

**East Providence Waterfront District
MISSION, GOALS AND PERFORMANCE
MEASURES**

The East Providence Waterfront Special Development District Commission shall provide for high-quality waterfront development while working to improve the quality of life for all of the residents while cleaning up contaminated properties and increasing the City's tax base. The Commission shall seek the best mix of uses to ensure a lively, revitalized waterfront that benefits all residents of East Providence and Rhode Island.

GOALS:

- The Waterfront is a regional destination for cultural and recreational attractions.
- Create safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle circulation.
- The Waterfront District provides quality job opportunities to people of all skill levels.
- The Waterfront has a mix of uses that are thoughtfully designed and incorporate "green" technology.
- The Waterfront District has a variety of housing available to people of all income levels:
- Maintain and expand public access, recreational opportunities, and open space

EPWC STAKEHOLDERS

Stakeholders of the Waterfront Commission include:

- The City of East Providence
 - City Council
 - Boards and Commission
 - Residents
 - Businesses
- The State of Rhode Island
 - East Providence State Representatives
 - General Assembly
 - RI Congressional delegation
 - Governor's Office and Administration
 - Policymakers and officials
 - Residents
 - Businesses
- RI Municipalities

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The Waterfront Commission exists to help private and public developers transform the City's coastline. The Commission's performance will be evaluated by:

1. Environmental Improvements

Goal: Waterfront development should improve current site conditions while protecting and enhancing the natural environment.

- Remediate existing brownfield sites through public/private partnerships
- Protect the natural environment through the promotion of green technology that lowers energy consumption and improves air quality

2. Public Access to the Water

Goal: Waterfront development should provide the public with improved access to the East Providence coastline.

- Square feet of Urban Coastal Greenway created as part of large projects and collaboration with the RI Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC)
- Acres of greenspace and public parks created

3. Fiscal Impact

Goal: Waterfront development should have a positive fiscal impact on local and state government.

- Increase in City tax base
- Assessed value of properties in the District
- Number of persons living in the District
- Amount of commercial taxes generated by businesses in the District

4. Economic Development

Goal: Development should stimulate both short- and long-term economic development for the City and the State.

- Number of jobs created for residents of East Providence and Rhode Island
- Development and tracking of social media as a marketing tool
- Tools provided for business creation and expansion
- Opportunities supported for job-training and education
- Number of square feet of commercial and manufacturing space in the District
- Number of firms moving to the Waterfront District

5. Quality Product & Mixed Use

Goal: Waterfront development projects should be of high quality – in terms of purpose, planning, architecture and materials and should provide a self-sustaining mix of commercial, residential, institutional, light industrial, civic and recreational uses.

- Number of projects with walkable features
- Total amount of sidewalk area in the District
- Amount of street furnishings/landscaping
- Variety of uses in the Waterfront District/number of tenant categories

6. Community Sensitivity

Goal: Waterfront projects should be sensitive to historical and community concerns

- Number of affordable workforce housing units created through mandatory ten percent affordable units in large development projects
- Number and type of existing historic resources preserved
- Arts and cultural organizations and events supported