Concise Explanatory Statement

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The subject regulations, Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program - Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program, were included as part of the Coastal Resources Management Plan and adopted by Council on March 14, 2005 to implement a plan to assess Rhode Island's priority land conservation needs and provide clear guidance to applicants for nominating and selecting land conservation projects within the state. Currently, however, there are no federal funds to implement the CELCP.

In 2016, the legislature passed an amendment to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-5(b) that required the Secretary of State to oversee the publication of an updated uniform code of state regulations, the Rhode Island Code of Regulations (RICR). Since the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program does not contain any RICR regulatory requirements it is being repealed. However, the current CELCP will remain as a CRMC guidance document in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-35-1(9) and 42-35-2.12 should any federal funding be available in the future for CELCP.