

**July 23, 2025**

6:30 PM Regular Meeting

**Remote SRPEDD Commission Meeting**

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Welcome

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2. Approval of Minutes – June 25, 2025\* (*Vote requested*)

3. Reports

a. Chair

b. Executive Director

4. Consent Agenda

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a. Contracts \*(*Vote to receive report and place on file*)

5. Committee Reports

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a. Finance Committee \*(*Vote to receive report and place on file*)

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b. Environmental Committee Report (inclusive of MEPA report)

6. Programs and Project Updates:

a. [Nature-Sensitive Designs for Open Space and Housing](#)

b. [District Siting Tool for Rural MBTA Communities](#)

7. Old Business

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a. Joint Cmte on Environment and Natural Resources (S638/H1000) Testimony

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b. [Technical Assistance](#) \* (*Vote to receive and place on file*)

8. New Business

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a. Hold the Date: Wed, 9/24 SRPEDD Annual Mtg at Hillside CC in Rehoboth

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b. Call for Nominations- 2025 Special Recognition, Commissioner of the Year and Commissioner Distinguished Service Awards

9. Roundtable: Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics, projects or matters of regional interest

10. Adjourn

Per MGL c. 30A § 18-25, all meetings posted at: <https://srpedd.org/about-srpedd/meetings/>

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** No Aug. Mtg.; Sept. 24, 2025 (Annual Mtg.); Oct. 22, 2025; Dec. 10, 2025; Jan. 25, 2026; Feb. 25, 2026; Mar. 25, 2026

**NOTE:** An Exec. Cmte Meeting will be convened in the absence of a Commission quorum.

\*Attached

## AGENDA ITEM: Minutes, # 2

## SRPEDD Commission Meeting – Draft Minutes

June 25, 2025

Remote Meeting via Zoom

**Present:****Commissioners:**

V. Alfaro, Acushnet	S. Elliott, Attleboro	R. Cote, Berkley	T. Bott, Carver
C. Vitale, Dartmouth	J. Carvalho, Dighton	J. Fidalgo, Fairhaven	D. Aguiar, Fall River
N. Durfee, Freetown	N. Hills, Marion	J. Robbins, Mattap.	M. Borg, No. Attleboro
M. Clarner, No. Attleb.	D. Luciano, Norton	C. Desprez, Plainv.	T. Torres, Plainville
L. Ferreira, Rehoboth	R. Peirce, Somerset	B. Fitzgerald, Taunton	J. Whitin, Westport
C. McDermott, Attl. A/L	G. Saddler, F.R A/L	A. Eaton, N.B. A/L	A. Slavin, N.B. A/L

**Guests/Staff:**

D. Belknap, SRPEDD	D. Brogan, SRPEDD	S. Hewins, Carver	G. King, SRPEDD
A. Matthews, SRPEDD	K. Porter, SRPEDD	L. Estrela-Pedro, SRPEDD	S. Royer, SRPEDD
J. Walker, SRPEDD			

**Absent:**

D. Wojnar, Acushnet	G. Ayrassian, Attleboro	S. Leary, Berkley	K. Robinson, Carver
K. Estes, Dartmouth	A. Romano, Fairhaven	J. Ferreira, Fall River	D. Pettey, Freetown
D. Lodge, Lakeville	L. Carboni, Lakeville	B. Roche, Mansfield	R. Burke, Marion
L. Bradley, Middleboro	W. Pike, Middleboro	J. Ponte, New Bedford	S. Warchal, Norton
C. Sullivan, Raynham	P. Menconi, Raynham	M. Shoemaker, Roch.	S. Cadime, Seekonk
W. Raposa, Somerset	J. Hansen, Swansea	C. Parayno, Swansea	J. Pateakos, Taunton
J. Moran, Wareham	M. Soares, Westport	T. Lobo, Taunton A/L	

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M by Chairwoman Clarner.
2. **Swearing in of the 2025-2026 Commissioners:** Mr. Hills, SRPEDD Secretary, administered the oath to Commissioners for the 2025-2025 term.
3. **Approval of Minutes – May 28, 2025:** A motion was made to approve the May 28, 2025, minutes with abstentions.
4. **Confirmation of At-Large Commissioners:** Chairwoman Clarner explained the procedure for At-large Commissioner selection. She read the below confirmation.

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40B, Section 12, “Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions, the commission may increase its membership by not more than six in order to provide representation to low-income and minority groups.”

The following names were put before the Commission to be At-Large members:

AREA	NAME REPRESENTING	NAME REPRESENTING
Attleboro Area	Christopher McDermott*	City of Attleboro
Fall River Area	Gloria Saddler*	Bristol Black Collective
New Bedford Area	Ashley Eaton*	PACE, Inc.
Taunton	Tanya Lobo*	True Diversity, Inc.

*\*currently serving*

#### RESOLUTION FOR COMMISSION ACTION

BE it resolved that the Commission of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District, acting under the alternate procedure for selecting at large commissioners, accepts the nominations presented above at the members of the SRPEDD Commission.

A motion was made, seconded and approved for the SRPEDD At-Large Commissioners. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **Election of Officers and Executive Committee:** Ms. Alfaro, Chair of the Nominating Committee referred Members to page 7 of the Commission meeting packet. She mentioned the Nominating Committee met on June 23, 2025 and presented the slate of officers for the 2025-2026 term. She indicated that Mr. David Wojnar had recently been appointed as a Select Board representative in lieu of James Kennedy, with paperwork on the way, and also available to fill Mr. Kennedy's seat on the Executive Committee.

#### OFFICERS

Chair – Marie Clarner, No. Attleborough  
Vice Chair – Jim Whitin, Westport  
Treasurer – Norman Hills, Marion  
Assistant Treasurer – *Vacant*  
Secretary – Gloria Saddler, Fall River  
Immediate Past Chair – *Vacant*

#### VOTING PROCEDURE FOR OFFICERS

1. *Request any nominations from the floor.*
2. *If there are none, Chair requests a motion to have the secretary cast one ballot for the slate as presented.*
3. *After the motion is seconded, Chair calls for the vote.*
4. *When passed, the Secretary casts one vote for the slate of officers.*

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The composition of the Executive Committee is set in accordance with M.G.L., Chap. 40B, Section 15 (includes the officers):

#### Mayor's Appointees (4)

Gary Ayrassian, Attleboro  
Dan Aguiar, Fall River  
Jamie Ponte, New Bedford  
Jay Pateakos, Taunton

**Selectmen Appointees (4)**

David Wojnar (in lieu of James Kennedy), Acushnet  
Thomas Bott, Carver  
Sean Cadime, Seekonk  
Richard Peirce, Somerset

**Planning Board Appointees (4)**

Victoria Alfaro, Acushnet/Mattapoisett  
LeeAnn Bradley, Middleborough  
John Hansen, Swansea  
Jennifer Carloni, New Bedford

The Chairwoman requested a motion to have the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate as presented.

The motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

**6. Reports:**

- a. **Vice Chair:** No report.
- b. **Executive Director:** Mr. Walker reported that the Senate budget had included District Local Technical Assistance funding at \$4 million this year, a one million dollar increase over previous years, which is fantastic news, and that it is hoped the additional monies which have proven invaluable in responding to key local planning needs makes it into the final budget.

Chairwoman Clarner thanked all of the returning Commissioners and the new Commissioner for offering up their time and expertise to enable the southeast region to continue to be the amazing place that it is.

**7. Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Contracts:** Chairwoman Clarner referred Commissioners to the contracts listed in the packet and read each contract for approval

Be it resolved that the SRPEDD Commission authorizes the Chairman, Treasurer, Officers, and Executive Director, as appropriate, to negotiate and execute the following contracts:

1. With the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to create the *Plainridge Park Regional Mobility Network Analysis* in the communities surrounding Plainridge Park Casino for an amount not to exceed \$235,000.
2. With the Town of Middleborough to create and Active Shooter and Hostile Event (ASHE) Response Tool Kit for an amount not to exceed \$53,881.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the contracts listed above and as read. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**8. Committee Reports:**

- a. **Finance Committee:** Mr. Hills mentioned the Finance Committee met on June 18, 2025, at SRPEDD - 88 Broadway. The May 21, 2025, Finance meeting minutes were approved. The Treasurer's Report for May 2025 was received, and a warrant for expenses signed-off on in the amount of \$481,492.05. Lastly, the Committee reviewed and approved the May 2025 Month-End General Journal entries. Mr. Walker mentioned SRPEDD is making some good strides with respect to enhanced financial reporting and dashboard-style outputs, capitalizing more fully on our financial software platform thanks to Mr. Horowitz's coding and systems expertise, with further updates to follow.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Finance Committee report. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. **Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO:** Ms. Estrela-Pedro presented the JTPG and SMMPO report with the minutes starting on page 10 of the meeting packet. She mentioned the JTPG met on May 14<sup>th</sup> and the SMMPO met on May 20<sup>th</sup>. She highlighted that at these meetings the Complete Streets Program was discussed with information for communities on how to participate. The Transportation Improvement Program for FFY 26 to 30 was endorsed at the MPO meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> and Unified Planning Work Program for FFY 26 released for a 21-day comment period. Ms. Estrela-Pedro indicated if anyone had additional questions to please reach out to her.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Transportation report. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **2025 SMMPO Election:** Ms. Estrela-Pedro mentioned there are two seats that are available for Carver and Westport that are going to be expiring at the end of July. She mentioned she has four votes to come before the Members.
  - **Vote to Nominate Plymouth/Norfolk Candidate – Sarah Hewins, Carver:** Ms. Estrela-Pedro mentioned the Plymouth/Norfolk seat was available and that Ms. Hewins from Carver was on the Zoom meeting. She introduced Ms. Hewins and referred Members to her resume and background information on page 28. Ms. Hewins stated that she has been on SMMPO for a couple of years now and in her town has served on the Planning Board for 10 years and been a Conservation Agent for 15. She also has been on the Select Board for 16 years. Ms. Estrela-Pedro mentioned she is a great asset and asks a lot of great questions.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Sarah Hewins as the Plymouth/Norfolk County representative to the SMMPO. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Vote to Nominate Bristol Candidate – Jennifer Vincent, Berkley & Manual Soares, Westport:** Ms. Estrela-Pedro mentioned for the Bristol County seat she has two candidates who are Jennifer Vincent from Berkley and Manuel Soares of Westport. She referred Members to page 34 with Ms. Vincent's resume and mentioned she did not receive any paperwork from Mr. Soares. Neither unfortunately was able to attend to share a few words.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Jennifer Vincent as the Bristol County representative to the SMMPO. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Vote to allow Andrew Romano to fill Andrew Saunders Vacancy:** Next, Ms. Estrela-Pedro mentioned that she needs a vote to allow Andrew Romano fill Andrew

Saunders' vacancy on the SMMPO. She mentioned his resume could be found on page 36.

A motion was made and seconded to allow Andrew Romano to fill Andrew Saunders vacancy on the SMMPO. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Vote to allow Michael Feck to fill Diana Bren's Vacancy:** Lastly, Ms. Estrela-Pedro mentioned that she needs a vote to allow Michael Feck to fill Diana Bren's vacancy on the SMMPO.

A motion was made and seconded to allow Michael Feck to fill Diana Bren's Vacancy on the SMMPO. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 9. Programs and Project Updates:

- a. **Interactive Transit Accessible Packland (ITAP) map:** Mr. Brogan presented the Interactive Transit-Accessible Parkfinder Map (ITAP Map). The map highlights area parks that are within a half mile of bus stops for SRTA and GATRA. It also enables users to filter for specific services and facilities located at each park throughout the SRPEDD region. Some of the facilities include ADA-inclusive playgrounds, free summer lunches, splash pads, bike parking, restrooms, swimming, and athletic facilities, among other services. This is a "living map," where people provide feedback and recommendations in order to make this map even more responsive to the needs and aspirations of community members within the region. Mr. Brogan entertained questions from the Members who in turn thanked Mr. Brogan and mentioned that the ITAP map was a great tool.
- b. **Environmental Subcommittee Report (inclusive of MEPA report):** Ms. Belknap referred the Members to page 37 for review of the MEPA Environmental Monitor.

