

House Finance Committee



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Coastal Resources Management Council

Fiscal Year 2027

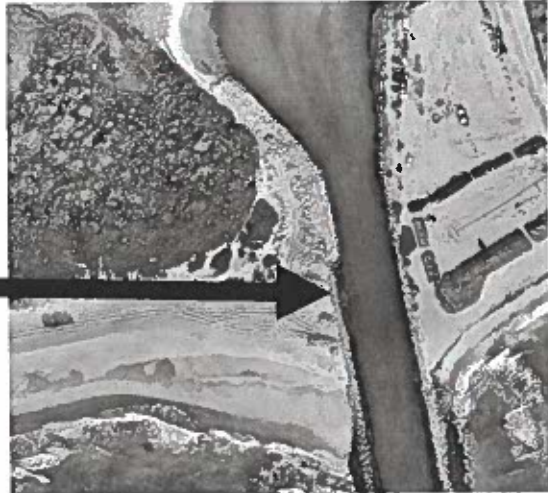
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Charlestown (Ninigret) Breachway

January 12, 2024



December 31, 2025



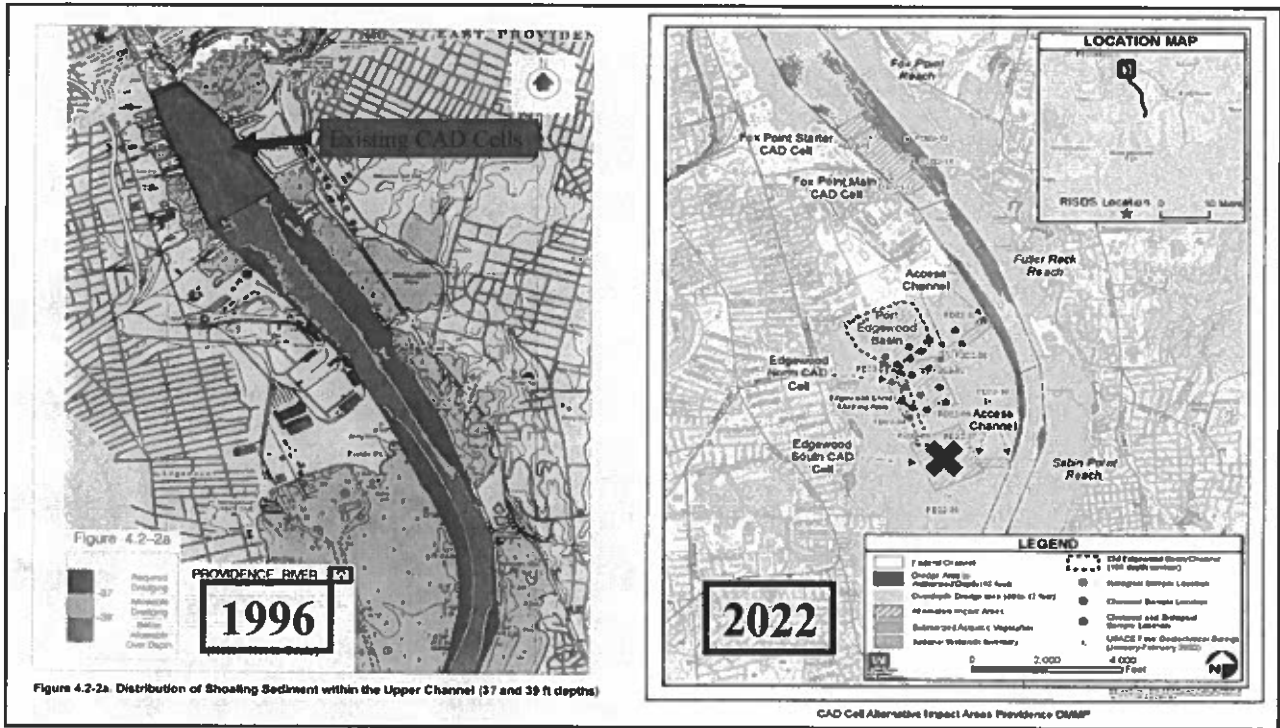
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Point Street Bridge – Creosote Timbers Removal

