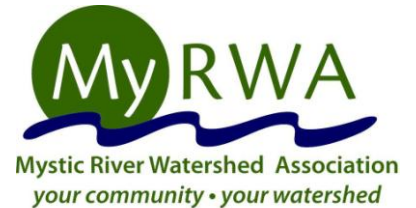


Mystic River Watershed Association

Clean Water Campaign



Water Quality Policy Statement

In order to ensure that water quality in the Mystic River Watershed is restored to a healthy condition and to insure that this clean water is protected in the future, the Mystic River Watershed Association adopts the following goals and objectives for immediate implementation.

We are determined that:

1. Human sewage will no longer be discharged to the Mystic River, or its watershed lakes, tributaries or streams.
2. All stormwater discharges to the river shall meet water quality standards.
3. Historic industrial contamination of the river sediments and on adjacent brownfield parcels will be thoroughly evaluated and addressed through appropriate remedial measures to protect public health and ensure safe recreational use.

This means that:

- All untreated Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) and all Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) will be eliminated from the Mystic River Watershed.
- All cross contamination and illegal sewage discharge to Municipal stormwater systems will be identified and eliminated.
- Stormwater polluted by urban runoff will not be discharged to the river without appropriate treatment. This may include appropriate pre-treatment such as street cleaning as well.
- Potentially responsible parties will be held accountable for legacy contamination of and hazardous waste releases to the watershed including historic releases that have been inadequately addressed.