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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 Tuesday, March 18, 2025 to review and rank the five (5) 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 2024-2025 funding cycle, all five (5) are recommended for funding.

The projects recommended for funding are:

1. Woonasquatucket River Streambank Stabilization – San Souci Drive (\$50,000)
2. Restoring a Coastal Buffer and Marsh Migration Corridor along Winnapaug Pond (\$5,000)
3. Succotash and Potter Pond Marsh Restoration (\$65,000)
4. Restoring Coastal Habitats and Improving Resilience on Winnapaug Pond (\$83,924)
5. Salt Marsh Habitat Improvement and Phragmites Suppression in a Protected Marsh (\$21,076)

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>.

**Participating Technical Advisory Committee Members:**

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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 2025