

## CRMC, ProvPort, Save The Bay open new Urban Coastal Greenway

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The CRMC, along with ProvPort, the City of Providence and Save The Bay, have opened more green space and public access along the waterfront in the city with the creation of an Urban Coastal Greenway (UCG) at an old landfill situated between ProvPort and Save The Bay headquarters.

On Thursday, September 7 at 10:30 a.m. Providence Mayor Jorge O. Elorza and representatives of Save The Bay and ProvPort joined the CRMC at an official opening of the public pathway on the waterfront. ProvPort, with the guidance of the CRMC, transformed the former landfill beginning in 2015, after the City of Providence's Providence Redevelopment Agency leased the parcel to the non-profit ProvPort corporation. Along with CRMC and Save The Bay, as well as Waterson Terminal Services, ProvPort redeveloped the waterfront portion of parcel 288 as an Urban Coastal Greenway. Though not a continuous path, this new UCG is an addition to the Johnson & Wales University UCG, as well as the public access in front of the Save The Bay headquarters. All three public access paths combined provide more than 3,000 feet of waterfront walking paths at Fields Point.

Prior to the work done on the site by ProvPort, the former landfill site was forested and the shoreline was well hidden from anyone not familiar with the fishing spot. The greenway includes a small cove and stone steps for fishing access, as well as a walkway with areas for sitting. [Learn more](#)



*The site of the newest Urban Coastal Greenway (UCG) lies between ProvPort and Save The Bay in Providence.*

## Annual Coastweeks Celebration offers outdoor fun

In celebration of the coast, the CRMC and Rhode Island Sea Grant (RISG) invite the general public and other interested environmentalists-in-training to take part in more than four weeks of fun and hands-on environmental education and stewardship during the 36th annual Coastweeks Celebration.



Coastweeks 2017: A Celebration of the Coast, runs from mid-September through mid-October, is sponsored by CRMC and RISG, as well as the University of Rhode Island Coastal Resources Center, and is dedicated to fostering awareness, understanding and improved management of the coast. This year's celebration features some hands-on aquatic invasive species monitoring training from CRMC's Kevin Cute, a marine resources specialist; a walking (and boating) tour of Ninigret Pond salt marsh the site of a recently-completed, CRMC-managed habitat restoration and elevation enhancement project, with CRMC's Caitlin Chaffee, coastal policy analyst; a walking tour of some examples of coastal resilience put into action with CRMC's Coastal Geologist Janet Freedman and CRC and RISG's Pam Rubinoff; and an educational evening learning about the marine trash skimmers in Newport Harbor, with Clean Ocean Access.

All of the events require pre-registration, and some have limited spots available. [Learn More](#)

## PREP-RI: Climate Resiliency training free and open to public

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