



CRMC, City of East Providence & partners open new public fishing pier

The RI CRMC, along with Churchill and Banks, the City of East Providence, and the RI Department of Environmental Management have opened a new fishing pier at Kettle Point in East Providence, along the bike path and an area of revitalization of what was previously an industrial waterfront.

The view from the water has changed drastically in the 10 years since developer Churchill and Banks President and CEO Richard Baccari II walked the site; what was occupied by 25 petroleum tanks and acres of contaminated soil is now home to condominiums, apartments, and a new University Orthopedics medical facility.



CRMC's Executive Director Jeff Willis (far left), DEM Director Janet Coit, City of EP, Baccari (cutting the ribbon) and other officials celebrate the official opening of the public fishing pier on May 27.

"The CRMC has tried to elevate public access throughout the state, and in the urban environment that can be a difficult issue to approach. Fifteen years ago we created the Urban Coastal Greenway program, which allows developers to look at public access opportunities that can be melded with the development, but also get people to the shore, and along the shore. I want to say how wonderful it was to work with all of the partners that embraced the concept of what public access is for this project." - Jeffrey Willis, CRMC executive director



A view of the fishing pier, facing landward at Kettle Point

Project partners, also including DiPrete Engineering, and the East Providence Waterfront Commission, gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony on the pier on May 27, where Baccari donated the 2.9 acres and 60-foot fishing pier back to the City of East Providence. The city will maintain the pier in perpetuity for the public's use.

For the CRMC, the revitalization project's highlight was the new public fishing pier, which is also now designated as a CRMC Urban Coastal Greenway under the Metro Bay Special Area Management Plan. CRMC staff worked with the project partners for a number of years to bring the pier to fruition.



Sign at the entrance of the new fishing pier at Kettle Point in East Providence (photo courtesy of City of East Providence)

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CRMC, RISG announce educational public access webinar series



The R.I. CRMC and Rhode Island Sea Grant (RISG) will be hosting a series of webinars this summer aimed at informing the public on issues related to shoreline public access in Rhode Island.

The series of three webinars will begin June 1, 2021 with ["Shoreline Access 101: What You Need to Know,"](#) featuring CRMC Executive Director Jeffrey Willis, who will explain the agency's role in identifying and designating CRMC Rights-of-Way to the shore, best uses of shoreline access points, and current efforts by CRMC to improve shoreline access in the state.

Summer webinars will be followed by additional educational opportunities organized by the CRMC and Sea Grant as part of a larger effort to improve shoreline public access, awareness, and education through opportunities like the webinars, and in the future, improved signage and infrastructure, branding and messaging. The CRMC is also working to designate more rights-of-ways in locations throughout Rhode Island, including underserved and urban communities.

Check the CRMC web site for additional information and resources pertaining to shoreline public access - www.crmc.ri.gov/publicaccess.html, as well as www.shoreline-ri.com. To register for this webinar (RSVPs are required to reserve a space), go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/156000207821>. Those who register will be permitted to ask questions in advance of the webinar, and there will also be time at the end of the session for questions and answers.

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CRMC issues 2019-20 annual ROW report

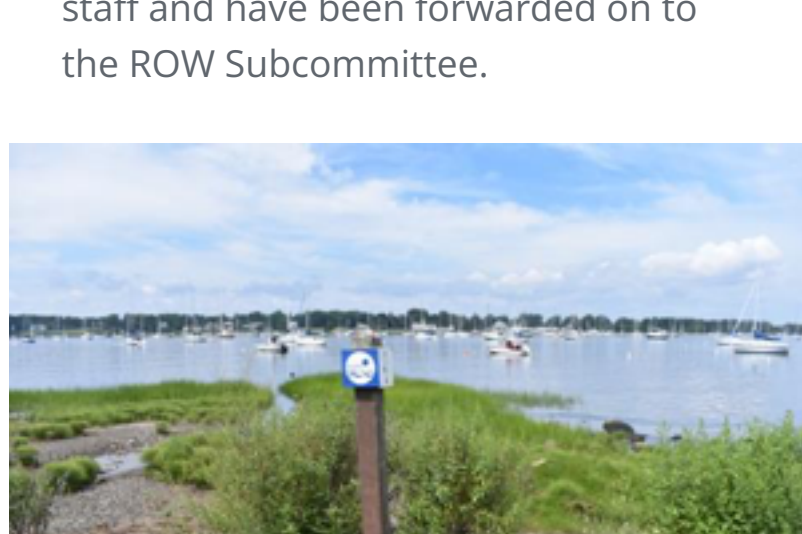
The Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) has released its 2019-2020 annual report on rights-of-way in the state, "Designation of Public Rights-of-Way to The Tidal Areas of The State."

From July 2019 through June 2020, the CRMC continued its ongoing efforts to discover and designate public rights-of-way to the tidal areas of Rhode Island, under its legislative mandate (RIGL 46-23-17). Beginning in 1978, this mandate tasked the Council with identifying and designating all public rights-of-way to the shore. To meet this charge, the CRMC created a Rights-of-Way Subcommittee. The report details actions of the subcommittee, as well as legal proceedings stemming from these activities and subsequent actions of the Council.

The CRMC, through its rights-of-way regulatory process, has recommended a number of locations for future designation as CRMC rights-of-way, and are in different stages of the rights-of-way designation process.

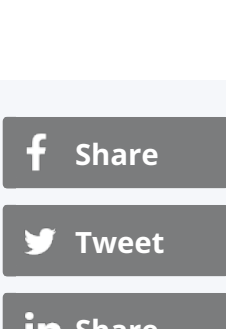
Wilson Park, Allen Harbor, and Town Wharf in North Kingstown were proposed, and the Rights-of-Way Subcommittee held three meetings during the report period to discuss these areas. The Subcommittee is preparing its recommendation to the full Council.

Two potential ROWs in the Town of Portsmouth, Cory's Lane and East Power Street, were submitted by the town to CRMC for potential designation; these were reviewed by staff and have been forwarded on to the ROW Subcommittee.



A view of the East Bay bike path and CRMC shoreline public access in Bristol

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