

**NASHUA RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
2021-2022 PROPOSED SLATE OF  
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

**Directors Recommended for Election as Officers**

**President:** Lucy B. Wallace, Harvard, MA  
**Vice President:** Ralph S. Baker, Fitchburg, MA  
**Secretary:** Cheryl Serpe, Westford, MA  
**Treasurer:** Fredericka Baytos, Walpole, MA

**Executive Committee Member-at-Large**

Melissa Maranda, Fitchburg, MA

**Current Directors Recommended for Re-election**

Susan Edwards, Pepperell, MA  
Melissa Maranda, Fitchburg, MA  
Ray Martino, Hollis, NH  
John Maynard, Groton, MA  
Bob Pine, Groton, MA  
Frank Sweet, Boxborough, MA  
Rob Templeton, Townsend, MA  
Alison Tocci, Shirley, MA  
Joan Wotkowicz, Townsend, MA

**Nominees for New Directors Recommended for Election**  
(see below for short biographies)

Christopher Picone, Ashburnham, MA  
Francisco Ramos, Clinton, MA  
Sarah Widing, Shirley, MA

**Continuing Directors**

Art Feehan, Lunenburg, MA  
Ladda Kosaketh, Fitchburg, MA  
Dan Nigrosh, Boston, MA  
Thomas Ryden, Pepperell, MA  
Cheryl Serpe, Westford, MA  
Susan Slane, Nashua, NH

**Founding Director Emeritus**

Marion Stoddart, Ayer, MA

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**Short Bios of New Directors Recommended for Election  
to the  
2021-2022 Board of Directors  
of the  
Nashua River Watershed Association**

**Christopher Picone**

Chris grew up in Groton and is a current resident of Ashburnham, MA. Chris has been a professor of ecology and environmental sciences at Fitchburg State University since 2004. The forests and streams feeding the Nashua River are often part of his teaching and student projects. He serves on Ashburnham's Conservation Commission (since 2006), plus town Committees for Open Space, Rail Trail (Secretary), and Mt. Watatic Management. Chris attended the College of the Holy Cross, and he earned a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan by working in Nicaraguan rainforest. He then studied soil ecology of perennial grain agriculture at The Land Institute in Kansas before returning to his New England roots. He enjoys trail running, gardening, composting, and all forms of sustainability.

**Francisco Ramos**

A resident of Clinton, MA, Francisco is originally from Mexico. He came to the United States in 1983 and has lived here uninterruptedly since then. Mr. Ramos first arrived in Massachusetts, where he lived for six years, and then moved to Illinois, where he lived for over twenty years, and came back to Massachusetts in 2011 with his family. Francisco is the Director of Community Organizing with NewVue Communities, an agency located in Fitchburg, which serves the North Central region in the state. Francisco is a member of the Board of Directors of the CHNA9, the North Central public health coalition, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Bigelow Public library in Clinton. Francisco is married and has three children. He likes to read, explore new places and communities, and loves nature trails in Massachusetts and elsewhere.

**Sarah Widing**

Sarah is a Central Mass native and a current resident of Shirley. Sarah has a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's degree in Water Resources engineering, both from Tufts University. She has over 17 years of experience in private consulting and engineering design specializing in surface water. Her background includes floodplain modeling and mapping, stormwater management permitting and design, stream-crossing design (critter-friendly design), and dam safety. She is currently employed at Inter-Fluve, an interdisciplinary ecological restoration design firm that specializes (on the East Coast) in dam removals and cranberry bog restorations. She is currently an active member of the Town of Shirley Planning Board.