

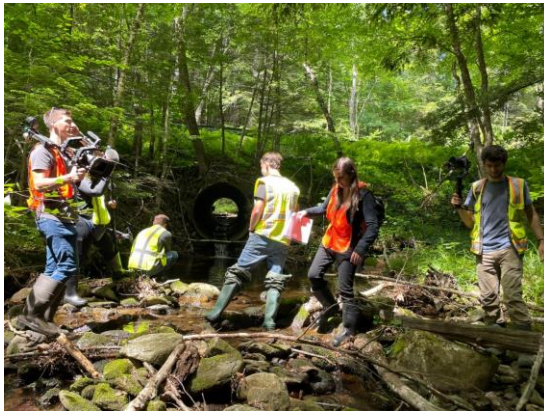
June 2021



Hi Folks,

As this very hot month of June winds down, we are wrapping up what has been a very strange program year. We are looking ahead to what we hope will be a more typical year to come. We want to let you know a few things that the DER Stream Continuity team is working on for you in the coming months.

This week, final reports from our active Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance (CRMA) grants have been rolling in just as we get ready to announce the next round of grant recipients in the early part of the new fiscal year. We are hopeful that these projects all continue to move toward construction to benefit our roads and rivers. We look forward to offering culvert replacement training and technical assistance in both old and new ways in the coming year. We hope to soon announce in-person training opportunities, which we had to suspend for health and safety reasons last year.



We are also working on some training and informational resources that we will make available online beginning this year. This will include an online toolkit with resources to support the culvert replacement process throughout the various project phases. With this we are developing a series of videos that will highlight important concepts and design considerations to help make your replacement culverts function for the long-term. We began building the online toolkit and filming videos (photos above) in May and will continue our work on them in the coming months. We look forward to sharing the final products as soon as we can.

In the meantime, as always, please feel free to reach out to me with your culvert-related questions.

Take care and have a great July 4th holiday.

Brian Kelder
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Partnerships Program Request for Responses Now Available

Earlier this week the Division of Ecological Restoration's (DER's) new Regional Restoration Partnerships Program Request for Responses (RFR) was released and DER is accepting applications from eligible nonprofit organizations and regional planning agencies!

The Partnerships Program will support Regional Restoration Partnerships working to restore aquatic ecosystems and increase climate change resiliency. The goal of the program is to increase the pace and scale of ecological restoration in Massachusetts by building the capacity of local and regional organizations to collaboratively advance restoration work.

Now that the full RFR has been published, DER staff will not be able to discuss application details or individual Partnerships. Only technical or clarifying questions about the application and application process can be asked during the official Question and Answer Period, which is currently open and closes July 9, 2021 at 4pm.

Applications are due July 23, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

Visit the [Partnerships Program webpage](#) for more information.

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