

Cumberland Celebrates Industrial Road Stormwater Improvements

Earlier this week we joined Mayor Jeff Mutter, Sen. Jack Reed, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, and Congressman Gabe Amo to celebrate the completion of \$1.7 million in stormwater improvements to Industrial Road in the Town of Cumberland.

Chronic flooding during heavy rain events had been impacted the industrial park's businesses and snarling traffic along nearby Diamond Hill Road.

Thanks to a \$500,000 award from our Municipal Resilience Program, Cumberland has expanded the system's overall retention capacity and implemented green infrastructure solutions to reduce stormwater runoff and improve discharge water quality.

Voting Yes on Question 5 on November's ballot will approve \$25 million for the Resilient Rhody Infrastructure Fund to invest in similar resilience projects across the state!



Vote YES On Question 5 To Invest In A Resilient Rhody

Thanks to our Municipal Resilience Program, Rhode Island is already a national leader in investing in resilience. But the scale of the challenge facing our communities is large with the [Resilient Rhody 2025 study](#) identifying at-risk infrastructure in all 39 of our cities and towns.

While we have proudly provided more than \$25 million in Municipal Resilience Action Grants, Rhode Island needs a sustainable and reliable source of financing to invest in resilient infrastructure solutions.

That is why voting [YES on Question 5](#) is so important. Question 5 includes \$25 million to seed our Resilient Rhody Infrastructure Fund. This new revolving fund, modeled on our successful Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Funds, will deploy the financing our municipal partners need to invest in new stormwater management, floodproofing, and green infrastructure projects. Voting YES on Question 5 continues the progress that has made RI a national leader in funding resiliency.

Vote YES on Question 5! Please note that Question 5 and other statewide bond questions are on the second side of the ballot.

State Questions

QUESTIONS 1 - 5 (Chapter 084 Public Laws 2025)

Shat the act passed by the Genera: Assembly or the January 2020 session, allowing the State of Rhode Island to issue bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes to pay for the projects listed below, not approved, and the State be allowed to issue these bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes as outlined in the law?

1. HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES - \$275,000,000

For capital improvements to higher education facilities, to be allocated as follows:

- a. University of Rhode Island Integrated Health Building - \$155,000,000
- b. Rhode Island College Adams Library Renovations - \$50,000,000
- c. Community College of Rhode Island Workforce Innovation Center - \$82,000,000

- ☐ Approve
☐ Reject

2. HOUSING AND HOMEOWNERSHIP - \$120,000,000

To increase and preserve the availability of affordable and accessible housing to meet the needs of all Rhode Islanders and support community redevelopment through the redevelopment of existing structures, new construction projects, acquisition and infrastructure improvements. Of this amount, at least twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be allocated toward increasing production of housing intended for high-density mixed-use development. The remaining seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) may be used to support a program for public housing development.

- ☐ Approve
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3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - \$100,000,000

To fund economic development and growth industry infrastructure for economic development purposes, to be allocated as follows:

- a. Site Development - \$56,000,000
- b. Growth Industry Infrastructure - \$45,000,000

- ☐ Approve
☐ Reject

4. CULTURAL ECONOMY - \$50,000,000

To provide funding for cultural economy efforts, to be allocated as follows:

- a. State History Center - \$45,000,000
- b. State Preservation Grants Program - \$5,000,000

- ☐ Approve
☐ Reject

State Questions

5. GREEN ECONOMY BONDS - \$55,000,000

For environmental and recreational purposes, to be allocated as follows:

- a. Brownfields Remediation and Economic Development - \$3,000,000
- b. Facility Improvements - \$17,000,000
- c. Local Recreation Projects - \$1,000,000
- d. Marine Infrastructure Development - \$1,000,000
- e. Resilient Roadway Infrastructure Fund - \$70,000,000
- f. Narragansett Bay Watershed Restoration - \$7,000,000
- g. Agricultural Land Preservation Commission - \$2,000,000
- h. Open Space Program - \$3,000,000

- ☐ Approve
☐ Reject

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[Officials celebrate completion of Industrial Road drainage project, Valley Breeze](#)

[Cumberland addresses chronic flooding at Industrial Road business park, WPRI-12](#)

[R.I. Infrastructure Bank awarded \\$38.7M for lead pipe replacements, Providence Business News](#)

[Officials say Pine Street improvements exemplify the type of project Ballot Question 5 would fund, Valley Breeze](#)

[Letter: Yes on Question 5 will invest in Bristol's infrastructure, land and recreation, Bristol Phoenix](#)

[After 8 years of boiling water, Prudence Island island finally gets relief, Providence Journal](#)

[Green Bond Would Add \\$25 Million to Resilient Rhody Infrastructure Fund, ecoRI News](#)

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