Ms. Belknap mentioned that the Environmental Committee met on June 4<sup>th</sup> and the minutes could be found on page 38. She stated at the meeting the Members focused on the new master DEP grant that she informed everyone about last month, that SRPEDD recently received to do watershed planning to address nitrogen and other pollutants in the Buzzards Bay watershed region. The committee also discussed the state's coastal programs, such as a new resilient Coast plan that the state has released that was open for comment. Ms. Belknap indicated the committee also decided to provide a letter of support to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. She stated they are seeking grant funds from the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management for a Regional Coastal Monitoring Program. She mentioned they're looking to install loggers throughout Buzzards Bay and broader southeastern region to monitor sea level rise.

Chairwoman Clarner just wanted to added that dams were discussed as a management challenge in the region as well. Chairwoman Clarner asked if Ms. Belknap had received an answer about getting information about dams that are not controlled by municipalities. Ms. Belknap mentioned there is a layer in Mass GIS with dam safety ratings and other info. The Chairwoman stated that is what she was looking for.

Ms. Robbins mentioned the minutes from the Committee have not been approved by the committee therefore should not be vote on them yet, like the JTPG and MPO minutes. Mr. Walker concurred, stating that they would be brought back around for the full Commission's review and consideration once the Committee had had opportunity to meet again and approve them.

- c. **Swansea Compton's Corner Stormwater Planning:** Ms. Belknap and Ms. Matthews presented on the Swansea Compton's Stormwater Planning. Ms. Belknap stated the Swansea CZM Compton's Corner Project was a collaborative project with multiple partners: Town of Swansea, Save the Bay, SNEP Network, Coastal Zone Management, UMass Dartmouth SMAST program, Horsley-Witten, and New Bedford Public Health Lab. The goal of this project was to identify where and which contaminants are flowing from four stormwater drains in the Swansea Compton's Corner, a low-lying tidal point of drainage that flows into the Mt. Hope Bay and Lee's River. Our team identified which outfalls were creating the greatest amount of excess nutrients that were contributing to pollution in the Bay through multiple stormwater testing events. With this information, our team targeted the drainage areas corresponding to the highest polluting outfalls with opportunities for green infrastructure interventions. With our partners at Horsley Witten, we created a permit-ready green infrastructure and low impact nutrient absorbing design in one of the Town-owned parcels identified by the testing, and four other partial designs the Town of Swansea can pursue later with implementation money. Outreach events from the town helped inform us what locations residents of the neighborhood near Compton's Corner were preferred for future implementation.
- d. **Commissioner Orientation/Info Session- Wed, 7/9 at 6:30 pm via Zoom:** Mr. Walker mentioned the SRPEDD Commission Orientation/Info Session for new Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM via Zoom, with an agenda packet and detailed background information for new Members scheduled shortly to go out.

## 10. Old Business:

- a. **Technical Assistance:** Mr. King referred Commissioners to the monthly update on projects contained in the packet on page 58. Mr. King mentioned that he and fellow staff are available to discuss projects as needed by email or calling the office.

A motioned was made and seconded to approve the Technical Assistance report. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 11. **New Business:** Mr. Whiten mentioned next week there is a public hearing at the State House before the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. The hearing can be attended either in person or via Zoom, and offer the opportunity, among other proposed legislation, for attendees to comment on Senate Bill 638 and House Bill 1000, which if passed, would establish a proposed wastewater financing committee for Southeast MA. Mr. Whiten stated that the bills outline a yearlong study process to help the communities on the south coast find alternate ways of financing wastewater improvements, and infrastructure. He indicated that Buzzards Bay and the estuaries in Buzzards Bay, including Westport, all the way to the Cape Cod Canal and on the Cape as well, are suffering from too much nitrogen load in the watersheds, and it is detrimental to the health of the estuaries. As envisioned, he stated there will be representative from each of the 14 communities affected, plus executive director of SRPEDD and others from the Joint Committee and different state agencies who would participate. Mr. Whiten mentioned that he would like a motion that the SRPEDD Commission support this legislation and if the Commission is in agreement for Mr. Walker to go and testify in favor of the bills. Mr. Hills asked if each out the towns will have representation. Mr. Whiten mentioned yes, each individual town that's affected by this would have a seat that is designated by their Select Board or City Council. Mr. Walker posted the information for the upcoming hearing in the Zoom chat and that Ms. Royer would be sending around additional information about the referenced bills.

A motion was made and seconded to direct the Executive Director, Jeff Walker to provide testimony on behalf of the referenced bills and establishment of the proposed wastewater financing committee at

the upcoming public hearing before the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources with one abstention. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**12. Roundtable: Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics, projects or matters of regional interest:** Mr. Desprez mentioned that the town of Plainville is excited about their project in the center of town with Jeff Kinney and what they have going on.

**13. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, via Zoom at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 7/23/2025

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Gloria Saddler, Secretary



AGENDA ITEM: Contract Approvals, # 4.a.

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Be it resolved that the SRPEDD Commission authorizes the Chairman, Treasurer, Officers, and Executive Director, as appropriate, to negotiate and execute the following contracts:

1. With the Taunton River Watershed Alliance, as the fiscal agent for the Taunton River Stewardship Council (TRSC), to update and format a current version of the TRSC's pocket map for printing, for an amount not to exceed \$3,500.
2. To amend SRPEDD's contract with The Nature Conservancy, to extend the water quality sampling and pond level monitoring program for the Assawompset Ponds Complex for an additional year, for an additional amount not to exceed \$186,000.
3. To amend SRPEDD's contract with the United States Geological Survey to extend their services implementing the Assawompset Ponds water quality and pond level monitoring program for an additional year, for an additional amount not to exceed \$186,000.

## AGENDA ITEM: Finance Committee Report # 5.a.

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The Finance Committee met on July 16, 2025, at SRPEDD's office (88 Broadway, Taunton) and via Zoom. The June 18, 2025, Finance Committee meeting minutes were approved; the Treasurer's Report for June 2025 was received and accepted; and the warrant for expenses in the amount of \$319,727.20 was approved.

Cash & Funds: June 1, 2025	\$ 1,231,531.83
Cash Receipts: June 1-30, 2025	<u>\$ 237,637.15</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	<u><b>\$ 1,469,168.98</b></u>

Disbursements: June 1-30, 2025	\$ 576,895.58
Cash & Funds: June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 892,273.40</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	<u><b>\$ 1,469,168.98</b></u>

In addition, the Finance Committee received and accepted the June 2025 month-end general journal entries. Finally, the Finance Committee reviewed the OPEB trust account statement from Charles Schwab for April 1-June 30, 2025.

