



Ebb&Flow

George N. Peterson Jr., Commissioner
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Greetings, restoration friends and colleagues:

The premise is simple: the healthier you are, the quicker you can recover from illness. The same applies in the natural world. Higher-functioning ecosystems can better deal with, and recover from, stress. The Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) and partners are working hard to restore vitality to salt marshes and other aquatic ecosystems that protect our communities and economies. As the threats of climate change become more pronounced, resiliency is essential to the functioning of our natural communities. Read about the work DER is doing to protect our communities in our [2015 Annual Report](#).

See you on the water --



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P.S. DER offers [training on how to survey road-stream crossings](#). Carrie Banks, DER's Massachusetts State Continuity Survey Coordinator, will be offering 3-5 training opportunities in 2016. To host or request a training, please contact Carrie at 413-579-3015 or carrie.banks@state.ma.us.

[2015 Annual Impact Report: Resiliency](#)

Read the full Annual Report for more information on DER's work including highlights below:



Strengthening Road-Stream Crossings

Assessing what is suitable for fish and other aquatic life may appear far removed from the needs of cars and communities, but when it comes to roads crossing over streams, both fish and Fords can benefit from work DER has been involved in for the past decade.



Healthy Streamflows Equals Stronger Communities

Instream flow restoration is an essential part of building resiliency into our interdependent natural and human systems.



Ecological Restoration brings Community Resilience

DER's work restoring the rivers, wetlands, and salt marshes of Massachusetts increases the resilience of communities to the growing risks from coastal storms, sea level rise, flooding, erosion and associated threats.

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