



# MASSACHUSETTS ENVIROTHON

## **Orientation Workshop for Coaches Friday September 30, 2011 Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, Uxbridge, MA**

- 8:30am Registration – Coffee, tea, juice, muffins and bagels
- 8:50 Welcome and Introductions
- 9:00 Overview of the Mass Envirothon Experience  
(Clif Read & Will Snyder, with experienced coaches chiming in)  
The outcomes: What teams and coaches tell us  
What the May competition looks like – ecostations, presentations, roundtables  
How we get there:  
Resources – people, places, guides, maps, and the manual  
Workshops – try one, two, or all three  
Community Research & Action Awards
- Future of the Mass Envirothon – A brainstorm welcoming new and experienced perspectives on program directions and opportunities for 2012 and beyond  
New and improved outcomes we'd like to see  
Funding for the program, funding for teams  
Is it possible to involve more young people, more significantly?  
Input on potential curriculum directions  
How can Envirothon offer better professional development for coaches?
- 10:30 Current Issue topic 2011: Sustainable Stormwater Management  
Will Snyder, UMass Extension: Introduction to the Current Issue  
Debbie Shriver, Mass Watershed Coalition: "Community Stormwater Solutions"  
Dominique Pahlavan, EOEEA GIS specialist: Choices for 2012 maps for teams
- 12:30 Lunch and discussion. Please bring a bag lunch!
- 1:00 Wrap-up and Questions  
Self-guided tours of the park, the river, the museum