

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Rules and Regulations for the Climate Resilience Fund

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-170-05-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Adoption

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 09/23/2019

Hearing Date: 10/16/2019

End of Public Comment: 10/23/2019

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 42-6.2 and 42-17.1

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The purpose of these regulations is to create a Climate Resilience Fund to receive, hold and administer the use of the \$5,000,000 portion of the '2018 RI Green Economy and Clean Water Bond' and any future bond allocations earmarked for similar and related purposes. The funds will provide grants to Governmental and Non-profit entities for restoring and improving the climate resilience of vulnerable coastal habitats, as well as river and stream floodplains with specific priority to projects that improve community resilience and public safety. The regulations outline the application, review and award process, including eligible project categories and eligible/ineligible costs.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed adoption until October 23, 2019 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 adoption shall be held on October 16, 2019 at 10:00 am at Department of Environmental Management, 235 Promenade Street, Room 300, 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 401-423-1927 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 amendment 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.

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