

Woonasquatucket River Management Plan Workshop
(Area West of the Providence Place Mall)
Rm. 300, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
235 Promenade St., Providence, RI

Facilitators: Becker, Kennedy, McCann, Boyd, Chaffee
Time required: 2:00 – 5:00
Resource needs: Flip Charts, Powerpoint projector, SAMP Inner Harbor and River Zone map of project area, Numi's habitat map of area, packet of materials, coffee/cookies, sign-in sheet, evaluation form, agenda

Objectives of Plan

The purpose of the Plan effort is to provide CRMC with a guidance document for future permit applications for the area along the Inner Harbor and River Zone of the Woonasquatucket River (from the Providence Place Mall to the western extent of the Metro Bay region Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) boundary at Atwells Avenue). This Plan will become an amendment to the Urban Coastal Greenway Policy as part of the Metro Bay region SAMP. The SAMP is a federally recognized regulatory document which guides future development and use of the waters and shoreline.

Key Outcomes of Plan

- 1) List of approved vegetation types (Caitlin)
- 2) Proposed public access points and improvements
- 3) Vegetation plan
- 4) Proposed habitat restoration sites
- 5) CRMC water-type designation
- 6) GIS coverage layer and map illustrating above

Objectives of Workshop

Workshop participants will be asked to identify special concerns within this defined area, propose new public access sites, propose recommendations for improving the maintenance of existing sites, propose strategies to address dredging and siltation, and provide information regarding vegetation management (including invasive species) and habitat restoration potential.

Key Outcomes of Workshop

Proposed:

- Public access sites and improvements
- Strategies to address siltation and dredging
- Priorities for vegetation management
- Potential habitat restoration sites
- Proposed water type changes if deemed necessary

In addition, the URI Landscape Architecture Department Senior Design Studio will provide a set of illustrated "hypothetical designs" to be included in the UCG Design Manual.

Time	Activities	Resources
2:00-2:30	<p>Introductions and Purpose of Workshop Who you are, what brought you here, something you know about this area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain the process and purpose of the workshop ● Introduce facilitators, Sheriden/students, CRMC staff ● Hand out packets which will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agenda ● EPA Fact Sheet 2005 (1 pg.) ● Section 200 of Red Book (CRMC Water Types) ● Section 180 of UCG Policy (Inner Harbor River Zone) ● CRMC List of species ● ProJo Article “New Neighborhood Unveiled” (1 pg.) ● DEM Action Plan Summary (find) (1-2 pg) ● NBC River Restoration Initiative PPT ● Selection from Providence 20/20 ● Evaluation sheet <p>Grover to explain how this fits into UCG Policy</p>	<p>Becker - Lead</p> <p>Fugate - Speaker</p>
2:30	<p>Give groups their charge (note handouts):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Are there new points that can be dedicated for new public access? b. What improvements do existing public access points need? c. What should a list of acceptable vegetation species include? d. What should vegetation look like (density)? e. Are there areas that would be suitable for restoration? f. Which areas need dredging and how to address this? g. Should the water type be changed and if so, to what? <p>Logistics – Create 3 groups and divide experts ahead of time Pre-determine three groups. Each group to have environmental type, developer type, spread students around, spread property owners around. Facilitators to take notes. CRMC staff to circulate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have all the #1s go with Jim ● Have all the #2s go with Caitlin ● Have all the #3s go with Sue ● Have all the #4s go with Jen M. 	
2:45 – 4:15	<p>Breakout into three groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Logistics – Each group to have table, map, flip chart. ● Facilitator identifies a speaker who will report out 	<p>Kennedy McCann Boyd Chaffee</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator asks questions as per above 	
4:15 – 4:45	<p>Reconvene and present results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group speaker to identify three key points from group • What are some key messages you came away with from today's session 	
4:45 – 5:00	<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesize results and send out to group (note anyone else that should get results) • Create draft GIS coverage • Create list of approved species • Draft illustrations • Reconvene in the spring 	Becker