



CITY OF NEWPORT
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Stephen C. Waluk

Mayor

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Michael Tikoian, Chairman
Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council
Oliver Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road
Wakefield, RI 02879

Dear Chairman Tikoian:

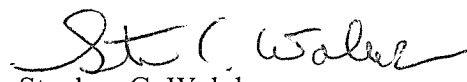
The City of Newport requests the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) develop an Aquidneck Island Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) using the West Side Master Plan area as a boundary. We also request that the West Side Master Plan be included as an element of the Aquidneck Island SAMP.

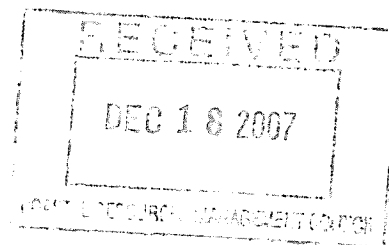
During the past ten years, hundreds of Aquidneck Islanders and Rhode Islanders have engaged in a community-based effort to develop the West Side Master Plan. This Plan has been developed using smart growth principles and has served as an effective tool to achieve our Island vision. The effort has been guided by the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission's West Side Master Plan Task Force (Task Force). Members of the Task Force include the three island municipalities of Middletown, Newport and Portsmouth, Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, Rhode Island Statewide Planning, Rhode Island Department of Transportation, CRMC, Naval Station Newport, Newport County Chamber of Commerce, and University of Rhode Island Coastal Resources Center/Rhode Island Sea Grant.

We understand that an Aquidneck Island SAMP will support the implementation of the West Side Master Plan as well as other federal, state, and local plans and regulations.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,


Stephen C. Waluk
Mayor



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