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PUBLIC NOTICE

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This office has under consideration the application of:

RI Department of Environmental Management
In cooperation with the
RI Department of Transportation
c/o Lisa Primiano
RIDEM/Division of Planning and Development
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908

for a State of Rhode Island Assent to construct and maintain:

Construct segment 1A of the Blackstone River Bikeway. The Blackstone River Bikeway is a continuous eighteen mile public bike path which, upon completion, will run from India Point Park in Providence generally north and west passing through the communities of Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, Cumberland, Lincoln, Woonsocket and North Smithfield.

The southern end of Segment 1A of the Bikeway is proposed on Gano Street just north of the I-195 westbound exit ramp. The bikeway will first head east toward the Seekonk River on land within the State Highway Layout for I-195. The Bikeway will then be carried north on a proposed fill in tidal waters for a distance of approximately 200 feet within the layout of Beach Street, a platted road that was never constructed. Use of this street layout allows the project to avoid taking a developed property on Providence Tax Assessor's Map 17, lot 416. The alignment continues north along the City layout of Beach Street and East Transit Street, across a boat ramp, then into City of Providence properties developed as basketball courts, a dog park, Gano Park, and baseball fields. The Bikeway then crosses state land within the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad layout (later acquired by other railroads before eventually being abandoned). The Bikeway will then be constructed within right-of-way acquired from Providence Tax Assessor's Plat 15, lot 487 (Riverview Retail including East Side Market Place), Butler Avenue, Providence Tax Assessor's Plat 15 Lot 35 (Epoch Assisted Living), and Providence Tax Assessor's Plat 15 Lot 480 (Salvation Army Compound). The Bikeway will then gain the shoulder of Pitman Street and Travel east then north within the road layout to the rotary with Waterman and East River Street. Segment 1A then terminated on East River Street where it joins Segment 1B which continues on road through Blackstone Park. (Refer to Figure1). Collectively, the aforementioned Project alignment is referred to herein as the Site.

The project will require the filling of tidal waters for a 75' long section of the bikeway resulting in approximately 2,500 s.f. of fill in the Seekonk River. The project requires a variance to the stormwater treatment standards specified by RICRMP Section 300.6.E.2 (compliance with the 2010 RI Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual).

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| Project Location: | Seekonk River Shoreline and vicinity |
| City/Town: | Providence |
| Waterway: | Seekonk River |

Plans of the proposed work may be seen at the CRMC office in Wakefield.

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws) you may request a hearing on this matter.

You are advised that if you have good reason to enter protests against the proposed work it is your privilege to do so. It is expected that objectors will review the application and plans thoroughly, visit site of proposed work if necessary, to familiarize themselves with the conditions and cite what law or laws, if any, would in their opinion be violated by the work proposed.

If you desire to protest, you must attend the scheduled hearing and give sworn testimony. A notice of the time and place of such hearing will be furnished you as soon as possible after receipt of your request for hearing. If you desire to request a hearing, to receive consideration, it should be in writing (**with your correct mailing address, e-mail address and valid contact number**) and be received at this office on or before February 7, 2015.

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Project Location Map
Segment 1A
Blackstone River Bikeway
Providence, Rhode Island

Figure 1

