



Rhode Island Rivers Council

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AGENDA

**DEM Office of Water Resources - Conference Room 280C
235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI**

(IN-PERSON ONLY)

Wednesday, September 9, 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 June 6, 2026
- 3:40 pm Discussion: Jane Sawyers an Environmental Scientist from RIDEM will discuss updates to their water quality monitoring strategy and is looking for input in regards to data gaps and other water quality monitoring needs in an effort to strengthen monitoring programs used to support decision making.
- 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:
 - 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
 - Buckeye Brook Coalition
 - Moshassuck, Friends of
- 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

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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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