



# SNEP Steering Committee Meeting

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# Agenda

- Roll Call
- Workplan Overview
- FY24 SNEP Budget Discussion
- Input on SNEP Workshop Plans
- EPA SNEP Updates
- Wrap Up and Next Steps



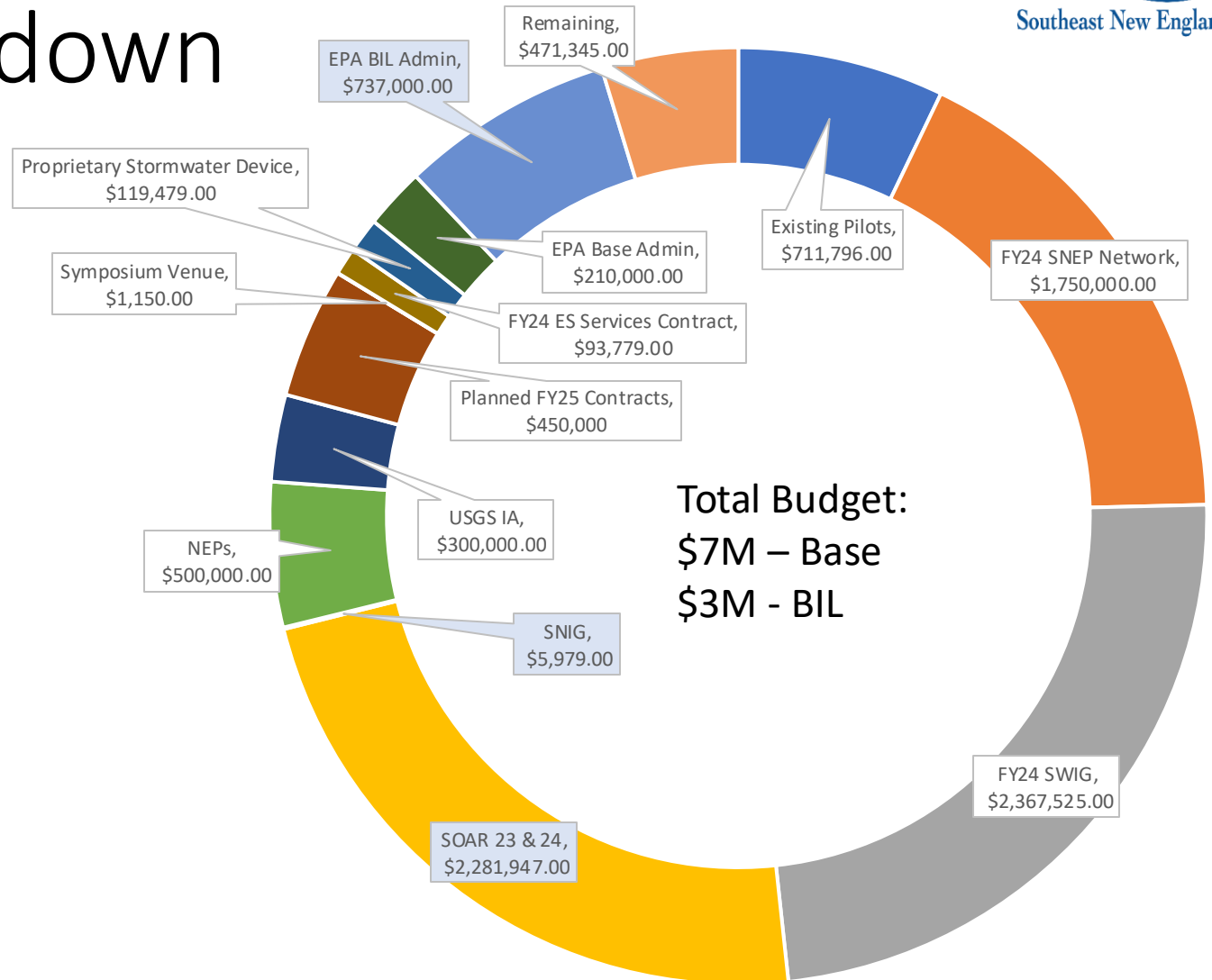
# Roll Call

# Overview of Workplan

- SNEP will create annual workplan to outline planned budget allocation and to scope annual work products
- SNEP Team identified this as a cleaner format to communicate planned and ongoing projects.
- Workplan is organized by
  - Project type
  - Task
  - Primary contact
  - Related goal
  - Annual budget allocation
- FY25 Draft Workplan will be disseminated ahead of October 2024

