



Slater Mill, Pawtucket



Bold Point Park, East Providence

Cranston, East Providence, Pawtucket, and Providence are acting to make Narragansett Bay's largest urban waterfront a more appealing place to live and work by:

- Improving the economic, social, and environmental resources of the working waterfront
- Attracting world-class developers by making permitting more predictable and efficient
- Providing recreational opportunities and public access to the water

The R.I. Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) is supporting these efforts through the development of the Metro Bay Special Area Management Plan (SAMP). SAMPs refine the state coastal program by taking a regional, integrated approach to setting coastal management goals and policies. SAMPs are federally recognized upon state approval.



Seaview Park, Cranston

Your Involvement Counts

The Metro Bay SAMP involves the cities, community organizations, and the private sector in identifying issues and developing and revising policies.

Your input is needed. For more information, contact Jennifer McCann, Metro Bay SAMP project manager, at mccann@gso.uri.edu or (401) 874-6127, or visit the Metro Bay SAMP website at <http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/metrosamp>.



Providence waterfront



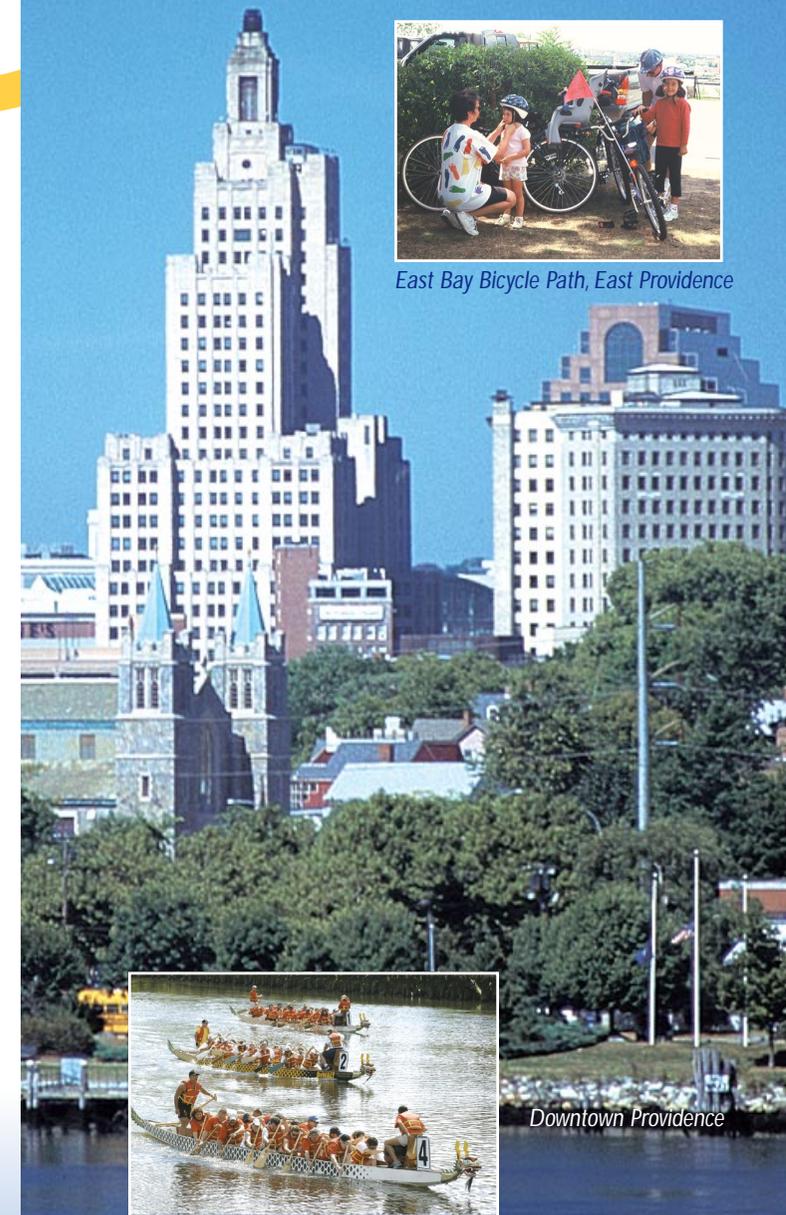
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METRO BAY SAMP