**MEPA ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR – PROJECTS IN REGION**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>Comments Due</b>	<b>Site Visit Details (Indicate if Remote Meeting)</b>
Memorial Park Pond Restoration Project	EENF	Taunton	8/8/25	
Ecological Restoration of the Stuart Bogs	EENF	Rochester	7/25/25	past
100 Commerce Way	DEIR	Seekonk	7/25/25	
Mt. Hope Street Housing Development “Achin Acres”	FEIR Rollover under review	North Attleborough	past	
Greenbrier Apartments	ENF under review	Seekonk	past	
Long Wharf Rehabilitation Project - Mattapoisett, MA	ENF under review	Mattapoisett	past	
Coggeshall Street Phase 3 Sewer Separation Project	FEIR certified	New Bedford	n/a	

# SENATE . . . . . No. 638

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying resolve:

Resolve establishing a coastal waters wastewater financing commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>Mark D. Sylvia</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>

# SENATE . . . . . No. 638

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 638) of Mark C. Montigny, Christopher M. Markey and Mark D. Sylvia that provisions be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to establish a coastal waters wastewater financing commission. Environment and Natural Resources.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)

Resolve establishing a coastal waters wastewater financing commission.

1        **Resolved**, Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a  
2        special legislative commission to study and recommend specific revenue sources to fund  
3        essential wastewater infrastructure improvements in response to nitrogen pollution in  
4        southeastern Massachusetts near the Buzzards Bay watershed area specifically in the towns of  
5        Acushnet, Carver, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Lakeville, Gosnold, Marion, Mattapoissett,  
6        Middleborough, New Bedford, Plymouth, Rochester, Wareham, and Westport.

7        The special legislative commission shall consist of 23 members and include the chairs of  
8        the joint committee on environment and natural resources, who shall serve as co-chairs; the  
9        secretary of the executive office of energy and environmental affairs or a designee; the secretary  
10       of the executive office of administration and finance or a designee; the executive director of the  
11       Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District or a designee; the president  
12       of the Buzzards Bay Coalition, Inc. or a designee; the executive director of the One Southcoast  
13       Chamber, Inc. or a designee; 1 resident of the southeastern region to be appointed by the senate

14 president; 1 resident of the southeastern region to be appointed by the speaker of the house of  
15 representatives; and 1 person to be appointed by the select board or mayor of each of the 14  
16 affected communities.

17 All appointees shall be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this  
18 resolve. The co-chairs shall convene the first meeting of the special commission within 45 days  
19 of all appointments being made.

20 In the course of its deliberations, the commission shall make it a priority to examine the  
21 financial need of reducing nutrient pollution to the south coast's coastal waters including the  
22 costs to (i) expand sewer infrastructure to connect more septic systems to sewerage, (ii)  
23 expanding capacity and upgrading the level of treatment at existing wastewater treatment  
24 facilities (iii) constructing additional wastewater treatment facilities to address expanded service  
25 areas, (iv) reducing combined sewer overflow (CSO) discharges, and (v) upgrading septic  
26 systems to nitrogen reducing systems. Further, the commission shall examine (i) potential  
27 funding sources to finance wastewater infrastructure improvements and (ii) best practices for  
28 municipal financial policies and procedures.

29 The commission shall develop funding and financing recommendations to address  
30 wastewater infrastructure needs and to reduce nitrogen pollution in the southeastern region near  
31 the Buzzards Bay watershed area. The recommendations shall identify fair and equitable means  
32 of financing wastewater infrastructure improvements to address nitrogen pollution. The  
33 commission shall have the authority to work with outside experts to conduct necessary reviews;  
34 provide guidance on potential action plans; and provide economic analysis of financing sources.  
35 The experts shall be specialists in the fields of tax and revenue, nutrient pollution, water quality,

36 wastewater infrastructure, and any other fields that may be useful to implement the commission's  
37 tasks.

38         The commission shall hold not less than two public hearings in the southeastern region to  
39 assist in the collection and evaluation of data and testimony. Experts may attend the public  
40 hearings to provide testimony and any other relevant information regarding the fulfilment of the  
41 commission's objectives.

42         The commission shall prepare a written report detailing identified funding sources and its  
43 recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry those  
44 recommendations into effect. The commission shall submit its initial report to the governor, the  
45 secretary of the executive office of energy and environmental affairs, the clerks of the senate and  
46 house of representatives, the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means and  
47 the joint committee on environment and natural resources not later than 1 year after the effective  
48 date of this act.



**SRPEDD**

Southeastern Regional Planning  
& Economic Development District

July 2, 2025

Acushnet  
Attleboro  
Berkley  
Carver  
Dartmouth  
Dighton  
Fairhaven  
Fall River  
Freetown  
Lakeville  
Mansfield  
Marion  
Mattapoisett  
Middleborough  
New Bedford  
N. Attleborough  
Norton  
Plainville  
Raynham  
Rehoboth  
Rochester  
Seekonk  
Taunton  
Somerset  
Swansea  
Wareham  
Westport

The Honorable Christine P. Barber  
The Honorable Rebecca L. Rausch  
Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, Chair  
24 Beacon St.- Room 167  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chair Barber, Chair Rausch, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you all for the opportunity to join you at the hearing yesterday and follow-up today with our written testimony.

As executive director of the **Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District, or SRPEDD**, based in Taunton, one of the Commonwealth's 13 regional planning agencies, enabled by the legislature back in 1968 to provide economic development, planning, and related technical assistance to the four Gateway Cities, 23 towns and 650,000 residents of growing southeastern Mass, I am writing to share my organization's endorsement of bills **S638** and **H1000**, sponsored by **Sen. Montigny** and **Rep. Markey**, together with other honored members of our state delegation; and respectfully request your support.

We are **in favor of the bills** and **establishing a wastewater financing commission**.

A significant portion of our diverse and vibrant region lies within the Buzzards Bay watershed, a critical resource for all of us, but one currently at risk, in particular, due to pollution, lack of funding, and other challenges faced by area communities and residents in instituting much-needed wastewater infrastructure improvements.

As envisioned by the drafters of S638 and H1000, the creation of a financing commission represents a timely, thoughtful, and promising first step.