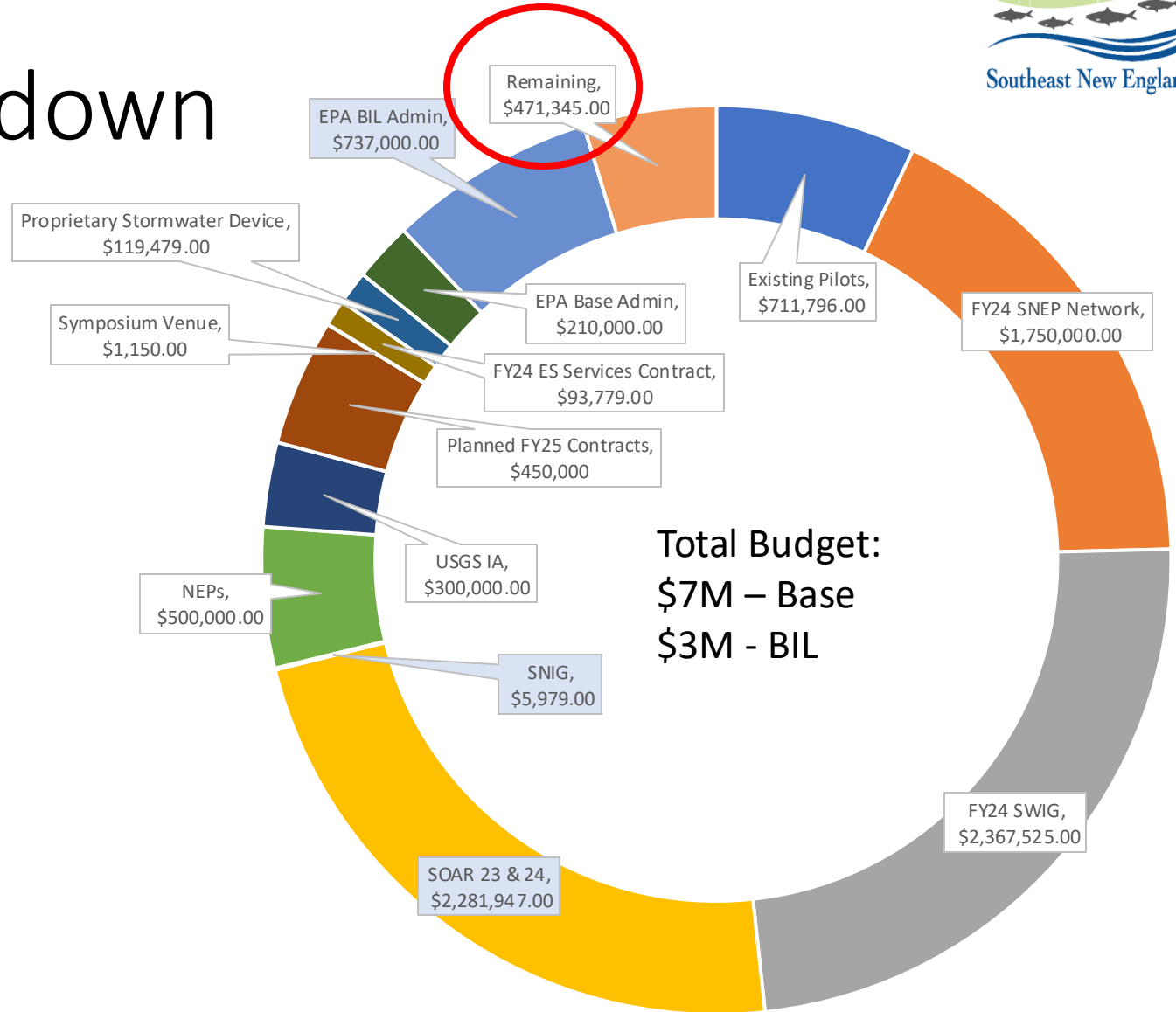
# FY24 Budget Breakdown

- FY24 budget approved.
- SNEP is projected to be level-funded at \$7M for FY24
- EPA received a ~10% cut; increased administrative costs are still possible.



