

Fluvial Geomorphic and Habitat Assessment of the North River Watershed Project Kick-off Meeting

Thursday, October 17, 2013



Meeting Room
Colrain Town Hall
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be provided

Please join us to learn more about this project!

- Work that has been completed to date and a discussion of the findings
- Work planned for the remainder of the year
- Project outcomes and next steps

Major bank erosion in the North River watershed has damaged or threatens roads, bridges, agricultural lands, water supplies and homes. Considerable amounts of local, state and federal money have already been spent to repair damaged infrastructure and stabilize eroding banks. Unfortunately, these repairs are not always successful. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass DEP) awarded the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) a \$61,200 604b Water Quality Management Planning Grant to conduct a Fluvial Geomorphic and Habitat Assessment of the North River Watershed. The FRCOG has hired Field Geology Services and Cole Ecological to conduct the assessment.

This project will provide information on the causes of erosion, channel instability and habitat degradation, which allows bank stabilization and river restoration projects to be designed and implemented within a framework that anticipates the potential impacts of a given project on adjacent sections of the river.

Despite the upfront investment required, geomorphic assessments, in the long term, result in significant cost savings through the implementation of less expensive yet more effective projects. These projects often improve aquatic habitat and water quality, too.



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