



# Rhode Island Rivers Council

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## **NOTICE OF HYBRID (IN-PERSON AND ONLINE) MEETING**

DEM Office of Water Resources - Conference Room 280C  
235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI  
**Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 3:30 pm**

### **ALSO ON ZOOM - CLICK ON THIS LINK TO JOIN**

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- 3:30 Open Public Hearing regarding re-designation of the Narrow River Preservation Association and the Blackstone River Watershed Council / Friends of the Blackstone for a period of five years per RI GL 46-28-8.
- 3:35 Overview of Responsibility and Process
- 3:40 Acceptance of comments on re-designations applications
- 4:00 Public Comments
- 4:05 Close Public Hearing
- 4:05 Call to Order of RI Rivers Council Meeting, Introductions, and Attendance
- 4:10 Approval of October 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 Meeting Minutes
- 4:15 Consideration of re-designation of Narrow River Preservation Association
- 4:20 Consideration of re-designation of Blackstone River Watershed Council / Friends of the Blackstone
- 4:25 Kate Sayles – presents information about 2024 Land and Water Conservation Summit
- 4:30 Reports by RIRC Representatives on State Committees:
  - Narragansett Bay Estuary Program - Walter Berry
  - State Guide Plan Advisory Committee – Paul Gonsalves
  - Department of Environmental Management Watershed Section – Betsy Dake
  - Report by RIRC Representative on Water Resources Board - Eugenia Marks
- 4:50 Officer Reports, Financial Report, Social Media Report
- 4:55 Reports of activities in Designated Local Watershed Councils:
  - Buckeye Brook Coalition
  - Moshassuck, Friends of
  - Narrow River Preservation Association
  - Pawtuxet River Authority and Watershed Council
  - Salt Ponds Coalition
  - Saugatucket, Friends of the
  - Ten Mile River Watershed Council
  - Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
  - Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council
  - Blackstone River Watershed Council / Friends of the Blackstone
- 5:20 Committee Reports, Legislation Report, Grant Report, Other Business
- 5:25 Chair's Report
- 5:30 Adjournment

Please limit reports to 3-4 points. If we are through the agenda early, we can entertain further discussion or reporting. Thank you for helping to keep us on schedule.

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The Rhode Island Rivers Council is an associated function of the Rhode Island Water Resources Board  
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