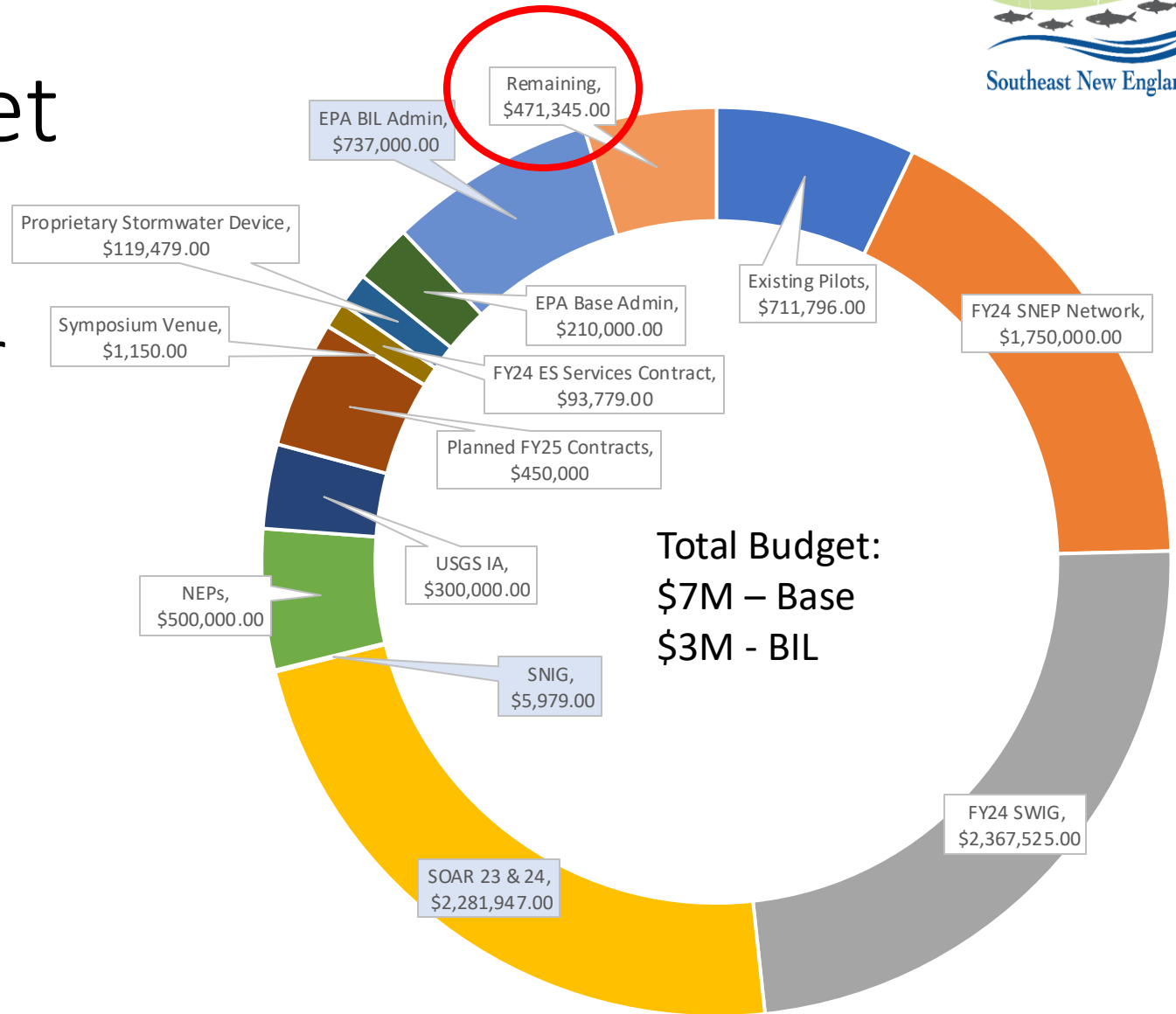
# FY24 Budget Breakdown

- Proposals:
  - Invest further in pilot watersheds? (6<sup>th</sup> pilot watershed?)
  - Education/Outreach?
  - Other ideas?



# Feedback on Budget

- New SNIG RFA
- Competitive opportunity for existing SNEP grantees (PWIs or others)\*\*
- RFP for technical assistance provider directed towards Cape and Islands
- **6<sup>th</sup> PWI – received most votes from SC**



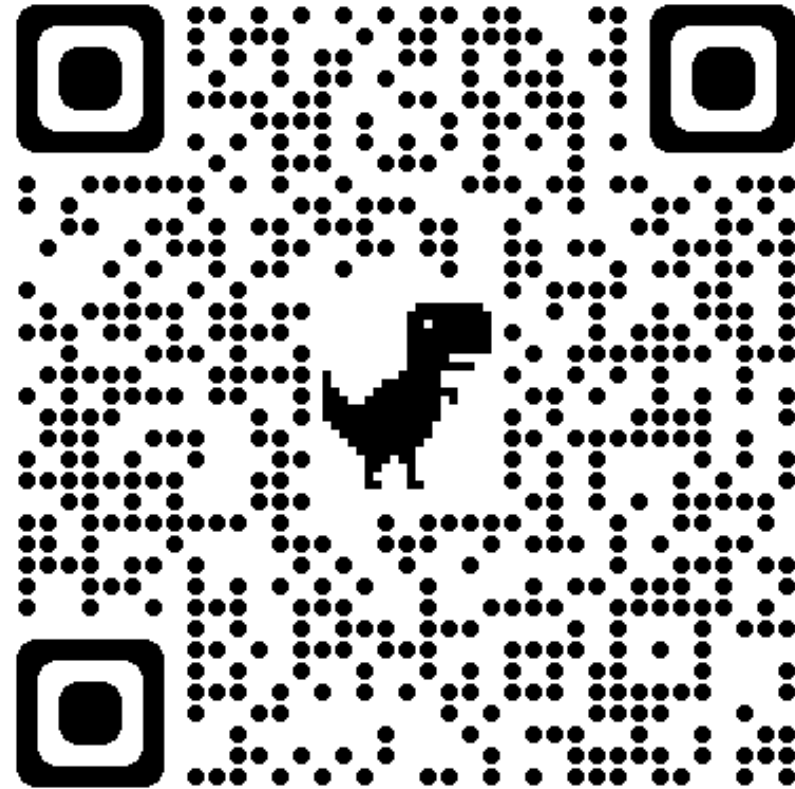
# Input on SNEP Workshop Topics

- Workshop 1
  - Topic: Cranberry Bog Restoration
  - Goal(s): Share status and trends of cranberry bog restoration projects in MA to date. Identify what has worked in the past and where synergies exist.
  - Date: TBD – latter half of May
  - Location: UMass Cranberry Station Carver, MA
  - **Please let us know if you want to join the planning team**
- Workshop 2
  - Potential topics: Follow-on salt marsh discussion, Strategies that Work to Address Regional Flooding Risks (in RI? Add Financing?), Technical Vetting of WQ Modeling for Narragansett Bay



