

Metro Bay SAMP Planning Initiatives Matrix

Initiative	Geographic Extent	Description	Contact Information
CRANSTON			
Harborside Campus Development	Cranston Providence	The project involves planning for phased development of former shipyard/industrial properties into university facilities. The Harborside Campus consists of over 80 acres of land located along the Providence River in Providence and Cranston. Project-related facilities will include new residence halls, recreational fields, academic buildings, transportation/parking areas, and open spaces. The property consists of several land parcels, most of which are vacant with remnants of their former industrial use. A key challenge is that the majority of the site is located within a coastal flood zone, thereby restricting building construction. As such, the project involves using material from the Providence River dredging project to elevate the site above the base flood elevation. The project involves cooperation amongst the university, Cranston, Providence, the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.	Cranston City Planning Department (401)780-3139 http://www.cranstonri.com/index.php
Hazard Mitigation Project	Cranston	The city recently adopted a hazard mitigation plan with an emphasis on protecting residents and businesses from the threat of floods and coastal storms, such as hurricanes, while ensuring economic growth opportunities on the waterfront and public access to the shore. Some of the aspects of floodplain management involve developing more efficient and effective boat storage plans before a storm, as well as enhancing post-storm debris removal plans.	Cranston City Planning Department (401)780-3139 http://www.cranstonri.com/index.php
Pawtuxet Cove Dredging Initiative	Pawtuxet Cove (Cranston and Warwick)	The \$1.6 million maintenance dredging project involves removing 90,000 cubic yards of shoaled sediment from a navigational channel which has decreased from a depth of six feet to one foot in some places at low tide. The channel is critical to navigational traffic in the area and has not been dredged since 1966. The project involves the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, The Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, Cranston, and Warwick. Government agencies are allocating funds to the project which is expected to be carried out in 2005-06.	Cranston City Planning Department (401)780-3139 http://www.cranstonri.com/index.php
PROVIDENCE			
Vision for Providence 2020 http://www.providenceri.com/planning/DowntownPlan_Summary-Web.html	Providence	The draft proposal establishes a framework and priorities for economic development in several Providence neighborhoods including Capital Center, Downcity, Old Harbor, the Jewelry District, Promenade area, Narragansett Landing and Fox Point.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providence Depart. of Planning and Development (401)351-4300 http://providenceri.com/government/planning/ Sasaki Associates, Inc. (617)926-3300 http://www.sasaki.com/
Capital Center Special Development District Plan http://www.providenceri.com/planning/cpc/index.html	Providence – Capital Center	The plan seeks to create marketable land for a new commercial center of Providence; enhance access not only to the project area but also to other areas of downtown Providence; provide an ordered set of public open spaces; create a dense urban district where contiguous structures define a diversity of open spaces, not a suburban setting where buildings sit discretely on largely unused, landscaped sites; create visual and physical linkages between downtown Providence and Smith Hill; and enrich Providence’s livability and vitality, by capturing the potential of each subdistrict within the Capital Center as a special place in which to work, shop, live, enjoy the community, and in other ways relish the diversity of the urban experience.	Providence Depart. of Planning and Development (401)351-4300 http://providenceri.com/government/planning/
Jewelry District Concept Plan http://www.jewelrydistrict.org/district/jdpart1.pdf	Providence – Jewelry District	The plan describes the district, its potential, and its opportunities and establishes a program for its transformation into an innovative, design-centered neighborhood for living and working.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jewelry District Association (401)421-5592 http://www.jewelrydistrict.org/ Providence Depart. of Planning and Development (401)351-4300 http://providenceri.com/government/planning/
I-195 Relocation Project/Old Harbor Plan http://www.dot.state.ri.us/images/195slides/index.htm	Providence – India Point area	A project expected by 2012 to reclaim approximately 40 acres of land from the existing highway right-of-way. Relocation will result in one mile of new I-195 and 1.5 miles of resurfaced and realigned I-95. Pedestrian and vehicular circulation will improve between new streets in Old Harbor and existing streets in surrounding neighborhoods. The street layout will approximate the pre-195 street network: Dyer Street will be reconnected and Dorrance Street will continue to the Providence River. The project will provide public open space and pedestrian and bicycle linkages south to India Point Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rhode Island Department of Transportation (401)222-2481 http://www.dot.state.ri.us/ Providence Depart. of Planning and Development (401)351-4300 http://providenceri.com/government/planning/
