



MACC 2026 Fall Conference

Conference Agenda

8:00 AM	REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST & NETWORKING		
	• Registration & nametag pickup • Light breakfast & refreshments • Network with our exhibitors • Bring books home from our popular publications table		
8:30 AM	OPENING SESSION		
	• Opening Remarks from MACC Leadership		
9:00 AM	FUNDAMENTALS UNIT 209	WORKSHOP SERIES A	
	• A1 & B1. MACC Fundamentals Unit 209: <i>Understanding and Permitting Invasive Plant Management Projects</i>	• A2. <i>Groundwater, Wetlands, and Stormwater Management: How They All Connect</i> • A3. <i>Impaired Waters in Massachusetts: What Role Can Conservation Commissions Play in Restoration?</i> • A4. <i>Restoration in Action: Flow with MA Division of Ecological Restoration's Habitat Restoration Programs – Part 1</i> • A5. <i>Regulating Work in the Buffer Zone under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act</i>	
10:20 AM		WORKSHOP SERIES B	
		• B2. <i>Adopting the Watershed Protection Standard for Clean Water, Cool Communities, and Smarter Growth</i> • B3. <i>Wetland Regulatory Reforms: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly</i> • B4. <i>Restoration in Action: Flow with MA Division of Ecological Restoration's Habitat Restoration Programs – Part 2</i> • B5. <i>Sediment Management for Dam Removals: A Start to Finish Introduction</i>	
11:30 AM	LUNCH & KEYNOTE ADDRESS		
	• Lunch buffet with vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free options • Afternoon Keynote Address by Ingeborg Hegemann, Adjunct Professor at Francis College of Engineering, UMass-Lowell • Catch up, network, and unwind before afternoon workshops		
1:10 PM	FUNDAMENTALS UNIT 103	FULL AFTERNOON WORKSHOP	WORKSHOP SERIES C
	• C1 & D1. MACC Fundamentals Unit 103: <i>Plan Review and Site Visit Procedures</i>	• C2 & D2. <i>Invasive Plant Management: Identification, Removal, and Awareness - Indoor Session & Field Visit</i>	• C3. <i>Salt Marsh Framework: Understanding Current Conditions and Opportunities for Restoration and Migration</i> • C4. <i>Are you Ready for the New Clean Energy Permitting? Understanding Site Suitability & Mapping</i> • C5. <i>The Challenges of Locating the Riverfront Area on Low-Gradient Rivers</i>
2:25 PM			WORKSHOP SERIES D
		• D3. <i>Introduction to Wetland Science: AKA How to be a Wetland Science Geek</i> • D4. <i>Turning the Page on an Aging Dam: Reimagining South Natick's Charles River Through Restoration, Resilience, and Riverfront Parks</i> • D5. <i>Protecting Wildlife Habitat to Foster Biodiversity in the Face of a Notice of Intent</i>	
3:30 PM	SOCIAL HOUR		
	Thank you for attending our 2026 Fall Conference! Join us to close out the Conference at Bandaleros Mexican Restaurant (cash bar) 4 Ryan's Way, Devens, MA - right across from the conference venue		