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Re: Projects Recommended for Funding Under the RI Coastal and Estuarine Habitat  
Restoration Trust Fund

The RI Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration Team's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) convened on Friday, May 3, 2024 to rank the seven full proposals submitted to CRMC for consideration of funding under the state's Coastal and Estuary Habitat Restoration Trust Fund.

Of the proposals reviewed for the 2023-2024 funding cycle, six are recommended for funding.

The projects recommended for full funding are:

1. Adaptive Management and Maintenance of Little Mussachuck Creek Salt Marsh Restoration Project (\$18,750)
2. Removal of the Rodman Mill Dam, and Associated Site Improvements to Enhance Climate Resiliency on the Annaquatucket River in North Kingstown, Rhode Island (\$49,798)
3. Data Collection and Analysis to Support Fish Passage at the Pontiac Dam on the Pawtuxet River (\$50,000)
4. Breakheart Pond Dam Removal Feasibility Study (\$38,000)
5. Woonasquatucket River Streambank Stabilization – San Souci Drive (\$50,000)
6. Underwater Video Collection in Support of Eelgrass Restoration (\$18,452)

The project not recommended for funding at this time are:

1. Black Point Shoreline Access Improvements

All proposals are evaluated and ranked using standard criteria and an evaluation form developed by the TAC, available on the CRMC website at <http://www.crmc.ri.gov/habitatrestoration.html>.

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In this agenda package, you will find:

- A summary showing all proposals, matching fund amounts, and the funding amount recommended by the TAC.
- A map showing the geographic distribution of Habitat Trust Fund funded projects
- Narrative text of all proposals submitted to CRMC for consideration for fiscal year 2024