

An Invitation
to attend the Final 2018 Spring Session of the
Beacon Hill Seminar
From 3:30 to 5:30pm at 1 Walnut Street, Boston, MA



With Guest Speakers:

Robert Zimmerman



Bob Zimmerman is the long-standing Executive director of the Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA), since December 1990. Under his direction, CRWA has initiated groundbreaking ecosystem analyses and land-planning studies, helped reform land and water regulation, developed restorative technologies, and won major battles to restore and protect the Charles and its parklands. He received the International Riverprize on behalf of the Charles and CRWA in 2011. A long-time member of the Massachusetts Water Resources Commission and MassDEP Fees and Programs Advisory Committee, he also serves on the Board of River Network, and is a past Board chair of EarthShare New England and former Board member of EarthShare of America.

Bob served two terms as an elected member of the Town of Littleton Board of Health. He lectures widely and teaches on water sustainability and transforming traditional water infrastructure to restorative and sustainable systems. Concerning Boston's waterfront vulnerability, Bob co-authored an important article in *The Boston Globe* entitled, "[The best use of Widett Circle? Don't develop it at all.](#)" (January 4, 2018).

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Paul Kirshen

Paul Kirshen is a professor in the School for the Environment at UMass Boston. He has served as Climate Change Adaptation Research Leader at Battelle Memorial Institute. From 1996 to 2009, he was a research professor in the civil and environmental engineering department at Tufts University and director and co-founder of the Water: Systems, Science, and Society (WSSS) Interdisciplinary Graduate Education Program. He is also a lead author for the 2014 Fifth Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Assessment. He is currently co-lead of the U. Mass Boston "Climate Resilience Research Team along with Ellen Douglas. The team is actively engaged in climate vulnerability assessment and adaptation planning for coastal and urban regions of the northeast. In 2013 Paul and Ellen worked with others to publish "[Preparing for the Rising Tide](#)" for the Boston Harbor Association. In 2016 Paul Kirshen and Dr. Ellen Douglas received [The Norman B. Leventhal Award for the Environment](#).

