

Using Comprehensive Plans for Conservation and Management

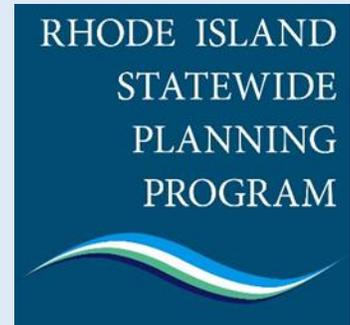
Resource List

Rhode Island General Laws- Title 45.

45-22.2 Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Act

45-23 Land Development and Subdivision Review Act

45-24 Zoning Enabling Act



Division of Planning - Statewide Planning Program

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/>

Comprehensive Plan Standard Manual and Individual Handbooks

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/statewideplanning/compplanning/handbook.php>

Land Use and Natural Resources

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/statewideplanning/land/>

LAND USE 2025 <http://www.planning.ri.gov/documents/121/landuse2025.pdf>

State Guide Plan Elements for Natural Resources <http://www.planning.ri.gov/planning/>

[Forest Resources Management Plan](#) (March 10, 2005) – Element 161. Establishes a vision, goals, and policies and provides recommendations focused on the management of tree resources to advance the effectiveness of public and private stewardship of the state's tree and forest resources.

[Rivers Policy and Classification Plan](#) (January 8, 1998; amended May 2004) – Element 162. Sets forth policies on river-related issues such as land use, nonpoint source pollution, and preservation of natural habitat with the intent to protect drinking water supplies and rivers, encourage recreational use of rivers, foster the creation of greenways, and provide for the clean-up of rivers.

[Urban and Community Forestry Plan](#) (May 13, 1999) – Element 156. Establishes a vision, goal, and policies and provides recommendations focused on the management of tree resources within the built environment. Provides guidance for local stewardship of tree resources to advance a healthy, sustainable economy and environment.

[Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for Narragansett Bay](#) (Oct. 8, 1992) – Element 715. A national estuary study covering a 1,657-square mile watershed. Identifies major issues such as sewage, toxic pollutants, and management of living resources. Sets goals and strategies to restore and maintain the Bay's water quality, natural habitats, and recreational values. Recreation and Open Space

[Ocean State Outdoors: Rhode Island's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan](#) (2009) – Element 152. Sets policies and action agendas for providing priority recreation needs while protecting the state's resource base. Assesses the status of issues and needs in recreation resources, land preservation, and resource protection.

[A Greener Path: Greenspace and Greenways for Rhode Island's Future](#) (Nov. 10, 1994) – Element 155. Sets forth policies and program initiatives to create a system of state and local greenspaces and greenways, including natural corridors, trails, and bikeways. Identifies areas that have multiple values as open space (e.g., water resources, wildlife habitat, scenic landscapes).