



Rhode Island Rivers Council

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

RI State Library in the RI State House (Note Location)
82 Smith Street, Providence, RI
Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 3:00 pm

- 3:00 Call to Order, Introductions, and Attendance
- 3:05 Approval of past meeting minutes
- 3:05 RIRC welcomes Michelle Sheehan, Supervisor of the State Land Conservation Program at RI Department of Environmental Management Division of Planning and Development to discuss the process her department has undertaken to update the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, explain how it can be used, and outline some of its key findings.
- 3:40 Presentation of Blueways Award
- 3:50 Visit members of the Rhode Island Rivers Council as well as State-Designated Watershed Councils, which include:
 - Blackstone River Watershed Council / Friends of the Blackstone
 - 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
- 4:00 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
- 4:15 Officer Reports, Financial Report, Social Media Report
- 4:20 Other Business
- 4:25 Chair’s Report
- 4:30 Adjournment

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