



Action today so future generations can enjoy ocean activities

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Portsmouth Town Council
Town of Portsmouth
2200 East Main Road
Portsmouth, RI 02871

Dear Portsmouth Town Council,

Thank you so much for working with Clean Ocean Access and Rhode Island Coastal Resource Management Council (RI CRMC) to preserve the 17 rights-of-way in the Town of Portsmouth. We sincerely appreciate your commitment to protecting the public rights-of-way in Portsmouth and working with Clean Ocean Access to maintain and ensure accessibility to these public rights-of-way into the future.

During the fourth quarter of 2018, we devised a series of action plans to improve five of the rights-of-way in the Town of Portsmouth. The improvements address obstruction, erosion and proper signage to promote accessibility to the rights-of-way. First, Anthony Road (V-02), Point Street (V-05) and Morningside Lane (V-17) are not clearly identifiable due to missing RI CRMC signs. Second, there is minor to significant erosion at a few of the rights-of-way along Seaconnet Boulevard. Third, several of the rights-of-way have damaged cement boat ramps, impeding overall use and accessibility at these sites.

We kindly request your help in reviewing these plans and taking the next steps towards improving access at these rights-of-way. Thank you for your time and we look forward to working together to improve public access to the shoreline in the Town of Portsmouth in 2019!

Thank you,

Eva Touhey
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