Through its establishment and convening of area leaders and experts, the commission holds the capacity not only to identify and advance a range of possible funding sources and wastewater infrastructure improvement strategies, but also extend to communities a meaningful opportunity to participate and ensure that each of the referenced 14 towns are accorded equal voice and say. It also promises to help lay the foundation for innovative and cost-saving approaches of significant benefit to businesses, residents and local governments alike.

The anticipated costs to cash-strapped communities for necessary wastewater infrastructure improvements, indeed, are significant—projected at upwards of \$2B—and the establishment of a wastewater financing commission, we believe, is the prudent way forward.

For all of these reasons, on behalf of the SRPEDD Regional Commission, we extend our thanks again to both the sponsors and co-sponsors of S638 and H1000, and each of you on the Committee, for the bills' favorable advancement. We look forward to participating and contributing to the upcoming financing Commission's success.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Walker, AICP  
Executive Director



## AGENDA ITEM: Technical Assistance Report, # 7.b.

Community	Project Name	Status	Department	Project Leads	Funding
Acushnet	Master Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King, Lizeth Gonzalez	CPG, DLTA, MA
Acushnet	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental, Comprehensive	Sara Singh, Joe Monet	CPA
Acushnet	Water Resource Management Plan	Ongoing	Environmental	Sara Singh	EEA
Acushnet	Main St at South Main St and Crompton St Traffic Analysis	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Berkley	Section 3A Bylaw	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez and Chris Welch	One Stop, DLTA
Berkley	Economic Development Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez and Chris Welch	One Stop, DLTA
Carver	Economic Development Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez and Chris Welch	One Stop, DLTA
Carver	Housing Production Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral, Taylor Perez	DLTA
Carver	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap, Michelle Tinger	local
Carver	South Main St at Tremont St Traffic Analysis	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	
Dartmouth	Housing Production Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	DLTA, Town
Dighton	Housing Production Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	CCC, DLTA
Fairhaven	Open Space and Recreation Plan	Ongoing	Environmental	Audrey Matthews	DLTA
Fairhaven	Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update	Ongoing	Environmental, Comprehensive	Joe Monet, Sara Singh	FEMA
Fairhaven	MVP 2.0	Ongoing	Environmental	Audrey Matthews	local
Fall River	Regional Water Supply Analysis	Ongoing	Environmental	Lauren Lunetta	EOEEA MVP

Fall River	Mother's Brook Sewer Upgrades (D&E, Permitting) Project Administration	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
Fall River	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Lauren Lunetta	local
Lakeville	Planning Board Rules and Regulations	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	One Stop
Mansfield	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap, Lauren Lunetta	DLTA
Mansfield	Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Audrey Matthews	FEMA
Mattapoissett	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Michelle Tinger/Cece Lagomarsino	DLTA / Local
Middleborough	ASHE Response Tool Kit	Ongoing	Homeland Security	Kevin Ham	Local
Middleborough	Master Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Grant King	One Stop, DLTA
Middleborough	Historic/General Use District Bylaw Amendments	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King, Robert Cabral	MassDOT, SCR
New Bedford	North Terminal Extension Phase II and Pier Fendering Project	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Jeff Walker, Lizeth Gonzalez, Grant King	EDA
New Bedford	Marine Commerce Terminal	Pending	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
North Attleborough	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Audrey Matthews	DOER
Norton	Section 3A Technical Assistance Phase 2	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation, DLTA
Norton	Green Communities Designation Grant Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Audrey Matthews	DOER
Norton	Route 123 Speed Study	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Norton	Housing Production Plan (Tier 3, Phase 1)	Pending	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Plympton	Section 3A Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation
Raynham	Section 3A Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez, Robert Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation

Regional	SRPEDD Regional Resilience Plan (SRRP)	Implementation	Comprehensive, Environmental, Transportation	Danica Belknap, Lizeth Gonzalez, Grant King	DLTA
Regional	Regional Outdoor Recreation Inventory	Ongoing	Environmental	Cece Lagomarsino	MOOR
Regional	Assawompset Ponds Water Quality Assessment, Snake River Culvert Evaluation and Nemasket River restoration	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap, Karen Pettinelli	DER, TNC
Regional	Assawompset Ponds Long Pond PRB Feasibility Study	Ongoing	Environmental	Karen Pettinelli	DER
Regional	Taunton River Stewardship Council Website Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Karen Porter	TRSC
Regional	DLTA and DLTA-A	Ongoing	Comprehensive, Environmental, Transportation	Jeff Walker, Grant King, Danica Belknap, Lisa Estrela-Pedro	DLTA-A
Regional	MassTech Municipal Digital Equity Planning	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Maria Jones, Amber Davis	MassTech/MBI
Regional	Rural Community Section 3A Compliance Efforts	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral, Taylor Perez	EOHLC
Regional	Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) Asset Mapping and Digital Equity Planning Enrollment	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Maria Jones, Amber Davis	MassTech/MBI
Regional	Assawompset Ponds Groundwater Hydrologic & Hydraulic Study	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap, Michelle Tinger	DER
Regional	Assawompset Ponds Sedimentation, Invasive Removal, and Snipatuit Evaluation	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap, Michelle Tinger	ARPA
Regional	Rural Policy Advisory Council	Ongoing	Environmental	Karen Pettinelli, Danica Belknap	

Regional	Arts and Culture Community Development Initiative	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA
Regional	Justice, Equity, and Community Development (JECD) Initiative	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Regional	South Coast Administrators Committee	Ongoing	Administrative	Jeff Walker	SRPEDD
Regional	Mass. Assn. of Regional Planning Commissions (MARPA)	Ongoing	Administrative	Jeff Walker	RPAs
Regional	Brownfield Community Wide Assessment Grant	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap, Lizeth Gonzalez	EPA
Regional	Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District Land Alternatives and Reuse Study	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral, Lizeth Gonzalez, Grant King	DLTA
Regional	Regional ADU Bylaw Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral, Taylor Perez, Grant King	DLTA
Regional	Resilient Taunton Watershed Network (RTWN) facilitation	Ongoing	Environmental	Sara Singh	
Regional	Taunton River Stewardship Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Sara Singh	TRSC
Regional	Taunton River Pocket Map Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Karen Porter	TRSC
Regional	Buzzards Bay Water Quality Planning & Regional NPS Coordinator Program	Pending	Environmental	Michelle Tinger	MassDEP
Regional	Rural COA Partnership	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Amber Davis	AgeSpan, EOEa
Regional - MassDOT	Regional Evacuation Route Study	Ongoing	Transportation	Kevin Ham, Sean Hilton	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	Southcoast Bikeway Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jon Gray	MassDOT, DLTA
Regional - MassDOT	Pavement Management - Fed.	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT

