

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Title of Rule: Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program - Aquidneck Island SAMP - Coastal Development Regulations

Rule Identifier: 650-RICR-20-00-7

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 10/09/2018

Hearing Date: 10/23/2018

End of Public Comment: 11/08/2018

Authority for this Rulemaking:

RIGL 46-23 et. seq

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

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 purpose of this proposed rule is to reformat the Aquidneck Island (SAMP) Coastal Development Regulations and codify the rules in accordance with the new uniform code of state regulations, called the Rhode Island Code of Regulations ("RICR"). Figures 5, 6 and 7 showing CRMC and DEM freshwater wetlands jurisdiction are being deleted, as DEM has established a user-friendly online map service for determining freshwater wetlands jurisdiction. Part 7.11 - Appendix A is being added to provide habitat maps currently available on the CRMC website here:

http://www.crmc.ri.gov/samp_ai/AI_SAMP_Habitat_Linkage_Map.pdf. Otherwise, there are no substantive changes to the rule.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until November 8, 2018 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on October 23, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Department of Administration, Conference Room A, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-783-3370 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

In the development of the proposed adoption consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information. Additionally, the benefits of the proposed amendments justify any costs of the proposed rule, and the proposed amendments will achieve the objectives of the authorizing statute in a more cost-effective manner, or with greater net benefits, than other regulatory alternatives.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.