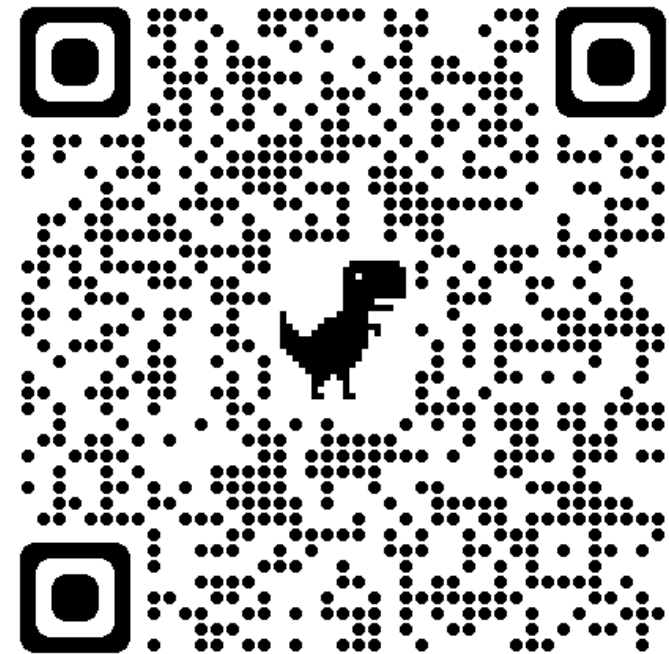
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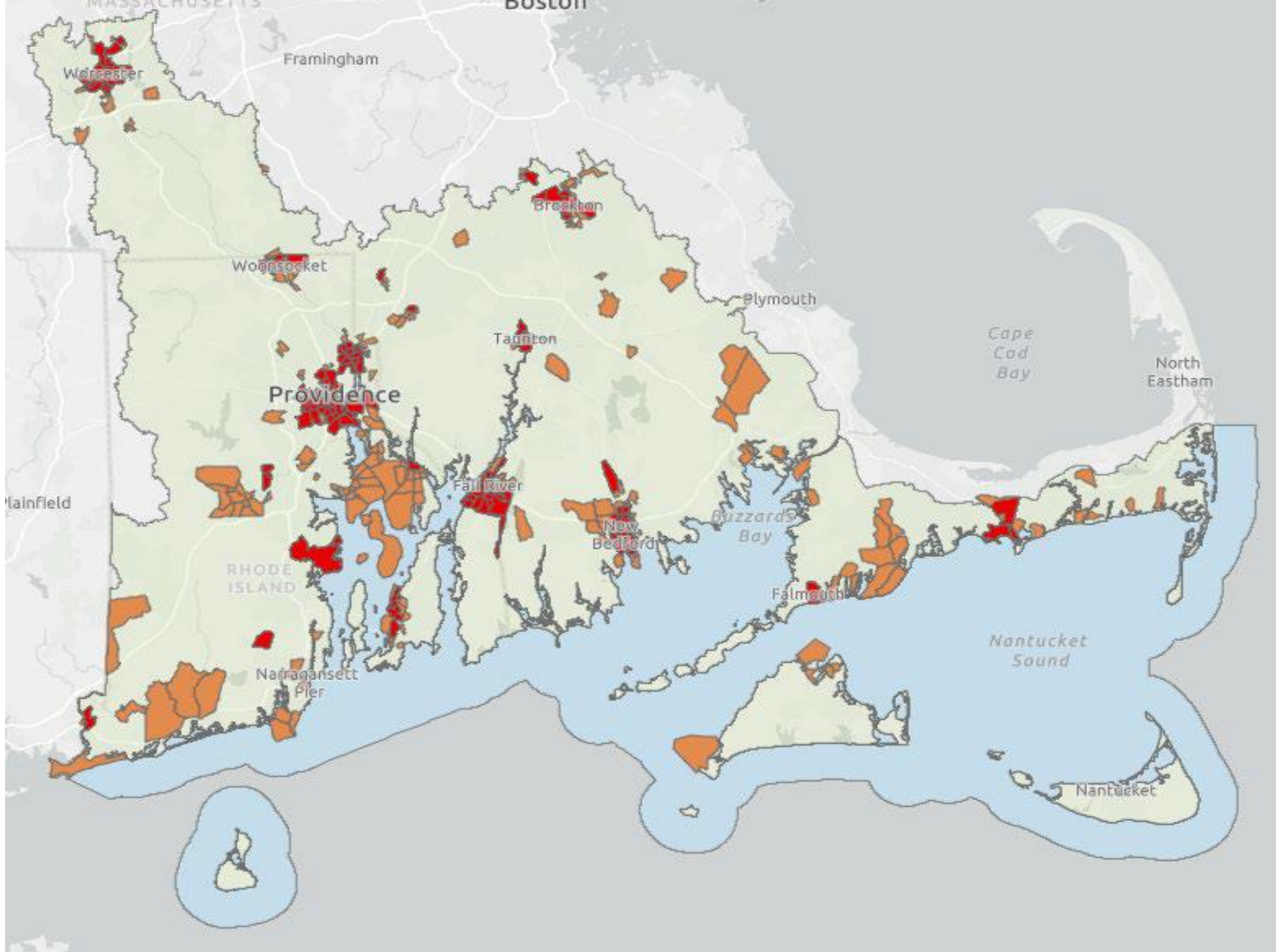
- Thank you to our planning team members!
- 2024 Symposium
  - June 12, 2024 at Roger Williams University Law School
  - Topic: Climate Resilience in Southeast New England – Thinking Regionally, Acting Locally
  - Call for Abstracts is now **open!**