Revitalizing Northern Narragansett Bay 2005



East Bay Bicycle Path, East Providence



Downtown Providence



Dragon Boats, Pawtucket

Rhode Island's largest urban waterfront includes Cranston, Providence, Pawtucket & East Providence



Providence River, Providence



Stillhouse Cove, Cranston

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Benefits

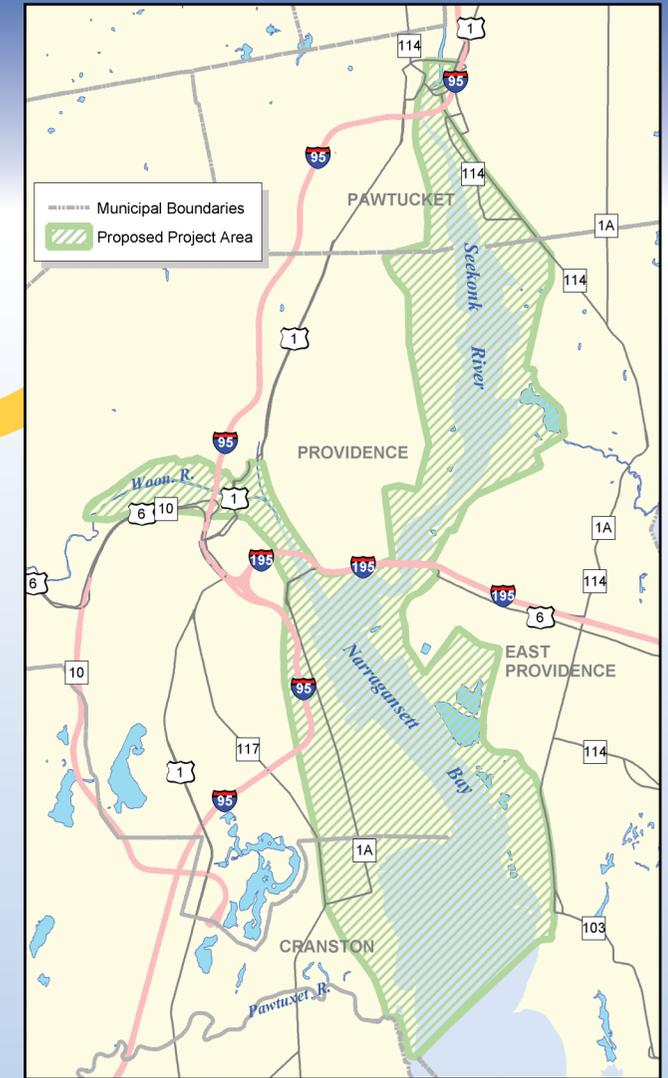
- Improved planning tools, such as a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) database and a municipal working group to address regional issues
- Tailored policies and regulations for the Metro Bay region to enable more efficient permitting that supports municipal development goals
- Enhanced public access, cultural resources, and recreational opportunities

What is CRMC?

CRMC is a state management agency with regulatory functions. Its primary responsibility is for the preservation, protection, development, and where possible, restoration of the coastal areas of the state via the development and implementation of coastal management programs and the issuance of permits for work in the coastal zone.

What is Rhode Island Sea Grant/URI Coastal Resources Center?

Rhode Island Sea Grant/University of Rhode Island Coastal Resources Center conducts research and outreach on marine issues and is serving as a facilitator for the Metro Bay SAMP.



Artwork located at India Point Park, Providence



The Metro Bay SAMP boundary encompasses the northern reaches of Narragansett Bay. The boundary stretches around the southern tip of Pawtucket Neck in Cranston to Mill Pond in Pawtucket, then to the East Providence Water Pollution Control Facility at Crest Avenue. The boundary also includes in Providence the Woonasquatic River tidal portion to Atwells Avenue and the Moshassuck River to Smith Street.