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Here's Your 10/21/21 ACEC/Matters

Imagine a Day Without Water

Today, 10/21/21, is [Imagine a Day Without Water 2021](#), the 7th annual day to raise awareness and educate America about the value of water.



If you can: Engage on Social Media!

Encourage your network to learn something new about water by posing the question, *Where does your drinking water come from?* Share a video or images, get outside and live stream from a local water body, and use **#ValueWater** in your posts.

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ACEC/MA A&F Forum

10/21, 11 AM - 12:30 PM on Zoom

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ACEC's new Peer Benchmarking Program with EFCG and sharing local benchmarking data gathered by DGC.

Speakers:

- **Rebecca Zofnass**, Managing Partner, EFCG Environmental Financial Consulting Group
- **Marie Ternieden**, Senior Vice President, Business Resources and Education, ACEC
- **Nick Tamvakis**, Principal in DGC's A/E Practice, co-chair of ACEC/MA A&F Forum with **Jackie Weir** Assurance Partner, BDO





State Auditor Bump To Discuss Rural Rescue Plan

10/22, 10 AM GAC on Zoom

[Contact Us for Zoom Info for GAC](#)

State Auditor Suzanne Bump will discuss her office's **Rural Rescue Plan with ACEC/MA Government Affairs Comm.** The plan would help the more than 100 mostly small communities in western Massachusetts pay to **upgrade roads, bridges, and municipal buildings.** . .

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ACEC/MA HR Forum

11/12, 3 PM on Zoom

To hire or not to hire candidates requiring visas? Not missing out on talented and diverse candidates can create the need to obtain USCIS visas. This session will help us understand the realities of hiring foreign applicants, including students. . . [More >](#)

[Zoom Info Request for ACEC/MA HR Forum](#)

ACEC/MA Information Systems (IS) Forum Materials

IS Forum on Cyber Security

[Presentation](#) by Nick DeLena, Principal, IT Risk Assurance & Advisory, DGC

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[Recording of this 10/14/21 session](#)

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OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard Advances to White House

[From ACEC Last Word Blog](#): ACEC has heard from some member firms regarding the challenges that federal COVID-19 mandates pose for the A/E industry.....[More >](#)

ACEC would appreciate knowing your concerns about implementing a vaccine mandate at your firm. Send your feedback to [Katharine Mottley](#) or [Dan Hilton](#).

Web page with guidance from federal agencies as of 10/13/21...[More >](#)



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 Council & the A/E/C
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 ACEC](#).

MassDEP Issues Solid Waste Master Plan

The Department of Environmental Protection officially set a target to cut down waste disposal in Massachusetts: 30% by 2030 and 90% by 2050 as part of its [final 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan published 10/18/21](#).

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Government Affairs

Massachusetts Legislative District Maps Adjusted

Ahead of 10/21/21 House Vote: After soliciting feedback over the past week on draft redistricting maps for the Legislature, House and Senate leaders on 10/19/21 finalized revised plans that would add a 6th majority-minority Senate district that covers Brockton and strengthen the majority-minority status of House districts in New Bedford and Framingham.

The revised maps would redraw the political boundaries for

all 200 seats in the Legislature and continue to reflect the emphasis Democratic leaders have placed this cycle on increasing opportunities for candidates of color to win.

[Revised Senate Maps](#) - takes a bit to download

[Revise House Maps](#) - takes a bit to download

As now proposed ([H 4210](#)), the House would increase the number of majority-minority districts from 20 to 33, including four incumbent-free districts in Brockton, Framingham, Chelsea and Lawrence where advocates see the opportunity to elect a person of color as soon as next year.

On the Senate side, the new plan would increase the number of majority-minority districts from three to six.

The House plans to vote on its redistricting plan on 10/21, while the Senate is expected to vote next week. Unlike the Senate, candidates for House seats face an 11/8/21 deadline to live in the district where they hope to run in 2022.

ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Comm (GAC) reviews bills impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E community.

Next GAC Meeting = 10/22 @ 10 AM on Zoom with State Auditor Suzanne Bump

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STEM Task Force + HR Forum: STEM Starter Academy

ICYMI: David Cedrone, Assoc. Commissioner, MA Department of Higher Education, + students from the [STEM Starter Academy](#), located at every Massachusetts community college, recently joined ACEC/MA's STEM Task Force and HR Forum on Zoom, to discuss partnerships with our firms through:

- Student Internships
- Career Awareness Programs with their student on campus or virtually
- Other opportunities

[STEM Starter Academy Resource Page](#), including contacts at MA Community Colleges

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