Citywide Coalition: Framing a Vision for Providence http://www.ppsri.org/	Providence	The project included three public forums in Spring 2005 to help develop a strategic vision for Providence’s downtown, neighborhoods, and waterfront to assist the city zoning commission’s final recommendations for zoning ordinance changes.	Providence Preservation Society (401)831-7440 http://www.ppsri.org/

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Woonasquatucket Greenway Project http://www.woonasquatucket.org/documents/Greenway_Master_Plan.pdf	Providence	The project was initiated in 1994 by The Providence Plan as a means of addressing a lack of usable park area in the city and setting goals to increase recreational and green space for residents; promote economic development, river conservation, and environmental action; reduce crime; and encourage awareness of local history and river ecology.	Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (401)861-9046 http://www.woonasquatucket.org/
Providence Citywide Green Initiative http://www.citywidegreen.org/about_us.htm	Providence	The initiative brings together residents and organizations to advocate for the creation, preservation, maintenance, and programming of public spaces.	Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (401)861-9046 http://www.woonasquatucket.org/
ProvPlan Information for Change http://www.providenceplan.org/Matriarch/MultiPiecePage.asp?PageID=11&PageName=InfoDepot	Providence	The program works to improve the scope, quality, accessibility, and usability of information for the benefit of long-term community development and social change. Current projects include an Urban Land Reform partnering effort to advance policy and data access around the issue of unutilized and abandoned property in Providence, and the creation of an online server tool to provide community access to statewide data on demographics, socioeconomics, land use, utilities, transportation, natural features and businesses.	The Providence Plan (401)455-8880 http://www.provplan.org/matriarch/default.asp
Woonasquatucket Watershed Land Use and Zoning Project http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bpoladm/suswshed/woongwp.htm	Providence	The purpose of this project is to use smart growth principles to promote productive reinvestment and infill development of brownfields and vacant or underutilized urban properties. Implementation of land use policies, zoning ordinances and environmental regulations will be used as tools to contribute to the residential stabilization of urban neighborhoods by promoting appropriately scaled economic development and the protection and restoration of existing natural resources for the benefit of urban residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R.I. Depart. Environ. Mngement (401)222-3434 x4417 http://www.dem.ri.gov/ • Providence Depart. of Planning and Development (401)351-4300 http://providenceri.com/government/planning/ • Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (401)861-9046 http://www.woonasquatucket.org/
Providence Local Learning Partnership (LLP) http://www.provplan.org/Matriarch/MultiPiecePage.asp?PageID=12&PageName=LocalLearningPartnership	Providence West End, Southside, and Elmwood neighborhoods	The LLP connects residents and organizations with information and education to build leadership, increase equity, and improve the lives of children and families in the West End, Southside and Elmwood neighborhoods. The LLP is charged with increasing the capacity of families, neighborhood groups, and community-based organizations to use data and information to guide decision-making and monitor progress.	The Providence Plan (401)455-8880 http://www.provplan.org/matriarch/default.asp
Rhode Island School of Design Campus Master Plan http://intranet.risd.edu/pdfs/RISDUupdateReportJan05.pdf		The <i>2004 Campus Master Plan Update</i> provides a status report of campus master planning issues, including: (1) documenting changes on the campus since the 1996 plan; (2) updating primary data in support of the campus database; and (3) identifying planning issues for the next comprehensive campus master plan. Overall objectives include improving physical facilities; increasing ethnic, socio-economic, and gender diversity; advancing digital and information technologies; expanding interdisciplinary teaching and learning; and developing a greater sense of community.	Rhode Island School of Design (401)454-6100 http://www.risd.edu/
PAWTUCKET			
One River Vision for the Blackstone Valley: The Tidewater Waterfront http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/metrosamp/pdf/OneRiverVisionProposal.pdf	Pawtucket	Recognizing that the Blackstone River and the Charles River (Boston) possess tidewater portions of similar size, this vision explores what the lower Blackstone could be were it developed in a similar manner to the Charles, and refines a signature project from the Pawtucket Foundation's <i>Tidewater Plan</i> .	RI Economic Policy Council (401)521-3120 http://www.ripolicy.org/
A Strategy for Tidewater Redevelopment http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/metrosamp/pdf/PawtucketTidewaterreport.pdf	Pawtucket from Mill Pond to Riverside Cemetery	Strategy for connecting Pawtucket to its waterfront above and below the falls, improving the quality of life and experience for residents and visitors, and promoting the local economy through tourism and sensitive development.	Pawtucket Foundation (401)725-4400 http://pawtucketfoundation.org/
EAST PROVIDENCE			
