



An Introduction to the Stormwater Education and Outreach Strategy

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We have drafted several approaches for education and outreach about four priority issues: general awareness of the storm drain system and its connection to water quality; disposing of yard waste properly; controlling landscaping-related nitrogen inputs in coastal areas; and pet and waterfowl waste as a stormwater pollutant.

Each educational goal specifies a target audience and offers a variety of approaches that we think would be appropriate for NRPA to facilitate in conjunction with the towns of Narragansett, South Kingstown, or North Kingstown. We have added footnotes to each section, highlighting tasks with which we can help. **If NRPA decides to assist with any of these activities, we would ask that you coordinate with the Town's stormwater manager.**

We do know that Narragansett's Harbor Commission was exploring the idea of education for Point Judith Pond residents, so that might be a place to start. South Kingstown and Charlestown also will receive a customized stormwater education plan, containing many of the same suggestions presented here, and hopefully would appreciate being contacted by NRPA with any offers to assist their municipal efforts.

The table of possible education methods for each issue offers some additional contact names. Contact information for many of those groups can be found within the relevant section of the binder we provided, *Reaching Out To Residents*. Additionally, if you are able to identify other volunteers from the Towns' Conservation Commissions, neighborhood associations, or other watershed groups, who could help coordinate some of the suggested activities, it might further the ultimate goal of protecting our water resources.

