



Old Colony Planning Council Regional Water Plan

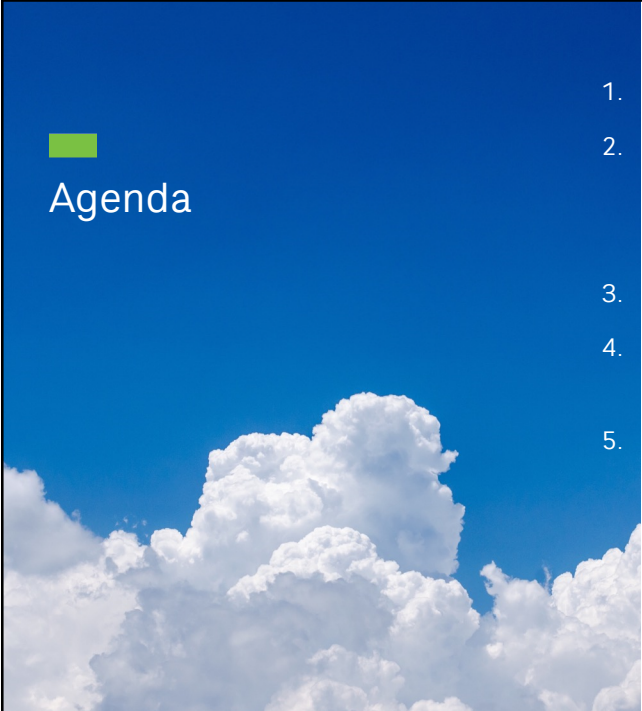
Workshop 10: Draft Regional Water Plan

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Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Further Development of Specific Recommended Strategies
- Break*
3. Open Discussion on Regional Water Plan
4. Discuss Drafted Charter for Old Colony Water Resources Committee
5. Next Steps

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Recommended Regional Water Plan (Section 6)

Topics for Today's Discussion

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Notes on Further Development

■ Additional thoughts on Strategy A:

- Include updates to town websites on PFAS from MassDEP as next step
- Broaden to consider beyond PFAS, thinking about nutrients, pesticides, fertilizers.
- OCPC has done education / materials
- OCPC runs a septic loan program that could potentially be basis for water quality testing program
- Board of health appropriate leader for this as they have more authority on this

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Notes on Further Development

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Break



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Open Discussion on Regional Water Plan



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Regional Water Plan's Guiding Principles

- Recommending sustainable water supply strategies that balance the social, environmental, and economic needs of the region.
- Aligning with values of good stewardship and wise use of water.
- Reflecting the limits of natural resources and current/anticipated regulations.
- Incorporating uncertainties so implementation of recommendations can adapt over time.
- Striving for fairness within and among communities.
- Producing a list of early-win projects that can be aligned with available outside funding.

■ **Discussion: Does the draft regional water plan appropriately address these?**

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Open Discussion on Regional Water Plan

- Feedback requested by 4/22
 - Comments incorporated into 4/25 draft
 - Further feedback can be submitted during public comment period

- **Discussion today:** focus on feedback that would benefit from group discussion
 - More specific feedback can be submitted using the comment form



Draft Old Colony Planning Council Regional Water Plan Comment Form

Instructions: Please review the draft Old Colony Planning Council Regional Water Plan and provide your comments using this form. While we accept any feedback, we encourage you to focus on thematic or structural suggestions, as this report will be thoroughly reviewed by editorial professionals

Steering Committee Member: _____

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Discuss Drafted Charter for Old Colony Water Resources Committee



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Terms of Reference – Key Responsibilities

- **Implementation coordination** for regional activities between partners pursuing joint projects.
- Identification of **funding sources** and advising OCPC and others on grant funding applications.
- **Public education** – helping citizens understand their regional resources and vulnerabilities.
- **Advocacy** – coordinating with state legislators and regulatory agencies on planned strategies.
- **Monitoring and Adaptation** – Collect performance-based data on the impacts of various strategies as they are implemented, as well as changes in demographic and economic conditions, regulations, hydrology, etc.
- **Continuity** of collaboration – serve as a regular forum for participating towns and organizations to review and discuss issues and ideas.



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Old Colony Water Resources Committee Details



■ Frequency of meeting

- Recommend quarterly



■ Membership

- Members of Regional Water Plan Steering Committee
- Thoughts on additional members?



■ Meeting Facilitation

- Old Colony Planning Council

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