The Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) and the City of East Providence will test the effectiveness of “living shoreline” erosion controls at Rose Larisa Park. Construction is scheduled to begin on April 27, 2020. The steep coastal bluffs at the site of the former Crescent Park and the adjacent shoreline made 30 to 30 feet above the narrow beach. Erosion has carved out the lower third of the bluff in several areas. Fallen trees, whose root systems have been undermined, are common features at the base of the bluff. Previous efforts to reduce erosion through traditional practices, such as the placement of ripraps and sandbags, have failed.

At the northern end of Rose Larisa Park, the banks will be cut away to reduce the slope. Stone will be placed at the base of the bluff and logs made of coconut fiber will be installed farther up the slope. The bluff will be planted with native vegetation. Near the southern boundary of the park, small intertidal sills will be constructed from three low stone structures. They will be designed to be floating oyster bags in Point Judith Pond, and an aerial view of the former Crescent Park and the eastern boundary of East Providence will test the effectiveness of “living shoreline” erosion controls at Rose Larisa Park. Construction is scheduled to begin on April 27, 2020. The steep coastal bluffs at the site of the former Crescent Park and the adjacent shorelines of East Providence will test the effectiveness of “living shoreline” erosion controls at Rose Larisa Park. Construction is scheduled to begin on April 27, 2020.

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2019 RI Aquaculture Report shows steady growth in industry The aquaculture industry in Rhode Island experienced upward growth in 2019, according to the RI Coastal Resources Management Council’s annual status report, “Aquaculture in Rhode Island.” In 2019, the farm gate value (the value for the product paid to the farmer) of the state’s aquaculture products experienced a small decrease, from $6.8 million in 2018 to $6.74 million in 2019, likely due to the 2018/2019 winter conditions, which resulted in high mortality for a number of farms. An oyster disease also affected four of the state’s farms. The number of farms increased from 76 to 81, and acres farmed grew by 19.78 acres to a total of 339.08 acres farmed. Oysters remain the aquaculture product of choice in the state, with more than $3.3 million sold for consumption, a slight decrease from last year.

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