

Christian Simonelli Appointed as new Boston Groundwater Trust Executive Director

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The Board of Directors of The Boston Groundwater Trust is pleased to announce that Christian Simonelli has been named Executive Director. The Boston Groundwater Trust was established by the Boston City Council to monitor groundwater levels in sections of the City where building foundations supported on wood pilings are threatened by reduced groundwater levels and to make recommendations to solve the problem. Mr. Simonelli will lead the organization in its efforts to ensure that groundwater levels in sections of the City where building foundations are supported on wood pilings are maintained at safe levels.

Simonelli replaces Elliott Laffer who was hired in 2004 and served as the Trust's first Executive Director. Mr. Laffer is retiring in March and will serve as Chief Strategy Officer until that time.

First hired by the Trust in 1999 as a Field Engineer, Simonelli is a graduate of Wentworth Institute of Technology with a degree in Environmental Engineering. He has supervised the installation and performed groundwater level readings for every well located in the Trust's current 825 well network. "I am delighted to continue the efforts of the Trust," said Simonelli. "The role of the Trust in helping preserve the City's historic wood piling supported buildings is very important to the future of this wonderful City."

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