

# JOINT COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE



## 2021 Webinar Series

### Reconnecting Our Streams: Stakeholders and Barriers



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#### WEBINAR INFORMATION

Date: Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Time: 12:00 PM ET 11:00 AM CT  
10:00 AM MT 9:00 AM PT

Duration: 60 Minutes

Webinar Platform: Microsoft Teams Live

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While aquatic barriers are removed and streams reconnected in a matter of hours or days, the process leading up to the project can last years and involves bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders. These stakeholders range from dam owners and municipalities to environmental organizations and watershed groups.

The Hudson River Estuary Program uses a stakeholder and partner driven process that is guided by an Action Agenda to reconnect stream habitat for migratory fish and reduce localized flooding. This is accomplished by removing unwanted dams and replacing undersized barrier culverts with ones that are fully passable to fish and wildlife and resilient to climate change.

In this presentation we will explore the outreach and technical assistance that the Estuary Program offers to partners related to barrier removal and river restoration and highlight some completed barrier removal projects. In addition to these highlights, we will discuss the specific partnerships that came together to complete the project, and what worked well and not so well. Finally, we will end with how DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice) and barrier removal intersect.

Join us to learn more about Reconnecting Our Streams: Stakeholders and Barriers

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