

## **Blackstone River Coalition, Inc.**

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### **Millbury Federal Credit Union Kicks Off *In Business for the Blackstone* Program in Millbury**

A celebration took place at the Millbury Federal Credit Union (MCU), 50 Main Street, Millbury, when the Blackstone River Coalition (BRC) formerly congratulated them for participating in the ***In Business for the Blackstone*** program and taking action to reduce the impact of the facility's stormwater runoff. Dona Neely, BRC program coordinator, presented MCU staff with an award certificate and window decal to acknowledge their accomplishments. Joseph F. Barbato, Jr., President and CEO of MCU, expressed their honor to be the first business in Millbury to receive such recognition.

The January 12<sup>th</sup> ceremony was well attended, with senior managers of MCU, members of the BRC, a representative of the Millbury Improvement Initiative, and an advisor and members of the Millbury Junior Senior High School's Environmental Council Group present. Each of these organizations will play an active role in encouraging other businesses in the community to participate in this voluntary leadership program that addresses a significant source of water pollution.

Mr. Barbato explained that the credit union was pleased to participate in the ***In Business*** program because "once we get the Blackstone River clean, it is important that we all do our part to keep it that way." Wayne Cormier, Facilities Coordinator took the responsibility for ensuring that those involved with the credit union's property maintenance were aware of the importance of properly addressing spills in the parking lot and taking action to minimize the risk of oil, trash, and other pollutants in the rain or snowmelt that runs off the property and into catch basins that discharge into the Blackstone River. Both Mr. Barbato and Mr. Cormier commented that the program emphasized the importance and value of efforts that were already in place to keep the property well maintained.

Established in 1934 by 20 depositors with just \$5 each, MCU has grown to more than \$235 Million in Assets with branch locations in Millbury, Auburn and Worcester. MCU and its Commercial Services Company, MCUCS, provide a wide variety of financial services to Central Massachusetts with a concentration in the Blackstone Valley.

BRC's ***In Business for the Blackstone*** educates small and mid-size companies in the watershed on the detriments of polluted stormwater runoff and encourages the adoption of good housekeeping practices that can be easily implemented into daily operational routines with little or no related implementation cost, and can benefit the company's bottom line. The program provides outreach materials, technical assistance, and public recognition to those interested in being better stewards to help make the Blackstone River clean by 2015. For more information, contact Dona Neely, **In Business** Coordinator, 508-878-1728, [donaneely@zaptheblackstone.org](mailto:donaneely@zaptheblackstone.org).