of regulations governing hazardous waste site cleanup activities, including the Massachusetts Contingency Plan and Connecticut Remediation Standard Regulations.

Tricia has a B.S. in Agricultural and Biological Engineering from Cornell University (1996) and a M.Eng. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2000).

Tricia participates as an active member of several professional associations, such as NAIOP, Boston Bar Association (BBA), WTS-Boston, Environmental Professionals of Connecticut, and LSP Association. She serves on the Board of Directors for CREW Boston, and serves as Co-Chair of several CREW Boston committees.

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Pat Sheehan is a civil/water/wastewater engineer by training but has spent most of his career in the site investigation and remediation practice area. After joining GZA as a staff engineer, Pat went on to develop and lead some of GZA's largest and most high-profile design/build remediation projects both in the US and abroad.

After serving on GZA's Board of Directors and managing GZA's Metro Boston and New England operations, Pat was elected President and CEO in 2019. In that role he leads the firm's 725 staff and 31 operations throughout New England, the Mid Atlantic, and the Midwest. These operations provide a wide range of environmental, geotechnical, water, ecological, and construction management services to clients throughout the US.

Pat has served on the Board of EBC-NE since 2013 and participates in ACEC MA and BSCE. He also periodically presents at technical conferences and serves as a guest lecturer at several Massachusetts universities. As a volunteer on the Permanent Building Committee in Millis, Massachusetts, he has helped the town design and build a library, a police station, a fire station, and a DPW facility.

Pat earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame, his Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Tufts University, and is a professional engineer in Massachusetts and North Carolina. He also completed MBA coursework at Babson College.

UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

JUNE 2020

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 11: 30th Annual Business Meeting and Virtual Cocktail Party

June 12: Climate Change Leadership Webinar Series #3 – City of Cambridge Port Climate Change Plan

June 15: Rhode Island Chapter Virtual Program Planning Meeting

June 17: Water Resources Webinar – PFAS Liabilities for Water Suppliers and Municipalities

June 18: Energy Resources Webinar – Future Role of Natural Gas

June 19: New England Regional Conference of State Solid Waste Directors

June 22: Ocean & Coastal Resources Committee Program Planning Meeting

June 22: Infrastructure Committee Program Planning Meeting

June 24: Connecticut Webinar – Stormwater in Connecticut

June 24: Connecticut Chapter Program Planning Meeting