

## CRMC in the News

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### New public access app features CRMC rights-of-way

There's a new app that makes it easy to find the CRMC's designated rights-of-way. Rhode Island Sea Grant recently launched the web-based app that makes getting to Rhode Island's public access points even easier than before. [Discovering the Rhode Island Shore](#) is designed to help both residents and visitors find their way to pathways, boat ramps, scenic vistas, parks, beaches, wildlife refuges, and fishing sites along Rhode Island's 400 miles of coastline. The app is a digital update of Public Access to the Rhode Island Coast, published in 2004 by RISG with the cooperation of the CRMC. (That original guide can be found [here](#).)

In addition to providing the most up-to-date information on more than 300 public access points all over the state, the app is much more flexible than a publication in its utilization as a resource. Users can search for access based on town or type of activity, or can view all of the sites, listed in order of the nearest location.

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*Above is the logo for the new public access web-based app, Discovering the Rhode Island Shore., which provides information, directions and more to more than 300 RI public access points, including many of the CRMC's ROWs.*

### CRMC welcomes new legal counsel

After decades of serving as the CRMC legal counsel, attorney Brian A. Goldman, and his family's law firm Goldman & Biafore before him, will be passing the torch. The CRMC has hired attorney Anthony DeSisto, who has his own practice in general law in East Providence.

Since the CRMC was established in 1971, the Goldman family has served as legal counsel; first Alan J. Goldman, Brian Goldman's father, his sister Jeanne L. Shepard starting in 1986 (who shared counsel duties with her father and Brian from 1988 until 1992), and Brian Goldman exclusively from 1992 until August, when he was appointed to serve as a Rhode Island District Court judge.

DeSisto, of Anthony DeSisto Law Associates, LLC, has operated his own practice in zoning, planning and land use; municipal; real estate; and legislative lobbying law since 1995.

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### CRMC's Fugate speaks at White House

CRMC Executive Director Grover Fugate this week traveled to Washington, D.C., to speak to officials regarding the Shoreline Change (Beach) Special Area Management Plan.

Fugate spoke to members of President Obama's Office of Management and Budget, his Economic Analysis Unit, and the Council on Environmental Quality when he visited the White House on September 15.

The cabinet members, on behalf of the President, are interested in the Beach SAMP process, the tools that have come from the plan thus far, including STORMTOOLS, SLAMM, and CERL.

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### CRMC funds eelgrass mapping effort

The CRMC this summer provided funding to acquire aerial photographs of the southern coastal ponds and Narragansett Bay, which will allow for a multitude of uses including the mapping of submerged aquatic vegetation, or SAV.

The Council partnered with URI's Environmental Data Center (EDC) and U.S. Geologic Survey (USGS) for the overflights, which were completed by contractor in June. The EDC will be working with the resulting images to create new SAV maps.

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### Upcoming Events Spotlight: Coastweeks 2016

- ◆ **Erosion walk**—9/23, 9:30-12 p.m., [Misquamicut State Beach, 257 Atlantic Avenue, Westerly](#). Take a tour with CRMC's Janet Freedman and learn how the shoreline has changed.
- ◆ **Invasive species monitoring**—9/30, 9:30-11:30 a.m., [Point Judith Marina, 360 Gooseberry Rd, Wakefield](#). Join CRMC's Kevin Cute and conduct invasive species monitoring.

For full listings and information, go to [www.crmc.ri.gov](http://www.crmc.ri.gov), or [Rhode Island Sea Grant](#).