



Pew Recognizes Rhode Island As A National Leader On Planning For & Investing In Resilient Infrastructure Solutions

In two issue briefs released this month, the highly respected Pew Research Center highlights Rhode Island as being a national leader in planning for and investing in resilient infrastructure solutions.

[How 3 States Value and Invest for a More Resilient Future](#), spotlight's the Resilient Rhody 2025 report as an example of comprehensive planning for infrastructure at risk and prioritizing resilience projects:

As states shift from estimating resilience costs to making spending decisions, they will need to establish a consistent, data-informed approach to prioritizing projects for investment. Rhode Island's resilience plan update, Resilient Rhody 2025, for instance, includes a statewide vulnerability assessment that inventoried and evaluated the risks posed to more than 130,000 publicly owned assets from sea-level rise, extreme weather, and other climate-related impacts. Through technical screening and stakeholder input, the state then narrowed that list to roughly 40 critical assets for further analysis and potential investment. The plan also identified 79 key resilience actions to be taken, defined various agencies' roles in their implementation, and estimated that completing them would cost \$112 million to \$304 million.

[States Are Leveraging Financing Institutions to Strengthen Infrastructure](#), highlights how we provide our municipal partners with both technical assistance to plan for and design resilient infrastructure solutions, and grants and low-cost financing to make these projects a reality.

We're proud of our work with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and The Nature Conservancy of Rhode Island, which has put us at the cutting edge of resilience financing. We look forward to expanding this collaboration to address climate adaptation projects across the state.

This November, Rhode Island voters can help us continue investing in resilient infrastructure by voting YES on the Environment and Watershed Protection bond to approve \$55 million, including \$25 million for our Resilient Rhody Infrastructure Fund.

How 3 States Value and Invest for a More Resilient Future

Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Rhode Island are anticipating disaster costs and planning for the long term

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New Cunliff Lake Boardwalk Opens At Roger Williams Park

Congratulations to the City of Providence and the Providence Parks Department on the grand opening of the beautiful new [Doreen Salk Boardwalk and Dock at Cunliff Lake!](#) A \$450,000 award from our Municipal Infrastructure Grant Program helped close a funding gap to make this project, that combines public access and stormwater management improvements, a reality.



Helping Woonsocket Remove Lead Service Lines

Earlier this month we closed on a \$990,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan with 100% principal forgiveness for the City of Woonsocket. This funding, which effectively acts as a grant, will support the Woonsocket Water Division's ongoing efforts to identify and replace lead and galvanized water service lines on the private side of the meter at no cost to property owners. The project includes the replacement of approximately 75 confirmed private lead and galvanized service lines, along with the identification and replacement of additional lines with currently unknown material compositions.

Thanks to funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, we're helping drinking water systems across Rhode Island identify and replace lead service lines at no cost to ratepayers.



\$4 Million Municipal Road & Bridge Loan To Allow East Greenwich To Improve Road Infrastructure

We recently closed on a \$4 million Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund (MRB) loan for the Town of East Greenwich. The low-cost financing will be used for the construction, rehabilitation, and repair of approximately 12 miles of town roads, as well as sidewalk and drainage work. Paving will target several major roads townwide, including segments of Frenchtown Road, Middle Road, and South Road.



Infrastructure Bank In The News

[States Are Reinventing How They Finance Infrastructure, Governing Magazine](#)

Rhode Island's Infrastructure Bank (RIIB) takes a complementary approach, offering technical assistance and several planning grants to help communities assess risks and develop project pipelines before they borrow, directly tackling a persistent problem: Many communities that have recognized needs lack a pipeline of "shovel-ready" projects to address them.

[How States Are Making the Fiscal Case for Resilience, Governing Magazine](#)

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[Woonsocket gets \\$990,000 in fully-forgiven loan to replace lead service lines, Valley Breeze](#)

Mayor Christopher Beauchamp said he is glad to see the city receive the loan, stating "it impacts individuals because they will not be getting potentially tainted water into their homes."

Beauchamp said they applied for the loan through the Infrastructure Bank and that the city has "worked with them before on various projects. It is very easy to work with the bank, and it is a great aspect to the city of Woonsocket."

[CREW receives \\$100K in funding from Infrastructure Bank, Valley Breeze](#)

Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank has closed on a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan for the Clear River Electric and Water district in Burrillville

for \$100,000 . . . The funding will be used to conduct field inspections of approximately 1,300 service lines using innovative SWORDFISH technology to identify and collect data on service line materials, with a specific goal of identifying lead service lines.

[New boardwalk and dock at Roger Williams Park are a labor of love, Providence Journal](#)

[Pawtucket cuts ribbon on Dexter Street Commons, WPRI-12](#)



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