

## Key Feedback from Recent PREP MC Meetings (Sept and Dec 2023), And...

### Preliminary Staff Recommendations for Changes

#### Key Feedback

- Think through relationship between SOOE and PREPA. Can it be better?
  - More separation? Less separation?
- Challenge of maintaining admin costs post BIL.
- As you focus, consider PREP provides versus what other folks provide. PREP is unique in its focus on indicators and data. Don't lose that. Be strategic about your communications and engagement efforts.
  - Lots of ways to have impact. Should PREP track impact to aid in choices of resource spending?
  - Potential to increase collaboration with all three Planning Commissions?
  - Take better advantage of lake and other freshwater work happening
  - Potential modifications to the PREP "Conference"
    - Incorporate functionality of Community Advisory Community somehow?
  - Recent Piscataqua Region Monitoring Collaborative
    - Be clearer about the purpose of this group
    - Make sure that there's a two-way value exchange
      - Communities get information, tech assistance, resources
      - PREP receives additional feedback and resources
- ***Bottom Line: Efficiency is Key...Make Best Use of Existing Resources!!!***

#### Key PREP Staff Recommendations

##### Administrative Program

- Modifications to PREP Management Committee for Enhanced Efficiency/Value
  - Management Committee meets only 3 times a year but allows for more non-voting participation from municipalities and key NGOs/agencies.
    - MC will now incorporate functionality of the PRMC and the non-existent Community Advisory Committee (ComAC).
    - Most likely meet March, June and December of each year.
      - PREP staff will work to invite more municipalities and key NGOs/Agencies
        - Non-voting members will still participate in straw polls so that recommendations can encompass as much consensus as possible
        - Meetings may be longer or have two components to them: one of which would be optional for voting members
    - PRMC eliminated and folded into the MC

##### Science and Habitat Programs

- Issue: Habitat Program is currently "orphaned" and does not accurately represent Trevor's job responsibilities nor the scope of habitat work.
  - Recommendation: Bring Science and Habitat Programs together and rename to: "Habitat and Water Quality Program"

- Issue: Monitoring program will require scope modification to deal with shrinking resources post-BIL and to better incorporate missing ecosystem components (e.g., freshwater resources).
  - Recommendation: Continue work with data scientists and statisticians to derive recommendations for changed scope. This will most likely lead to some indicators either being eliminated or put on less frequent basis; some indicators will also be added. At this time, we see an overall reduction in number of indicators, which will have the benefit of being easier to communicate.
    - Recommendations will come after TAC discussion.

#### Community Engagement Program

- Issue: PREPA has an opportunity to streamline assessment questions around what municipalities and PREP and partners most care about.
  - Recommendation: Continue to work on condensing PREPA assessment questions for reporting and connecting to PREPA grants and other relevant activities.
- Issue: Relationship between State of Our Estuaries and PREPA Report can be clearer and more effective.
  - Recommendation: A short and visual summary of the PREPA Report will be included in the SOOE so that people get a sense of both the watershed's condition and what we are doing about it. (PREPA would be published on an annual basis but still folded into SOOE, which occurs every 5 years.)
  - The SOOE will also contain shortened versions of the "Sub-Pubs," focusing on "municipal" and "residential" recommendations.
    - We will explore the functionality of these related reports and documents with our new Communications Coordinator