	Aid Road Network Data Collection & Analysis				
Regional - MassDOT	Taunton River Trail Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jon Gray	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG)	Ongoing	Transportation	Lisa Estrela-Pedro, Andrea Duarte, Jackie Jones	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO)	Ongoing	Transportation	Lisa Estrela-Pedro, Andrea Duarte	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	SMMPO Public Participation Plan Update	Ongoing	Transportation	Andrea Duarte	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	Food Access & Security in Transportation Plan	Ongoing	Transportation	Noah Soutier, Jon Gray	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	Parking Lot Utilization Plan	Ongoing	Transportation	Jon Gray	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	FFY26-30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	Completed	Transportation	Jackie Jones, Lisa Estrela-Pedro	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	FFY25-29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Mangement	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones, Lisa Estrela-Pedro	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	Transit Coordination	Ongoing	Transportation	Dan Brogan	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	Traffic Counting and Turning Movement Counts	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira, Ryan Cameron	MassDOT
Regional - Green Communities	Regional Energy Planning Assistance (REPA): Annual Reports and Competitive and Designation Grant Applications	Ongoing	Environmental	All Enviro Staff; Danica DOER Contract Managemen t	EOEEA
Regional - MassDOT	South East Regional Coordinating Council on Transportation (SERCCOT)	Ongoing	Transportation	Dan Brogan	MassDOT

<b>Regional - MassDOT</b>	<b>Age Friendly Mobility Plan</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Andrea Duarte, Amber Davis</b>	<b>MassDOT</b>
<b>Regional - Providence-Warwick MSA</b>	<b>Climate Pollution Reduction Grant</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Environmental</b>	<b>Audrey Matthews</b>	<b>EPA</b>
<b>Regional - SNEP Network</b>	<b>SNEP Network Provider</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Environmental</b>	<b>Danica Belknap</b>	<b>USM/EPA</b>
<b>Regional - SRAC</b>	<b>Homeland Security Program and Project Management</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Comprehensive, Homeland Security</b>	<b>Kevin Ham, Grant King</b>	<b>MAPC</b>
<b>Regional - SRAC</b>	<b>Homeland Security Program and Project Management</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Comprehensive, Homeland Security</b>	<b>Kevin Ham, Grant King</b>	<b>MAPC, EOPSS</b>
<b>Regional - SS4A Grant &amp; MassDOT</b>	<b>Safety Action Plan Development</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Jackie Jones</b>	<b>SS4A Grant/MassDOT</b>
<b>Regional &amp; Dighton, Middleborough</b>	<b>Open Space Residential Design Regional Study</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Environmental</b>	<b>Michelle Tinger, Karen Pettinelli</b>	<b>EOEEA</b>
Rehoboth	Green Communities Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Audrey Matthews, Lauren Lunetta	DOER
Seekonk	Housing Production Plan (Tier 2, Phase 1)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Somerset	Slade's Ferry Zoning and Design Guidelines and Implementation	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King, Lizeth Gonzalez, Rob Cabral, Maria Jones	Local, DLTA
Somerset	Route 103 Neighborhood Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral	EOHLC
Somerset	Riverwalk and Overlook Concept Design	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral	TRSC
Somerset, Swansea	Wastewater District Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
Swansea	Route 103 Corridor Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral	EOHLC
Swansea	Master Plan, Open Space and Recreation	Ongoing	Comprehensive, Environmental	Robert Cabral, Taylor Perez,	DLTA, Urban Agenda, local, MA

	Plan, and Housing Production Plan			Danica Belknap	
Swansea	Municipal Digital Equity Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Maria Jones, Kaitlin Whalen	MBI
Swansea	Compton's Corner Stormwater Management Planning	Ongoing	Environmental	Audrey Matthews	CZM
Taunton	ASHE Training Exercise	Ongoing	Homeland Security	Kevin Ham	DLTA, local
Taunton	Lights On Festival Direct Economic Impacts	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral, Lizeth Gonzalez, Grant King	local
Taunton	Section 3A Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	EOHLC, local
Taunton	MSIP V- Business Park	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
Taunton	Hart Street at Poole Street and Bristol Plymouth High School northern entrance	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Westport	Route 6 Neighborhood Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez and Robert Cabral	One Stop
Westport	Open Space and Recreation Plan	Ongoing	Environmental	Karen Pettinelli	DLTA
Westport	MVP 2.0 Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	Local, MVP
Westport	Housing Production Plan (Tier 1, Phase 1)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA, local
Westport and Wood Hole Group	Beach Management Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Kevin Ham	Woods Hole Group



**Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District**

# **2025 Annual Meeting**

**SAVE THE DATE  
SRPEDD'S 69th ANNUAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 24, 2025**

**Hillside Country Club  
82 Hillside Avenue,  
Rehoboth, MA 02769**

**5:30 - 8:30PM**

**Keynote Speaker: TBD  
Formal Invitation to Follow**





## 2025 SRPEDD ANNUAL SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND COMMISSION AWARDS *REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS*

As has long been the tradition, for presentation at the SRPEDD Annual Meeting the fourth Wednesday of May—and scheduled to be held at a location shortly to be announced—the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) Commission has recognized individuals and organizations from across Southeastern Massachusetts that have made a difference in advancing the agency and region, and once again, solicits your assistance in identifying this year’s awardees. Awards are given in two categories: **Special Recognition** and **Commission Awards** (of which there are two types of the latter).

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS**

**Special Recognition** - honors a person, area business or community organization for specific contribution(s) to SRPEDD, the region, or field of planning or economic development;

### **COMMISSION AWARDS**

**Commissioner of the Year** - given to a present SRPEDD Commission member for specific and recent contribution(s) to SRPEDD, and/or to the advancement of regionalism over the past year;

**Distinguished Service** - given to a former or present SRPEDD Commissioner for leadership and outstanding service to SRPEDD, in honor and acknowledgment of a range/extended body of contributions.

