

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

INFRASTRUCTURE BANK

Title of Rule: OCEAN STATE CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE
FUND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Rule Identifier: 830-RICR-10-35-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Adoption

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: December 22, 2022

Hearing Date: January 5, 2023

End of Public Comment: January 21, 2023

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 46-12.2-4

R.I. Gen. Laws § 46-23.3-7

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Fund("OSCAR") will provide funding for adaptation and resilience projectson public lands. Grants from OSCAR will help to advance projects that protector enhance coastal or riverine habitats to address climate change impacts. Rhodelsland Infrastructure Bank ("Bank"), Rhode Island Coastal Resources ManagementCouncil ("Council"), and Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management("Department") jointly promulgate these regulations.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed adoption until January 21, 2023 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 § 42-35-2.5, to consider the proposed adoption shall be held at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. This hearing is subject to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-46, Open Meetings.

Public Hearing Information:

Date: January 5, 2023

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Location: RI Infrastructure Bank
235 Promenade Street
Suite 119
Providence, RI, 02908

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 with disabilities. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-453-4430 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. For questions regarding available parking, please contact the agency staffperson listed above.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The Bank, Council, and Department will govern the provision of financial assistance from OSCAR to applicants for adaptation and resilience projects on public lands. Grants from OSCAR will help to advance projects on public lands and protect or enhance coastal or riverine habitats to address climate change impacts.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.