

The Northeast Voluntary Turf Fertilizer Initiative



TURF FERTILIZER STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

REGIONAL WATER SMART GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF TURF FERTILIZER

March 12, 12:30PM – 4:00PM, Save the Bay Center, Providence, Rhode Island

MEETING AGENDA

12:30 Welcome and Purpose, Introductions

Leadership from NEIWPC and state water programs and/or EPA Region 1 (tent.) will set the stage for the day's meeting by briefly explaining the history of the Initiative, the focus and goals of this meeting in the context of the broader Initiative, and the meeting format. Participants will have an opportunity to introduce themselves to the group.

1:00 Overview of the Draft Regional Guideline Document

NEIWPC will briefly present the contents of the draft guidelines (provided to attendees in advance) and will answer clarifying questions.

1:30 Dialogue and Feedback on Technical Components of Draft Guidelines

The guidelines were developed by NEIWPC, the New England states and New York State, and U.S. EPA Region 1 based on existing state legislation and based on available university extension guidelines from around the region. However, it is important that the guidelines not only make sense to us, but also to stakeholders who use turf fertilizer and who care about water quality. We are looking for your feedback, from the general to the fine details.

2:30 Dialogue on Regional Education and Outreach on Turf Fertilizer

Getting the word on water smart lawn care practices out to the public is a major challenge. NEIWPC and the other Northeast Regional Turf Fertilizer Initiative partners are interested in hearing how we can help with outreach on this issue within the region. Please bring your best ideas!

3:30 Public Comments

3:45 Next Steps and Adjourn