



MASSACHUSETTS ENVIROTHON

Resources for 2026 Envirothon Current Issue

Living Sponge Communities

This document features a collection of resources for your use. It is designed to help you dive deeper into this year's Current Issue, Living Sponge Communities. The resource links below were carefully selected to introduce you to the Current Issue and other climate and environmental issues to support your learning, spark ideas, and help you build a strong foundation for your Massachusetts Envirothon experience. You are strongly encouraged to research additional information regarding sponge cities, climate change, non-point source pollution, stormwater runoff, floodwater management, green infrastructure, and more.

The resources below are both video and article links organized by their diverse categories:

Sponge Communities and Related Resources:

[What are sponge cities?](#)

[Have You Seen a Sponge City?](#)

[How China is designing flood-resistant cities](#)

[Why LA is Becoming a SPONGE City](#)

[!\[\]\(d3102649f02e825ddb76dc3de0190154_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(55ca3a38dbb940110628e54e3ea7505d_img.jpg\) Green Roofs & Sponge Cities: Nature's Solution to Urban Flooding #shorts #inventions](#)

[Sponge Cities - Solution to Urban flooding](#)

[What are 'sponge cities' and how can they prevent floods?](#)

['Sponge City': How Copenhagen is Adapting to a Wetter Future](#) [What on earth are sponge cities?](#)

[Instagram: Riverkeeper](#) - Recent Extreme Rainfall Reminded Us

[Instagram](#) - Raingardens, A Green Solution to Filter Stormwater

[CWEP Introduction to Stormwater Runoff Video](#)

[Raindrops to Rivers: Creating a Stormwater Storybook Adventure - Stormwater Awareness Week 2024](#)

[Stormy teaches us how to keep our streams clean. - YouTube](#)

[US EPA – About Green Infrastructure:](#)

[American Society of Landscape Architects, Professional Practice: Green Infrastructure:](#)

[Why You Should Consider Green Stormwater Infrastructure for Your Community](#)

[Green Stormwater Infrastructure - Growing Greener Communities](#)

[Model My Watershed - Runoff Simulation](#)

Climate Change:

[Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2025 and 2030](#)

[2023 ResilientMass Plan | Mass.gov](#)

[AR6 Synthesis Report: Climate Change 2023 — IPCC](#)

Climate Change Solutions:

[Nature Conservancy 30x30:](#)

[Project Drawdown:](#)

[Multisolving Institute:](#)

Environmental Justice:

[Environmental Justice A Movement Started By Black Mothers Captioned_v1.mp4](#)

[What is Environmental Justice?](#)

[Office of Environmental Justice & Equity \(OEJE\) | Mass.gov](#)

[EJ in Land Conservation:](#)

[Princeton Climate Action: Racial Disparities and Climate Change](#)

Forests:

[Forestry students learn through hands-on experience](#)

[Managing Forests For Climate Change In Massachusetts: Climate Change Response Framework:](#)

[The Important Relationship between Forests and Water](#)

[Forest Management and Water Resources.](#)

[Forest Center of Northwest Massachusetts: Agroforestry Notes: Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge in Agroforestry](#)

Soils:

[What is Soil \(and Why is it Important\)??: Crash Course Geography #17](#)

[Protocols](#)

[Tribal Approaches for Soil Conservation & Traditional Ecological Knowledge - Native Tribe Info](#)

[Managing Soils for Water: How Five Principles of Soil Health Support Water Infiltration and Storage](#)

[Soil Health Institute:.](#)

[The Soil Story:](#)

[Soil Infiltration – Soil Health for Educators](#)

Water:

[Bing Videos](#) Water is Life

[United Nations Water and Climate:](#)

[IUCN Nature-Based Solutions for Water:](#)

[MassDEP Surface Water Quality Monitoring](#)

Wildlife:

<https://www.rewild.org>

[Tribal Approaches for Ecological Conservation of Wildlife - Native Tribe Info](#)

[MassWildlife and Climate Adaptation](#)

[The Massachusetts State Wildlife Action Plan \(SWAP\):](#)

[World Wildlife Federation:](#)