East Providence Special Development District Plan http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/metrosamp/pdf/2003_Waterfront_SDD_Prelim.pdf	East Providence	The plan articulates a vision and strategies to transform over 300 acres of the city's underutilized waterfront along the Providence and Seekonk Rivers to a mix of land uses, including: commercial; office; medium and high density residential; entertainment and hospitality; restaurants; marinas; civic, and recreational uses, particularly those oriented towards the water. The overall goals are to expand the tax base, generate jobs, implement a mixed-use vision and sustainability, create a regional destination, and expand equity opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Providence Waterfront Special Development District Commission (401)435-7531 http://www.eastprovidenceri.net/boards/waterfront_commission.php • East Providence Depart. of Planning and Urban Development (401)435-7531

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Rhode Island Vision 2010: Sustain and Improve Quality of Place http://www.ripolicy.org/resources/con tent/03_vision.pdf		The vision is designed to assist communities, including Providence, East Providence and Pawtucket, as they negotiate the challenges of attracting economic growth while preserving community character and natural landscapes – key quality-of-life components	Rhode Island Economic Policy Council (401)521-3120 http://www.ripolicy.org/
BLACKSTONE RIVER			
Blackstone River TMDL http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benv iron/water/quality/rest/public.htm	Blackstone River	A TMDL (total maximum daily load) report is a detailed plan required by the federal Clean Water Act to restore water quality in an impaired waterbody that does not meet state water quality standards. The Blackstone River TMDL will include information on pathogen, nutrient, and biodiversity impairments on the river.	R.I. Depart. Environ. Mngement (401)222-4700 x7241 http://www.dem.ri.gov/
Blackstone River Watershed Action Plan http://projects.geosyntec.com/bw0027 /documents/Blackstone Watershed Action Plan-FINAL.pdf	Blackstone River Watershed	The plan involved the community in prioritizing watershed goals and developing priority actions for the watershed in these areas: Water Quality Improvement & Protection (voted #1 High Priority), Water Quantity/Streamflow Protection & Management (High Priority), Habitat Improvement & Protection (High Priority), Open Space Acquisition, Protection & Planning, Recreational Use & Access, Local Capacity Building, Public Outreach & Education, Sustainable Development.	Blackstone River Watershed Council (401) 724-2200 http://www.woonasquatucket.org/aboutus.htm
Blackstone Valley Trail & Greenway Vision Report http://www.nps.gov/blac/what/Map5.pdf	Blackstone River Valley	The report outlines a vision for trail and greenway development and is designed to help municipalities and state agencies prioritize planning, development and land acquisition strategies in an efficient and cost-effective manner.	John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (401)762-0250 http://www.nps.gov/blac/
Design Review Manual: A Guide for the Blackstone River Valley http://www.nps.gov/blac/what/current.htm	Blackstone River Valley	The manual provides Valley communities with general information on how design review works, how to begin a local design review process, and how design guidelines developed through a consensus-building public process and with professional expertise can be an effective tool for shaping community character.	John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (401)762-0250 http://www.nps.gov/blac/
Blackstone Valley Viewfinders Too Educational Program http://www.tourblackstone.com/viewfinders.htm	Blackstone River Valley	A pilot educational program for middle/high school students in the Blackstone Valley that is sponsored by the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council. The program is based upon the Dunn Foundation's ViewFinders Too curriculum materials on the visual environment and community character and aims to develop youth awareness of visual pollution issues, smart planning, and sense of place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Dunn Foundation (401)367-0026 http://www.dunnfoundation.org/ Blackstone Valley Tourism Council (401)724-2200 http://www.tourblackstone.com/
WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER WATERSHED			
Woonasquatucket River Watershed Freshwater Wetland Restoration http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benv iron/water/wetlands/wetplan.htm	Woonasquatucket River Watershed	RI DEM and the University of Rhode Island (URI) partnered in 1999 with the watershed council and officials from the six watershed cities and towns to develop this multi-year project to identify and prioritize potential wetland and buffer restoration sites in the watershed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> R.I. Depart. Environ. Mngement (401)222-4700 x7208 http://www.dem.ri.gov/ URI Depart. of Natural Resources (401)874-7058 http://nrs.uri.edu/ Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (401)861-9046 http://www.woonasquatucket.org/
Woonasquatucket River Riparian Buffer Project http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bpol adm/suswshed/rbdp.htm	Woonasquatucket River corridor	The project created a comprehensive inventory of potential riparian buffer restoration sites along the Woonasquatucket River to examine opportunities for improving water quality and enhancing other important ecological and social values within the watershed through improved forest management and stewardship. Potential restoration sites were identified through a site nomination process and field reconnaissance. A total of 36 candidate riparian buffer restoration sites were evaluated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> R.I. Depart. Environ. Mngement (401)222-3434 x4417 http://www.dem.ri.gov/ Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (401)861-9046 http://www.woonasquatucket.org/

