



Photos from top to bottom: show the three recently-designated North Kingstown CRMC ROWs: Wilson Park, Town Wharf complex, and Allen Harbor Complex, and Public Street in Providence (Photos: RI Sea Grant)

## CRMC designates three new North Kingstown ROWs

The R.I. Coastal Resources Management Council recently designated four new public rights-of-ways – three in North Kingstown and one in Providence.

At its February 23 meeting, the CRMC Council adopted the Allen Harbor Complex, Town Wharf, and Wilson Park ROWs, all in North Kingstown. A new CRMC ROW at Public Street in Providence was adopted by the Council at its July 27 meeting. With the designation as a CRMC right-of-way, these spots will be offered an additional layer of protection so that they are preserved and protected as shoreline public access spots for the public to use in perpetuity. Typically once adopted, the ROWs continue to be maintained by the municipality, unless they are adopted through the CRMC's Adopt-an-Access Program. In that case, the adopting entity takes on the responsibility for upkeep.

“Congratulations to the City of Providence and Town of North Kingstown on their new CRMC rights-of-way,” said CRMC Executive Director Jeff Willis. “Rhode Islanders all over the state have a right to the shore, and these new shoreline public access points will help them exercise that right.”

[Read more here](#)

## Upcoming webinar: The Role of Towns & CRMC's Adopt-an-Access Program

Join the Rhode Island CRMC and Rhode Island Sea Grant for the third in a series of free webinars this summer on issues related to shoreline public access in Rhode Island.

**What:** Shoreline Rights-of-Way: The Role of Towns & CRMC's Adopt-an-Access Program

**When:** September 16, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Zoom

Once registered, you will be able to submit your questions about shoreline access equity in advance. There will also be a Q&A at the end of the webinar.

Hosted by the CRMC and Rhode Island Sea Grant, this webinar will highlight the critical role of municipalities and community-based organizations in establishing, maintaining, and protecting shoreline public access along the Rhode Island coast. Hear from **Andrew Nota**, town manager for the East Greenwich, and **Barbara Ray**, public access representative for the North Kingstown Harbor Commission, regarding coastal access issues in municipalities, as well as the work they are conducting to facilitate shoreline public access. **Rich Hittinger** of the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA) will conclude the presentations by introducing RISAA's role in ensuring coastal access across the state, specifically through their participation in CRMC's Adopt-an-Access program.

For more information on public shoreline access, including recordings and additional resources from the previous webinars, visit [www.crmc.ri.gov/publicaccess.html](http://www.crmc.ri.gov/publicaccess.html).



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