

# CEI NEWS

## Stormwater Innovation

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### CEI Receives Grant for Innovative Stormwater Work

On November 5, 2013 the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) announced a grant award to CEI under the nationwide s.319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant Program. This program is funded through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and managed by the MassDEP. CEI was one of seven grantees throughout the



Commonwealth to receive grant funds under this year's program to help improve the water quality of impaired waterbodies.

As a leader in stormwater innovation, CEI has recognized the benefit that mature trees provide in the interception of rainfall and consequent reduction of stormwater runoff. Current design practices and regulatory programs do not specifically address this stormwater benefit provided by canopy trees. Under this grant, CEI will characterize the role of canopy trees in achieving reductions in stormwater runoff, and the significance of this function in improving water quality. CEI will develop model regulatory language to foster and encourage the use of tree canopy as a Best Management Practice and compile guidelines for the use of trees for stormwater management in the urban landscape.

CEI has been a leader in stormwater management, engineering, and providing watershed and water quality services for over 25 years. For additional information on this grant project please contact Stephanie Hanson at 603.424.0564 or [shanson@ceiengineers.com](mailto:shanson@ceiengineers.com)