Leaf it to Us!
Early Career Professionals on Finding your Niche in the Environmental Ecosystem

Virtual Panel Co-Hosted by Unity Environmental University
& the Environmental Business Council of New England

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What is it really like to work in the environmental industry? What is the transition from school to employment like? How do you even begin to figure out what type of job is right for you?

This virtual panel discussion jointly hosted by Unity Environmental University and the Environmental Business Council of New England will allow students to ask any and all of the questions they have about the different types of internships and jobs available to them within the industry – and also demonstrate that there is no one "right" path toward a career!

AGENDA

1:00 p.m. **Welcome**

- Stacy Sullivan, Director of Student Career Services, Unity Environmental University
- Jessamyn Cox, Operations and Programs Manager, Environmental Business Council of New England

1:05 p.m. **Moderated Panel Discussion**

Panelists

- Abby E. Barnicle, Associate, Beveridge & Diamond PC
- Erin M. Cederberg, Water Well Program Manager, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
- Liz Gorrill, Ecological Restoration Project Manager, Division of Ecological Restoration, MA Department of Fish and Game
- Miranda Hotham, Zero Waste Program Manager, Town of Brookline

Moderator

- Rex Gamble, Water Resources Engineer, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.

1:25 p.m. **Attendee Q&A**

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

PROGRAM PANELISTS

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Abby Barnicle is an attorney at Beveridge & Diamond. Her practice includes environmental litigation, hazardous waste, contaminated sites, permitting, waste and recycling, and environmental compliance. Abby holds a B.A. from Stonehill College and a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School.

Before becoming an attorney, Abby was a program coordinator at the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, where she supported the implementation of the Commonwealth's renewable energy programs. She also previously worked as the operations manager for a solar energy company. During law school, Abby focused on environmental law through Suffolk's Environmental Law & Policy Clinic and served as a judicial intern with the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

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Erin McGuire Cederberg is a geologist at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Erin serves as the NH Water Well Program Manager, which entails communicating with private well owners, licensed drillers and pump installers, as well as assisting with the NH Water Well Board. Erin's background is in contaminated site management, where she has worked in both private and public industries. Erin graduated from the University of Massachusetts Lowell in 2021 with her B.S. in Geology; she is currently working towards her professional geologist license in New Hampshire.

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Liz Gorrill is a coastal wetlands ecological restoration specialist for the Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration (DER). At DER she manages coastal wetland restoration projects in collaboration with municipalities and non-profits throughout Massachusetts. Liz holds a B.A. in Biology from College of the Holy Cross and M.S. in Natural Resources from University of New Hampshire.

Before working for DER, Liz was an environmental scientist and project manager at an environmental consulting firm, where she conducted field work, data analysis, graphics development, and reporting for environmental remediation projects. During undergrad, Liz interned with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife conducting field surveys for rare and endangered botanical species throughout the Commonwealth. Her research based M.S. focused on changes to salt marsh vegetation composition as result of anthropogenic alterations and climate change. She also worked on projects for salt marsh restoration in New England and an analysis of long-term data sets from salt marshes across the United States.

Miranda Hotham, Zero Waste Program Manager
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Miranda Hotham is the Zero Waste Program Manager for the Town of Brookline, where she works on programs to make composting food waste accessible to all residents, as well as developing other waste diversion programs for the town. She holds a B.A. In Political Science and Sociology and an M.S. In Environmental Science and Policy from Clark University, with a focus on community development.
Miranda previously served as the City of Worcester's first Zero Waste Coordinator and as the Worcester chapter leader for Keep Massachusetts Beautiful, mobilizing hundreds of volunteers across dozens of cleanup events. Her work has always had a focus on the intersection of human and environmental systems, and her program development places an emphasis on community mobilization and equity. She is drawn to zero waste work because the issues of consumption and waste affect everyone, regardless of where their background or where they live.

PROGRAM MODERATOR

Rex Gamble, Water Resources Engineer
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Rex Gamble is a Water Resources Engineer and Project Manager at GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. He joined GZA in June 2021 with a master’s degree in biological systems engineering specializing in stream restoration. The majority of his work at GZA consists of hydrologic and hydraulic numerical modeling for dam safety, dam removal, and stream restoration projects. Mr. Gamble has been the staff engineer and/or project manager on numerous dam rehabilitation and removal projects throughout New England, the Mid Atlantic, and the Midwest with his portfolio ranging from small, unnamed streams to iconic systems like the Charles River.