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Woonasquatucket Greenspace Project http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bpol/adm/suswshed/index.htm	Woonasquatucket River Watershed	The project brought residents from watershed communities together to discuss their visions for protecting greenspaces, and potential opportunities for acquiring and preserving them through creative land development techniques.	R.I. Depart. Environ. Mngement (401)222-3434 x4419 http://www.dem.ri.gov/
Woonasquatucket River TMDL http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benv/iron/water/quality/rest/	Woonasquatucket River	A TMDL (total maximum daily load) report is a detailed plan required by the federal Clean Water Act to restore water quality in an impaired waterbody that does not meet state water quality standards. The Woonasquatucket River TMDL will include information on pathogen, nutrient, and biodiversity impairments on the river.	R.I. Depart. Environ. Mngement (401)222-4700 x7241 http://www.dem.ri.gov/
REGIONAL			
Metro Bay Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/metrosamp/	Providence, East Providence, Pawtucket, and Cranston coastal zone	A SAMP is a federally recognized regulatory plan that refines the state coastal program by taking a regional, integrated approach to setting coastal management goals and policies. The Metro Bay SAMP process is supporting efforts by the municipalities of Cranston, East Providence, Pawtucket, and Providence to make Narragansett Bay's largest urban waterfront a more appealing place to live and work by improving the economic, social, and environmental resources of the working waterfront; attracting world-class developers by making permitting more predictable and efficient; and providing opportunities and public access to the water.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> R.I. Coastal Resources Management Council (401) 783-3370 http://www.crmc.state.ri.us/ RI Sea Grant/URI Coastal Resources Center (401)874-6127 http://www.crc.uri.edu/
Providence/Seekonk River TMDL http://www.narrabay.com/Documents/EMDA/WaterQualityMonitoringRivers.pdf	Providence/Seekonk Rivers	A TMDL (total maximum daily load) report is a detailed plan required by the federal Clean Water Act to restore water quality in an impaired waterbody that does not meet state water quality standards. The Providence/Seekonk River TMDL will include information on pathogen, nutrient, and biodiversity impairments on the river.	R.I. Depart. Environ. Mngement (401)222-4700 x7241 http://www.dem.ri.gov/
STATEWIDE			
Marine Resources Development Plan (MRDP) http://www.crmc.state.ri.us/news/pdf/mrdp_report052405.pdf	Rhode Island's marine ecosystem	The MRDP is required by state law and will provide an integrated strategy for: (a) improving the health and functionality of Rhode Island's marine ecosystem; (b) providing for appropriate marine-related economic development; and (c) promoting the use and enjoyment of Rhode Island's marine resources by the people of Rhode Island. The MRDP will include specific goals and objectives necessary to accomplish its purposes, performance measures to determine progress toward achieving such goals and objectives, and implementation program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> R.I. Coastal Resources Management Council (401) 783-3370 http://www.crmc.state.ri.us/ RI Sea Grant/URI Coastal Resources Center (401) 874-6135 http://www.crc.uri.edu/
Rhode Island Bay's, Rivers, and Watersheds Systems-level Plan	Rhode Island Bay's, Rivers, and Watersheds	The interagency ecosystem-based plan for the bays, rivers, and watersheds is required by state law to (i) establish overall goals and priorities for the management, preservation, and restoration of bays, rivers, and watersheds and the promotion of sustainable economic development of the water cluster; (ii) set forth a strategy for attaining goals which delineates specific responsibilities among agencies; (iii) identify funding sources and a timetable for attaining goals; and (iv) provide an estimate of the total projected cost of implementing the plan including capital improvements; (v) guide a strategy for a monitoring program that evaluates progress in implementing the plan and to provide the necessary information to adapt the plan in response to changing conditions.	Rhode Island Bays, Rivers, and Watersheds Coordination Team (401)222-4700 x7271 http://www.ci.uri.edu/RIBayTeam/default.html
Save The Bay Urban Waterfront Redevelopment Initiative	Statewide with focus on Providence River and Upper Bay	Save The Bay is undertaking two related projects to facilitate the redevelopment of the waterfront along the Providence and Seekonk Rivers and Upper Narragansett Bay. The first project, being done in cooperation with the EPA, involves the review of existing regulations affecting coastal brownfields and their administration with an eye toward developing recommendations for a more transparent and predictable process for securing permits for redeveloping coastal brownfields. The second project involves advocacy, education and outreach aimed at insuring that urban waterfront redevelopment around Narragansett Bay include habitat restoration, the preservation and improvement of water quality through stormwater management and low impact development, public access and strong connections to the adjoining urban neighborhoods.	Save The Bay (401)736-5181 http://www.savebay.org/index_next.asp