



# Mainstreaming Nature-Based Solutions Workshop Agenda

11/16/20, 10am-12pm

**10:00 Welcome**

- Melissa Ocana, Climate Adaptation Coordinator, UMass Amherst

**10:02 Overview of Nature Based Solutions**

- Alexandra Vecchio, Climate Change Program Coordinator, Mass Audubon
- Sara Burns, Water Resources Scientist, The Nature Conservancy

**10:15 MVP Program Updates**

- Kara Runsten, Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Manager, EEA

**10:25 Highlight Resources from 2020**

- Hillary King, MVP Central Regional Coordinator, EEA

**10:32 Discussion breakout #1**

- How do we scale up demonstration projects?
- Who are the critical audiences for mainstreaming NBS and how do we cultivate NBS champions within them?

**10:55 Sharing example projects**

- Wayne Feiden, City of Northampton
- Kelly Phelan, Town of Braintree
- Melanie Gárate, Mystic River Watershed Association

**11:25 Discussion breakout #2:**

- Dive deeper into the presented example projects
- How do we ensure NBS are considered at the design phase?

**11:55 Wrap up**

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