



Rhode Island State Planning Council/ Metropolitan Planning Organization

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Rhode Island's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

In accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws, Section 42-11-10 and Chapter 42-35, the State Planning Council is reviewing an update to *Ocean State Outdoors*, the RI Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), State Guide Plan Element 152. *The SCORP* is Rhode Island's plan for outdoor recreation. This Update represents the 12th edition of Rhode Island's plan for outdoor recreation, containing state goals and policies, along with implementation actions. As a Rhode Island state policy document, *the SCORP* serves several purposes:

- It is an element of the State Guide Plan, which requires consistency of municipal comprehensive plans and publicly supported projects and activities.
- It meets the National Park Service's planning eligibility requirements for maintaining the State's eligibility for the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund program.
- It meets the requirements of the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's National Recreational Trails Program.
- It meets the requirements of the Federal Emergency Wetlands Conservation Act.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the adoption of this updated plan, at which all persons interested will have an opportunity to comment on the Update. The hearing will take place on the following date and time:

Tuesday April 28, 2026 at 3:00 PM

at the Department of Environmental Management

235 Promenade Street, Third Floor, Room 300, Providence, Rhode Island

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88335252933?pwd=sr5LWgshWa8DwzaKsF0g3MdBSup0Oc.1>

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The hearing will begin with a brief informational presentation about the Update, followed by the opportunity to comment on the Update. Written statements relative to the proposed Update can be submitted prior to Thursday April 30th, 2026 through SmartComment at <https://planning.ri.commentinput.com?id=4kj37NuBa>, submitted at the time of the hearing, or mailed any time prior to April 30th, 2026 to: Statewide Planning- SCORP Comments, Attn: Paul Gonsalves, Division of Statewide Planning, 230 Promenade St., Suite 230, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

The Update may be viewed on Statewide Planning's website at: <http://www.planning.ri.gov/>, or <https://riparks.ri.gov/scorp>. A copy of the Update is also available for review during business hours (8:30 AM to 4:00 PM) at the Department of Administration, Division of Statewide Planning, 235 Promenade Street, Suite 230 Providence, Rhode Island. Please call ahead of time to make an appointment: 401-222-7901.

This meeting place is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Any individual requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact Thomas Mannock at 401/222-6395 (voice) or #711 (R.I. Relay) as soon as possible prior to the meeting. Any individual requiring the services of an interpreter to participate in this meeting should contact (401) 222-7901 (voice) as soon as possible prior to the hearing. Cualquier persona interesada en recibir servicios de intérprete para esta reunión debe ponerse en contacto (401) 222-7901 tan pronto como sea posible.

