This project assists municipalities, businesses, and residents with practical methods to

- Minimize costs of development and local infrastructure maintenance (e.g. roads and stormwater);
- Reduce flooding;
- Improve water quality; and
- Protect and restore natural features that improve quality of life and property values.

Mass Audubon, the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), Horsley Witten Group, Inc (HW) and the Blackstone River Coalition are teaming up to assist communities in the Blackstone watershed with:

- Case studies illustrating success stories in reducing nutrient loads while making economic progress.
- Workshops
- A competitive technical assistance program
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Put natural systems like soils and vegetation to work - reducing the need for traditional and often expensive infrastructure to treat and manage stormwater.

Green Infrastructure and LID techniques include:

♦ Land use planning and regulation;
♦ Development and redevelopment projects;
♦ Infrastructure improvements;
♦ Tree planting and neighborhood greening

The benefits extend both locally and to downstream communities. Sixty percent of the Narragansett Bay watershed is in Massachusetts. Green infrastructure and LID in the Blackstone, Taunton and Ten Mile watersheds will reduce nutrient pollution flowing into Narragansett Bay.

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