



A message from the CRMC

To our fellow coastal stewards, partners, and friends:

The Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council knows the last few weeks have been difficult, and the weeks to come will likely be, too, as we all deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The staff at the CRMC are making an effort to maintain normal business functions and services, while many of us perform these duties from home to practice social distancing and in an effort to keep the public we service as safe as possible.

Part of keeping things as normal as possible is continuing to bring you the latest CRMC news and announcements. We sincerely hope that even in this time of crisis, you still care about Rhode Island's coast, as we do. Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we all adjust to Rhode Island coastal management in these uncertain and strange times.

- Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director and Jennifer Cervenka, CRMC Chair

Please check the CRMC home page often for updates on how we are continuing to meet the needs of all Rhode Islanders- project partners, applicants, consultants, and colleagues - in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Photos above (first two) show Goosewing Beach in Little Compton, before and after Phragmites remediation as part of ongoing salt marsh restoration. The third photo is Rose Larisa Park in East Providence, the site of future nature-based infrastructure.

CRMC funds 7 habitat restoration projects in RI

The CRMC recently awarded funding for seven habitat restoration projects in the 17th year of its RI Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration Trust Fund (CEHRTF).

The Council approved the funding at the March 10 semi-monthly meeting in Providence. A number of the projects have a resiliency focus this year, including a shoreline restoration project, a salt marsh restoration project and a dune restoration project, a shoreline adaptation project, and a riverine edge restoration. Two other projects involve fish passage or riverine habitat improvements. As with the previous years, in its request for proposals the CRMC put special emphasis on projects that would enhance the resiliency of Rhode Island's coastal habitats to climate change and sea level rise.

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NOAA applauds CRMC in 312 review

The CRMC received an overwhelmingly positive review from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in its recently released evaluation of Rhode Island's coastal program.

"This evaluation concludes that the State of Rhode Island is successfully implementing and enforcing its federally approved coastal management program, adhering to the terms of the federal financial assistance awards, and addressing coastal management needs..." the report released by NOAA's Office for Coastal Management states.

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Waterplace Park dredging project video

[This video, courtesy of contractor J.F. Brennan, Inc., shows great views of our recently completed project, including stunning before and after shots!](#)

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