

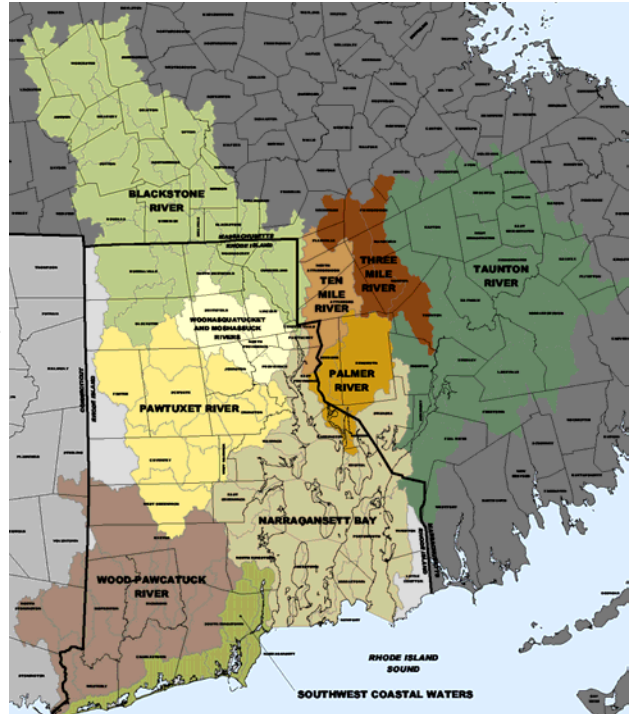
## Partnership for Narragansett Bay Planning History of Narragansett Bay and Coastal Rhode Island Watersheds Massachusetts and Rhode Island

ESS Group, Inc. was contracted by the Partnership for Narragansett Bay (PNB) to complete an inventory of federal, state, and local planning efforts for the Narragansett Bay and coastal Rhode Island watersheds. The inventory focused on historic and current efforts pertaining to the overall goals of the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program's Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP), including:

- Improving Water Quality in Developing Coastal Areas
- Protecting High Quality Resource Areas
- Managing Commercially, Recreationally, and Ecologically Important Estuarine-Dependent Living Resources
- Restoring Water Quality-Dependent Uses
- Establishing Interstate and Interagency Agreements and Mechanisms to Coordinate and Oversee Implementation of the CCMP

ESS conducted interviews with federal, state, and local representatives in Massachusetts and Rhode Island to develop a list of applicable programs, projects, regulations, legislation, grants, and other initiatives. This list was designed to protect the Narragansett Bay environment and facilitate land use and resource management decisions impacting Narragansett Bay and coastal Rhode Island.

The final product includes a matrix of planning initiatives organized by watershed with information on the type of initiative and its occurrence, funding mechanisms, partners and contact information. The report describes major initiatives in more detail including goals, successes, and results. ESS also facilitated a review by constituents in both states to receive feedback on the inventory. The planning inventory is being used to guide decision-makers in developing a bi-state strategic plan for Narragansett Bay.



### Relevant Services Include:

- Historical Review of Narragansett Bay Watershed Management Initiatives
- Literature Review
- Evaluation of Planning Initiatives
- Public Facilitation for Stakeholder Group Review
- GIS Mapping for Watershed Delineation