All three awards represent a unique opportunity to recognize someone in your community for their noteworthy contribution(s) to the region, in the case of the Special Recognition Awards, be they elected officials, citizen volunteers, advocates, educators, non-profit or business leaders; and in the case of the Commission of the Year or Distinguished Service Awards, be they present or former and present Commissioners, respectively.

**Nominations must be received at SRPEDD by August 20, 2025 in order for the Awards Committee to review and decide on this year’s awardees, for presentation at the upcoming Annual Meeting slated for September 24, 2025**

Please email, fax or post your completed form to:

SRPEDD  
Attn: Stacy Royer  
88 Broadway  
Taunton, MA 02780  
[info@srpedd.org](mailto:info@srpedd.org) or (508) 823-1803 fax

Questions? Please contact Jeffrey Walker or Stacy Royer.  
Tel: 508-824-1367/Email: [info@srpedd.org](mailto:info@srpedd.org)



## SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

This award will be given to a person, area business or community organization for specific contribution(s) to SRPEDD, the region, or field of planning or economic development

### Criteria

- The contribution may be the initiation, development or administration of a plan, policy or program; it may be a specific product; or it may be ideas, concepts, actions or any other achievements.
- The nominee's contribution to SRPEDD, the region, or the field of planning and economic development must be easily documented and evaluated.
- The nominee's contribution may be past, recent, or ongoing.

### Eligibility

- Candidates may be: an individual, business or community organization; from in or outside of SRPEDD region.
- Candidates may not be: SRPEDD Commission members; SRPEDD staff; or members of the nominating committee.

## SRPEDD COMMISSION AWARDS

### COMMISSIONER OF THE YEAR (For SRPEDD Commission Members Only)

This award will be given to a SRPEDD Commission member for specific and recent contribution(s) to SRPEDD, and/or to the advancement of regionalism over the past year.

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE (For SRPEDD Commission Members Only)

This award will be bestowed on a former or present SRPEDD Commission member for leadership and outstanding service to SRPEDD, in honor and acknowledgment of a range/extended body of contributions.

### Criteria

- The contribution may be the initiation, development or implementation of a plan, policy or program; it may be a specific product; or it may be ideas, concepts, actions or related achievements.
- The nominee's accomplishments, leadership, and contributions to SRPEDD, and/or to the advancement of regionalism must be clearly documented; known to the membership of SRPEDD; and acknowledged by his/her own community.
- Although recognized and documented service to the benefit of a nominee's own community will be considered, the contribution to SRPEDD and Southeastern MA region at large will be accorded the most weight.

### Eligibility

- Candidates must be currently serving SRPEDD Commission members in the case of Commissioner of the Year Award, or former or currently serving Commission members in the case of the Distinguished Service Award.
- Candidates may not be SRPEDD staff, or members of the Awards Committee.

## **2024 SRPEDD ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATION FORM**

Instructions (choose one): (1) Print, fill out and mail or fax the form to SRPEDD;  
(2) Go to [www.srpedd.org](http://www.srpedd.org) to download the form, fill out and email to [ssousa@srpedd.org](mailto:ssousa@srpedd.org)

**Nominations must be received at SRPEDD by August 20, 2025 in order for the Awards Committee to review and decide on this year's awardees, for presentation at the upcoming Annual Meeting tentatively scheduled to be held at a location shortly to be announced.**

PLEASE USE ONE FORM FOR EACH NOMINATION

## AWARD CATEGORIES FOR NOMINEE

- ☐ Special Recognition (Individual, Business or Community Organization)
- ☐ Commissioner of the Year (SRPEDD Commission Only)
- ☐ Distinguished Service (SRPEDD Commission Only)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Community: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach copy of candidate's resume, if available, and any other supporting documentation as needed.

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## SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

### PAST RECIPIENTS

1987	Representative Stephen Karol, Attleboro Robert Dillman, Bridgewater State College	2004	Kara Pennini, Katie MacAulay, Kellie Savery and David White, Middleb. Distrib. Ed. Clubs
1988	Edwin H.B. Pratt, Marion Representative Philip Travis, Rehoboth Lawrence J. Harman, EOTC SEMass, Rochester The Robbins Company, Attleboro The City of New Bedford/PACE Carver-Plymouth, Wareham Task Force	2005	Anthi Frangiadis, Wareham Pln. Board Ljiljana Vasiljevic, SouthCoast Insider Tony & Elsie Souza, New Bedford
1989	Representative Joan Menard, Somerset	2006	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Not Awarded
1990	Representative Marc Pacheco, Taunton Frederick Rubin, Lakeville	2007	Marijoan Bull, Staff Member & College Professor Marge Ghilarducci, Berkley Village Heritage Park
1991	Representative John Bradford, Rochester Peter Kortright, BayBank	2008	The Sheehan Family Foundation Chief Robert Crosby and Reinald Ledoux for Southeast Regional Advisory Council Marie Clamer, Conservation Commissioner, No. Attle. William “Buzz” Constable, MARPA
1992	John George, Union Street Bus Co. Stewart Washburn, SEED Corporation Robert DelRosso, Seekonk	2009	Taunton River Stewardship Council, Jim Ross, Bill Napolitano and Jamie Fosburgh
1993	The Standard-Times, New Bedford Anita Flanagan, Boston Edison	2010	Kristina Egan, South Coast Rail Project Manager Maryan Nowak, Citizen Volunteer; GATRA & Francis Gay; Irene Winkler, Coordinator of the Pilgrim RC&D
1994	Southeastern Massachusetts Leg. Caucus Dr. John Mullin, UMass.	2011	State Representative Stephen Canessa; Susan Jennings, UMass Sustainability Initiative; Officer Lance Lawson, Mansfield
1995	Manual Goulart, Acushnet Golf & Rec. Comm. Dennis Kelly, Pres., BCSB, Taunton	2012	Ron Labelle, Commissioner DPI, New Bedford David Wojnar, Selectman, Acushnet Alex Houtzager, Berkley
1996	Kathleen Simpson, Chair, GATRA’s CAC David Webster, Public Works Director, Swansea The Berkley Strategic Planning Committee	2013	Keven Desmarais, Freetown Planning Bd. & Conservation Commission Rachel Calabro, Save The Bay
1997	Richard Shafer, City of Taun. Econ. Dev. Corp. Ray Pickles, Executive Sec., Arthur Marchand, Town Adm., Somerset	2014	Representative William Straus, Mattapoissett Beth Lambert, Mill River Restoration Partnership
1998	John Corrigan, Reg. Adm., EDA, Phil. Mark Primack, Wildlands Trust of S.E. Mass	2015	Elain Ostrof, Westport; Wareham Celebration Alfred J. Lima, Fall River
1999	Alfred Raphael, Dir. Public Works, Fairhaven Norene Hartley, Rochester Lands Trust Freetown Youth Athletic Association	2016	Norman Hills, Marion Michael O’Reilly, Dartmouth; Julianne Kelly, Fall River
2000	David Westgate, President, and Maria Gooch-Smith Executive Dir., SEED Corp. Representative William Straus, Marion Land Bank; Christopher Richard, Fairhaven’s Dir. Of Tourism	2017	David Cole, Westport; Larry Cameron, MassDevelopment
2001	Chawner Hurd, Town of Lakeville Bd. Of Sel. Leonard Gonsalves, Buzzards Bay Action Comm. Laurell Farinon, Land Preservation Trust	2018	Jennifer Francis, Marion; Resilient Taunton Watershed
2002	Deborah Hogan, Mass. Envirothon Coordinator Michael Gagne, Executive Adm., Dartmouth	2019	Jennifer Carlino, Norton; Sandy Conaty; Community Economic Development Center (CEDC)
2003	Michael Rodriques, State Representative, Westport Nancy Yeatts, Lakeville, Assawompsett Ponds Jon Witten, Esq., Duxbury, Chapter 40B Reform	2020	Steve Silva, Taunton River Watershed Alliance (TRWA)
		2021	Lee Azinheira, Mansfield DPW Director
		2022	Patricia Cassady, Middleborough Conservation Agent
		2023	Richard Shafer, Taunton Economic Development Director Pamela Hazar, MassDOT
		2024	Mary Ellen DeFrias, GATRA Erik Rousseau, GATRA

