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Abstract:

The Northeast States and Caribbean Islands Regional Water Program emerges from the combined research, education, and Extension strengths of the regions' ten Land Grant Universities (LGUs) and incorporates key stakeholders and partners into a framework to advance the protection and improvement of water quality. Our program is based on the premise that the infusion of knowledge and the adoption of best management practices (BMPs) within agricultural, rural, and urbanizing communities will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of water quality protection and improvements.

Our long term goal is to strengthen the research, teaching and Extension capacity of the LGUs to deliver outcome-based water programs that educate, empower, and engage agricultural producers, residents, and communities throughout the region to steward their local water resources.

The heart of this regional effort centers on eight Focus Areas. These Focus Areas tailor the national themes to the strengths of region's Land Grant Universities' research, education, and Extension programs and capture the enthusiasm and energies of our partners and stakeholders. These Focus Areas are:

1. Watershed Assessment
2. New England NEMO
3. Sustainable Landscaping
4. Drinking Water and Private Wells
5. Water Quality and Production Agriculture
6. Small Farms Initiative
7. New England On-Site Wastewater Training Center
8. The Islands Initiative

This poster will highlight regional coordination efforts and Focus Area initiatives.

Impact Statement:

This is a newly funded project, merging the efforts of Regions 1 & 2 into the Northeast States and Caribbean Islands Regional Water Program.

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