

CRMC, City of Providence add UCG to Riverwalk



The Riverwalk and Urban Coastal Greenway (UCG)

The Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) and the City of Providence and its partners recently opened the final section of the Providence Riverwalk, which includes an Urban Coastal Greenway through the CRMC's program and created a scenic shoreline path from the 195 District Park to Point Street.

In August, the City, along with the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission, Wexford Science & Technology, Rhode Island Energy, and BETA Group, Inc. held a ribbon cutting ceremony. The UCG was part of a four phase redevelopment project which included the South Street

Landing parking garage and educational facility, Rhode Island Energy facility, and River House Residential apartment complex, all of which was permitted by the CRMC with the UCG. The greenway connects to the seven-acre park, and the greenway includes benches, native plantings, and a dock on the river to enhance shoreline access.

When the Urban Coastal Greenways Policy was adopted by the R.I. Coastal Resources Management Council in fall of 2006 as part of the Metro Bay Special Area Management Plan (SAMP), the response from businesses and developers in the region was overwhelmingly positive.

In May 2007, the CRMC and American Locomotive Works developer Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse, unveiled a newly designed sign and logo for the UCG, and touted the 2000 linear feet of urban public access along the Woonasquatucket River approved by the CRMC as part of the project. At the time, the UCG policy had approved a total of about 6100 linear feet of new shoreline access in the SAMP area, which includes the cities of Cranston, East Providence, Providence, and Pawtucket.

"The CRMC has worked tirelessly to elevate shoreline public access throughout the state, and in the urban environment, that can be a difficult issue to approach," said CRMC Council Chair Raymond Coia. "Seventeen years ago we adopted the Urban Coastal Greenway program, which allows developers to look at public access opportunities that can be melded with the development but also get people to the shore, and along the shore. We now have miles of shoreline access across the Metro Bay region."

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Another view of the Riverwalk

Webinar: Aquaculture in RI's Shared Waters

Monday, October 16th, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Management of Rhode Island waters as a shared resource requires a balanced, science-based approach with input from many different invested groups and individuals. Aquaculture is one important activity in these shared waters and involves a thorough statewide planning process.

Join Coastal Resources Center/Rhode Island Sea Grant's fisheries and aquaculture specialist Rob Hudson to learn about the history and economics of aquaculture, how shared water resources are managed, and how to get involved.

This event is intended to educate bay users across Rhode Island about aquaculture. For more information, contact Azure Cygler at acygler@uri.edu.

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