

# Do you care about the environmental, economic and public assets of Greenwich Bay ?

## *Join the Citizens Advisory Committee for Greenwich Bay!*

**G**reenwich Bay is a highly productive estuary. For centuries it has provided people with food, shelter, transportation, trade, and recreational opportunities. In more recent years, land uses in bordering Warwick and East Greenwich have led to a serious decline in the Bay's water quality. This has, in turn, impacted fisheries, habitat quality, recreational uses, and marine-dependent businesses.

In responding to requests from area residents, The Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) along with Warwick and East Greenwich municipalities have begun drafting a Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) for Greenwich Bay. After a public review process, the SAMP will be incorporated into state and local law.

Citizen input is vital to creating an effective plan. Voluntary measures for homeowners, businesses and citizens will be recommended. As part of the SAMP process, a Citizens Advisory Committee is being established to offer citizens a 'seat at the table' in shaping policy options for the revitalization of the Bay.

*The SAMP will set goals for integrated management of the Bay and recommend steps to help restore, protect and balance uses of the Bay.*

## How to Get Involved:

The CRMC invites community organizations to serve on the Greenwich Bay Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and help shape the policies and recommendations of the Plan. Organizations wishing to participate on the CAC should send a letter of interest in membership to the CRMC, Attention: Megan Higgins. The letter should briefly state:

- 1) the reason(s) why the organization is requesting representation on the CAC and describe the experience or expertise that the organization will contribute to the CAC;
- 2) the groups or organizations with whom the applicant communicates Greenwich Bay issues, and the method(s) and frequency of communication;
- 3) include the full mailing address, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail addresses, if applicable.

### **CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays  
Warwick Sewer Authority  
300 Service Road, Warwick, RI

#### **October 8**

Formation of CAC & Visioning

#### **October 22**

Water Quality & Developing a shared vision

#### **November 5**

Water Quality

#### **November 19**

Communications

#### **December 3**

Habitat Protection & Hazard Mitigation

#### **December 17**

Cultural Assets & Public Access

#### **January 7**

Hazard Mitigation

#### **January 21**

Economic Investments

#### **February 4**

Recreational Use

#### **February 18**

Integrating Goals, Policies and Monitoring

*Organizations are encouraged to become members. We are looking for a diversity of groups from Warwick and East Greenwich. These meetings are open to the public.*

For more information on the CAC:

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