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## Charles River Watershed Association Welcomes New General Counsel

*Atty. Heather Miller brings broad experience in environmental and climate change litigation*



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WESTON, MA [September 30, 2019] — Atty. Heather Miller, an environmental lawyer with significant water policy and litigation experience, has been named as the Charles River Watershed Association's new General Counsel and Policy Director.

Miller, 34, of Norwood, joins CRWA from the advocacy group Conservation Law Foundation in Boston. Prior to that she also served as an attorney for the Southern Environmental Law Center in Charleston, S.C. and Defenders of Wildlife in Washington, D.C.

"Heather is smart, committed to environmental protection, and knows the law inside and out," said CRWA Executive Director Emily Norton. "We are thrilled to have her join our team."

As a CLF attorney, Miller was part of the team that brought the groundbreaking federal lawsuit against ExxonMobil for failing to prepare its oil terminal in Everett for climate change impacts. She also worked on the case challenging the state's approval of development that would undermine public access along the Boston waterfront.

"CRWA has a long history of exceptional work protecting the Charles," Miller said. "I hope to add to that legacy by ensuring that communities in the watershed are resilient to the impacts of climate change."

Miller is a summa cum laude graduate of Clemson University with a B.S. in political science, and earned her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. She also was a fellow in the Emerging Leaders Program at UMass Boston's Center for Collaborative Leadership, and is an elected Town Meeting member in her hometown of Norwood.

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*Charles River Watershed Association uses science, advocacy, urban design and education to promote resilient communities and a healthy river ecosystem. CRWA was formed in 1965 in response to public concern about the declining condition of the Charles River. Since its earliest days of advocacy, CRWA has figured prominently in major clean-up and watershed protection efforts that have dramatically improved the health of the Charles.*