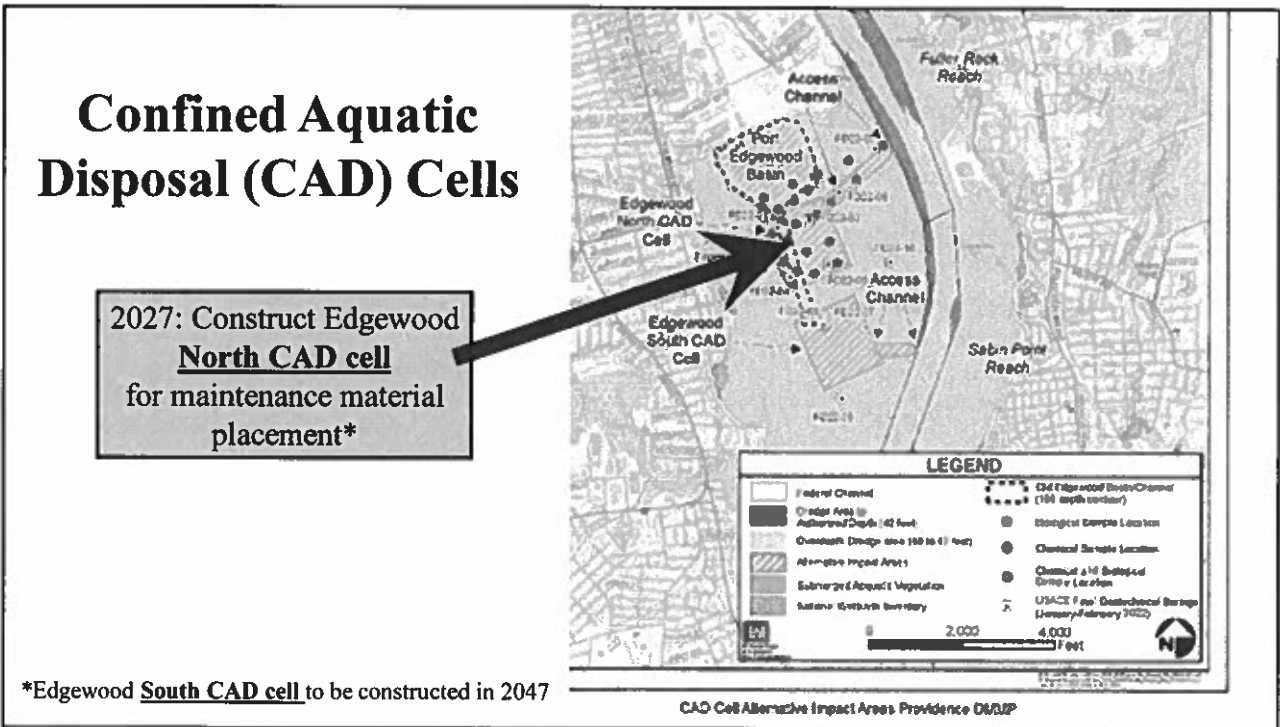
- CRMC won a \$2.3 million NOAA Marine Debris Award to **remove 250 tons** of derelict creosote timbers and piers
- **Partners:** The Nature Conservancy and City of Providence
- Project will **abate 23,000 sq. ft.** of navigation and safety hazards from the waterway
- **Direct sector benefits** are tourism, boat tours, marinas and businesses that support recreational activities



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*Edgewood South CAD cell to be constructed in 2047

CRMC Performance Measures Enforcement Response Times



Priority Level	Site Inspection Required	Same Day (0 Days)	Within 7 Days (1-7)	Within 30 Days (8-30)	Over 30 Days	Pending Site Inspection
Priority 1	19	3	10	6	0	0
Priority 2	80	7	18	10	20	25
Priority 3	43	4	6	9	8	16

- **Metric: Initial Complaint to Action**
- **Program Year: 2025 Records: 142**

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NOAA's 5-Year Performance Evaluation


Final Findings, Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program

Final Evaluation Findings

Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program

September 2019 to October 2024

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Necessary Action 3: The Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program must develop a new permit database and web interface that can process permit applications and online payments, serve as a platform for interagency collaboration and review, and track enforcement issues by September 30, 2026.

Recommendation 4: NOAA recommends that CRMC ... inform the executive branch and the legislature of the importance of developing and implementing the permitting database and its expected benefits and efficiencies.

Recommendation 5: NOAA recommends that CRMC ... invest in information technology upgrades that will improve the Program's ability to serve the people of Rhode Island and improve coordination and collaboration with other state agencies.

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