



First annual RI ROW Cleanup Day a success

The Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC), along with its partners Rhode Island Sea Grant (RISG), Save The Bay, and Clean Ocean Access, held the first annual Rhode Island Rights-of-Way Cleanup Day at a number of CRMC rights-of-way and shoreline public access locations all over the state on October 2, 2021.

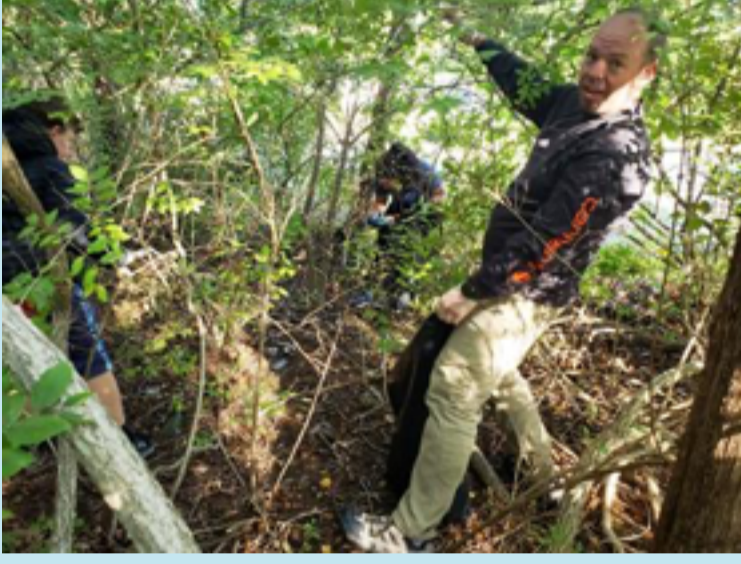
CRMC, Save The Bay, and Clean Ocean Access had staff present at a number of CRMC rights-of-way, as well as other access points around the state. Staff from the CRMC and Rhode Island Sea Grant led the cleanup at the recently-designated Wilson Park CRMC ROW in North Kingstown, and CRMC and Save The Bay staff were also at Public Street CRMC ROW in Providence. Save The Bay spearheaded a cleanup at Atlantic Beach in Westerly, Passeonkquis Cove in Warwick, and the Mount Hope boat ramp in Bristol.



Volunteers clean up the CRMC's newly designated ROW at Public Street in Providence (Photo: Save The Bay)

Clean Ocean Access reported that there were 35 volunteers at the Gull Cove cleanup, including people from the Naval College and Brown University Medical School. A group of about 30 Salve Regina University students volunteered at Marine Avenue in Newport.

In addition to the cleanup, to recognize the official unveiling of the Public Street Right-of-Way and to recognize those integral in its designation, the CRMC, Save The Bay, and the City of Providence held a short ceremony to unveil the ROW signage and thank those partners in the process.



Bill Murphy of North Kingstown helps clean up near the boat ramp at Wilson Park in North Kingstown (Photo: RI Sea Grant)

Save The Bay's cleanups were also part of their annual International Coastal Cleanup. Twenty volunteers helped pick up 85 pounds of trash, including boat parts, chunks of metal, and a small motor, at the Wilson Park CRMC Right-of-Way and boat ramp area in North Kingstown. At Public Street in Providence, 25 volunteers helped clean up 161 pounds of trash, according to Save The Bay.



From L to R: CRMC Executive Director Jeff Willis, Save The Bay's Jed Thorp, Dave Everett of the City of Providence, Greg Schultz of the RI AG's Office, and a Save The Bay volunteer at Public Street ROW in Providence (Photo: Save The Bay)

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Three marina facilities designated under RI Clean Marina Program



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Three Rhode Island marinas and boat yards were designated as Clean Marinas under Rhode Island's Clean Marina Program, adopted by the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) in 2007, and revamped and streamlined through a public-private partnership in 2020.

The ceremony took place at the Newport Boat Show on Saturday, Sept. 18, where Watch Hill Boat Yard, Newport Yacht Club, and SafeHarbor Wickford Cove were recognized with certificates and pennant flags they can display at their facilities.

This effort was one between the CRMC, Rhode Island Marine Trades Association (RIMTA), Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM), industry representatives, the University of Rhode Island Coastal Resources Center (CRC), and Rhode Island Sea Grant. The voluntary program was designed to protect the state's coastal waters and benefit the marina industry.



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