# SRPEDD COMMISSION AWARDS

## PAST RECIPIENTS

### COMMISSIONER OF THE YEAR AWARDEES

1977 Luke Leonard, Jr., Lakeville  
 1979 Melville Moody, Attleboro  
 1980 David Knight, Carver  
 1982 Emeline MacDonald, Raynham  
 1984 Richard T. Curley, Mansfield  
 1985 Denise Poyant, New Bedford  
 1986 Julia Enroth, Westport  
 1987 Robert Arabian, Rehoboth  
 1988 Donald Hussey, Somerset  
 1989 Gus Yankopoulos, Wareham  
 1990 Jayme Dias, New Bedford  
 1991 Loretta Schaefer, Marion  
 1992 Karl Eklund, PHD, Berkley  
 1993 Daniel DeCarlo, Fall River  
 1994 Ann M. Miller, Carver  
 1995 Gus Yankopoulos, Wareham  
 1996 Lou Martin, Taunton  
 1997 Peter Kortright, Mattapoisett  
 1998 Basil Castaldi, Dartmouth  
 1999 Joseph Andrade, New Bedford  
 2000 Susan Peterson, Rochester  
 2001 Henry Young, Acushnet  
 2002 Robert Rogers, Mattapoisett  
 2003 Lori Schaefer, Marion  
 2004 Martin Newfield, Raynham  
 2005 Lorri-Ann Miller, Dartmouth  
 2006 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 2007 Wayne Sunderland, Westport  
 2008 Chuck Gricus, Wareham  
 2009 Susan Peterson, Rochester  
 2010 No Award  
 2011 Jean Fox, Freetown  
 2012 William Roth, Fairhaven  
 2013 Rita Garbitt, Lakeville  
 2014 Joseph Callahan, Berkley  
 2015 Jonathan Henry, Marion  
 2016 Joan Marchitto, N. Attleboro  
 2017 Alan Slavin, Wareham  
 2018 George Hovorka, Swansea  
 2019 Jim Whitin, Westport  
 2020 Deborah Melino-Wender, Dartmouth  
 2021 Marie Clarner, North Attleborough  
 2022 D. Austin Horowitz, Mansfield  
 2023 Robert Espindola, Fairhaven  
 2024 Janice Robbins, Mattapoisett

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDEES

1976 John Waterman, Rehoboth  
 1977 Albert Larsen, No. Attle.; William Jordan, Norton  
 1978 Raymond Fleurent, Fairhaven  
 1979 George Hall, Westport  
 1980 Luke Leonard, Jr., Lakeville  
 1981 Kenneth Vining, Fairhaven  
 1982 David Knight, Carver  
 1983 Julia Enroth, Westport  
 1984 Emeline MacDonald, Raynham  
 1986 George Bare, Rochester  
 1989 Allan Campbell, Dighton  
 1990 Donald Hussey, Somerset  
 1991 Basil Castaldi, Dartmouth  
 1992 Patricia Redding, No. Attleborough  
 1995 Karl Eklund, Berkley  
 1996 Gus Yankopoulos, Wareham  
 1997 Raymond Payson, No. Attleborough  
 1998 Albert Caron, Marion  
 1999 Mark Rasmussen, Fairhaven  
 2000 Louis Martin, Mattapoisett  
 2001 Loretta Schaefer, Marion  
 2002 Emeline MacDonald (posthumously)  
 2003 Robert Mawney, Attleboro  
 2004 Gary Ayrassian, Attleboro  
 2005 Leonard Flynn, Mansfield; Robert Rogers, Mattapoisett  
 2006 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 2007 George Hovorka, Fall River, At Large;  
 Jack Healey, Middleborough  
 2008 Albert Borges, Fairhaven  
 2009 Robert Carney, Dartmouth  
 2010 No Award  
 2011 Raymond Fleurent, Fairhaven  
 2012 Joan Marchitto, No. Attleborough  
 2013 Randall Kunz, Mattapoisett  
 2014 Lorri-Ann Miller, Dartmouth  
 2015 Donna Kulpa, Dighton  
 2016 Executive Director Search Committee  
 2017 Robert Rogers, Mattapoisett  
 2018 No Award  
 2019 Rita Garbitt, Lakeville  
 2020 Deborah Melino-Wender, Dartmouth  
 2021 Joe Callahan, Berkley  
 2022 Alan Slavin  
 2024 Norman Hill, Marion