



Rhode Island Rivers Council

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AGENDA

**Cranston Central Library – James T. Giles Community Room
140 Sockanosset Cross Road, Cranston, RI 02920**

(IN-PERSON ONLY)

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 3:30 pm

- 3:30 pm Call to Order, Introductions, and Attendance
- 3:35 pm Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 9, 2026
- 3:40 pm Guest Speaker: Danica Belknap, Southeast New England Program (SNEP) Network Liaison will discuss what the SNEP Network is and what resources it has for watershed group working on water quality issues.

Discussion: RIRC Annual “Field Trip”
- 4:30 pm 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 pm Officer Reports, Financial Report, Social Media Report
- 4:50 pm 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
 - Ten Mile River Watershed Council
 - Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
 - Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council
 - Blackstone River Watershed Council / Friends of the Blackstone
- 5:15 pm Committee Reports, Climate Change Study Commission Report, Legislation Report, Grant Report
- 5:20 pm Other Business
- 5:25 pm Chair’s Report
- 5:30 pm Adjournment

Please note that reports are limited to 3 minutes each. 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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