# EPA SNEP Updates -2024 SNEP Opportunity to Advance Resilience (SOAR) Fund (\$1.25M)

- **April 16, 2024; 11:00 - 1:00p** |  
Virtual Information Session
- **May 1, 2024; 11:59PM EDT** |  
Last Day to Ask Questions
- **June 7, 2024; 11:59PM EDT** |  
RFP Closing Date and Proposal  
Deadline





# EPA SNEP Updates -2023 SNEP Opportunity to Advance Resilience (SOAR) Fund (**\$1.275M**)

- We anticipate making 5 awards (one new applicant) totaling \$1.275M
- Delayed due to paperwork review for one grantee
- We received 10 eligible applications
- Our aim is to significantly increase our outreach to first-time applicants.

# EPA SNEP Updates: Subcommittee Contracts

- Monitoring Subcommittee
  - WQX Data Availability
    - Data from regional partners is now with CEI
    - CEI is now working with WQX (EPA HQ) to develop Import Configuration Tools for each of the five regional data partners working with us on this project.
    - Once the Import Configuration Tools are created, CEI will upload partner data to WQX via the tool; and then train each partner how to continue using the tool to upload their data.
  - SNEP Ecohealth Tracking Tool
    - Project is stalled until intraregional boundaries are confirmed.
    - EPA now working with state partners to finalize intraregional boundaries before coding can begin.

# EPA SNEP Updates: Subcommittee Contracts

- Ecosystem Services Subcommittee
  - GLEC selected as Contractor for ES Contract.
  - Assessing the monetary and nonmonetary benefits of salt marsh in the SNEP Region as it relates to storm surge and flooding attenuation potential.



# Wrap Up and Next Steps

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- Topics for Next Meeting?
  - FY25 Workplan
  - How can we regionally address climate resilience?
  - State of the Region Report?
  - Partner Updates
  - Others?



Thank you!