

## CRMC in the News

### The Ocean SAMP: Five Years Later

Five years after the adoption of the nation's first ocean spatial planning effort – the Rhode Island Ocean Special Area Management Plan – there is much to celebrate, and still more work to be done.

The CRMC, along with the University of Rhode Island Coastal Resources Center and R.I. Sea Grant, hosted a celebratory stakeholder meeting on March 29, inviting all of those who took part in the SAMP's development and stakeholder process, as well as interested members of the public, to return for research updates and to learn what the future holds.

"There were skeptics," said Ken Payne, moderator for the SAMP. "Everyone was a true stakeholder. Things are happening in Rhode Island because we had that process. The planning effort that was mounted – ocean spatial planning – has produced results that collectively, Rhode Island can be proud of."

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#### Upcoming Events

- **Coastal Erosion Control Workshop**, 4/21/16, 8:30-3 p.m., Crowne Plaza, Warwick
- **Free talk on Sea Level Rise**, 4/28/16, 7-8:15 p.m., The Towers, Narragansett
- **Beach SAMP Stakeholder mtg.**, 5/3/16, 6-8 p.m., Corless Auditorium, URI GSO

### NOAA grant will allow RI to improve storm protection

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office for Coastal Management announced it will award \$890,000 to the Northeast Regional Association of Coastal and Ocean Observing Systems (NERACOOS) and its partners to improve coastal storm prediction and protection in the region.

Beginning in the summer of 2016, this two-year project will better prepare New England communities for coastal storms and their impacts. Coastal managers from each state – the CRMC in Rhode Island – will also implement protective green infrastructure in these susceptible coastal cities and towns, with that project management to be overseen by the Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC).

In Rhode Island, the CRMC, along with the University of Rhode Island, will utilize its award – approximately \$110,000 – to build coastal resilience in the region, through a broad regional partnership. The resulting project will address important issues and accomplish two major goals: a better understanding of the locations and magnitudes of coastal storm impacts; and an increased awareness and implementation of sustainable, nature-based green infrastructure management approaches (living shorelines).

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### CRMC awards students for science fair projects

The CRMC has awarded gift cards to six Rhode Island junior, middle and high school students for their winning projects in the 2016 Rhode Island Science and Engineering Fair.

This year's science and engineering fair took place on April 3 at the Community College of Rhode Island's Knight Campus in Warwick, and showcased engineering, science and environmental projects from 34 schools and more than 270 students from grades 6 through 12. The CRMC awarded VISA gift cards for projects ranging from manmade aquifers for filtering runoff, and biospheres for growing edible crops, to turbine blade shape and carbon dioxide sequestration in ferric oxide.

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### Erosion control workshop in April

E.J. Prescott, a Maine-based water, wastewater, and stormwater solutions provider, is offering its Know How 9 Rhode Island Coastal Erosion Control Workshop on April 21, from 8:30 to 3 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick. The workshop offers 5 professional development hours and will feature talks from CRMC on topics including sea level rise, climate change, STORMTOOLS, and the CRMC's Experimental Erosion Control Program.

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