



SNEP Watershed Grants 2019 Rhode Island Awards *Agenda*

When: Monday, Sept. 23, 10:30 a.m.

Where: The Casino at Roger Williams Park, Providence

Please join U.S. Senator Jack Reed and Restore America's Estuaries to announce the award of \$2.3 million in 2019 Southeast New England Program (SNEP) Watershed Grants, including \$1.1 million in grants for Rhode Island municipalities and non-profit organizations. Under a regional program managed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, SNEP Watershed Grants build and support partnerships that preserve and restore clean coastal waters, healthy watersheds, and vibrant communities.

The event begins with a speaking program; we will then introduce the seven Rhode Island organizations receiving 2019 SNEP Watershed Grants, highlighting their work to improve the state's environment and communities. We'll conclude with a one-hour tour of "green infrastructure" – clean water restoration sites in Roger Williams Park. The event is free and open to the public; all are welcome.

AGENDA

10:30 – 10:35: Welcome to Roger Williams Park (Director Wendy Nilsson, Providence Parks)

10:35 – 10:40: Welcome guests, brief overview of program (Thomas Ardito)

10:40 – 10:50: Sen. Jack Reed

10:50 – 10:55: Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (Invited)

10:55 – 11:00: Cong. Jim Langevin (Invited)

11:00 – 11:05: Cong. David Cicilline (Invited)

11:05 – 11:10: EPA Region 1 Chief of Staff Sean Dixon

11:10 – 11:15: Nicole Verdi, Chief of Staff for Gov. Gina Raimondo

11:15 – 11:20: Sue Kiernan, Dep. Director, Office of Water Resources, RI Dept. of Environmental Management

11:20 – 11:25: Mayor Jorge Elorza

11:25 – 11:45: Introduce Grantees (Ardito)

Noon – 1 p.m: Tour of Green Infrastructure and Clean Water Restoration Work in Roger Williams Park (*Led by Brian Byrnes, Providence Parks*)

Note: This event introduces Rhode Island grantees; a companion event on October 11 in East Falmouth, MA, will announce Massachusetts grantees. For details, see www.snepgrants.org