



Questions 5 (Clean Water Finance) and 6 (Environmental Management) are essential to the future health of our local waters and green spaces. Together they provide much needed funding for clean water investments in addition to green space preservation and development. Our diverse landscape and coastal waters form the foundation of our economy, our history, and our way of life. We simply cannot conceive of a Rhode Island absent these natural wonders.

Rhode Island has one of the nation's most distinct and rich environments. From sunset over Narragansett Bay to scenic beachfront and welcoming parks, our natural resources continue to be powerful drivers for economic development and tourism and sources of great pride for residents. There is no Rhode Island without them. Take a stand for our state. Vote YES on #5 and YES on #6 on November 6.

5 CLEAN WATER FINANCE

- Wastewater System Upgrades.....\$12M
- Drinking Water System Upgrades.....\$8M

Clean water is a basic human necessity. Investing in clean water pays off for Rhode Island and Narragansett Bay. More efficient wastewater treatment plants and upgraded drinking water systems mean cleaner beaches, more productive fisheries, a healthier Bay, and healthier communities. Our families, our communities, our industries, and our economy rely on clean, plentiful drinking water, and we won't have it unless we maintain our wastewater and drinking water systems. Decades of water quality gains and our children's ability to enjoy free-flowing, clean tap water are threatened if we don't.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

- Water Quality & Bay Restoration.....\$4M
- Green Space Preservation.....\$5M
- Farmland Preservation.....\$4.5M
- Park & Recreational Area Development.....\$6.5M

Investing in green space and Bay restoration promotes healthier communities and a healthier economy. The passage of Question 6 supports our economy and our quality of life by ensuring preservation of natural areas and farms in addition to improvements in the Bay's health. Green space – in our rural, suburban, and urban centers – promotes stronger, healthier communities by fostering safe places for our children to be active; more fresh, locally grown foods; employment opportunities; lower crime rates; higher property values; and cleaner air and water. Green space is also a powerful driver for tourism, a critical growth sector in our economy.



5 facts on 5

- Water is the source of all life. Question 5 funds will help protect this most vital natural resource for generations to come
 - Question 5 will help fund infrastructure projects that will improve drinking water quality across the state
 - Question 5 will help Rhode Island cities and towns fund critical wastewater treatment plant upgrades
- Over the last 20 years, the Clean Water Finance Agency leveraged \$40.5 million in state funds to support over \$880 million in wastewater projects and another \$21.6 million to support \$218 million in drinking water projects
 - The need for clean water funding far exceeds our current capacity. The Clean Water Finance Agency reports only \$68 million available this year while \$168 million worth of projects are ready for immediate action

6 facts on 6

- Question 6 funding will help prevent polluted water from roadways from draining into our water supplies
- Protecting Narragansett Bay directly supports our commercial and recreational fishing industries
- Commercial fishing contributes nearly 5,000 jobs to Rhode Island and revenues worth more than \$150 million



- Money invested to protect working farms and green space is one of the few capital expenditures that increases in value over time. Agriculture contributes over \$170 million annually to Rhode Island
- Funding from Question 6 will help build and improve municipal recreational areas and improve beaches, unlocking their potential to grow the state's tourism and outdoor recreation industries
- Tourism is the state's fourth largest economic engine, supporting over 42,000 jobs and accounting for nine percent of all state revenues

