

Pawtuxet River Authority & Watershed Council 2020-2021 (FY21) Annual Report

INTRODUCTION

The Pawtuxet River Authority, doing business as the Pawtuxet River Authority & Watershed Council (PRA&WC), is a quasi-public governmental public benefit corporation created in a statute enacted by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1972 (R.I.G.L.46-24). We are expressly authorized to engage in activities which will improve, environmentally, the Pawtuxet River, as well as provide public recreational facilities along the river. We are authorized to own land, and are directed to maintain an office open to the public as well.

RIGL 46-24 also obligates the participating municipalities of Cranston, Coventry, West Warwick, Warwick and Scituate to fund the operations of the Authority and requires that *“The board (of the Authority), during May of each year, shall submit to the councils of the participating cities and towns a report showing actual expenditures for the preceding ten months and the projected expenditures for the final two (2) months of its fiscal year, as well as a proposed budget for the next fiscal year. The annual report shall include, in addition, a request for any necessary contributions.”*

We thereby are requesting funding for fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and have included the following financial information in this report:

- Expenditures and revenues from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021
- Projection of expenditures from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022
- A financial position statement compiled by our accountant for the 2020 calendar tax year from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020
- IRS 990 Tax Return for year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Much of the effort of the Pawtuxet River Authority & Watershed Council in fiscal year 2020 – 2021 (July 1- June 30) was directed at actively stewarding the Pawtuxet River and continuing the maintenance, development and improvement of land facilities which we own or operate for public use.

At this time, the PRA&WC does not maintain an Executive Director position nor has it any other paid employees. Furthermore, board members have currently declined to receive a substantive salary as allowed by State law. Even though these arrangements impact a modest strain upon the capabilities of the PRA&WC, the current Board of the Authority is staffed by a number of experienced professionals and will continue to provide the public with an efficient, competent and effective level of quality river stewardship. Our efforts are indicative of the quality of the representation to the PRA&WC from the five cities and towns whose appointees comprise the Authority.

The board of the Authority is comprised of three representatives from each of the participating municipalities. The PRA conducts a meeting on the first Monday of each month, as required by RIGL 46-24. This meeting is open to the public, is subject to the Rhode Island Open Meeting Law, RIGL 42-46 and has been conducted continuously since May 1972.

The Mission of the Pawtuxet River Authority and Watershed Council is to Protect and Improve the Pawtuxet River and its Watershed.

We are striving to improve the water and land quality of the entire Pawtuxet River system and render its waters fishable and swimmable. We also steward and co-steward all the lakes, ponds and streams integrated in the Pawtuxet System-the entire 230+ square mile Pawtuxet River Watershed, HUC #109000406.

To those ends, the following efforts and actions were undertaken in FY 2020-2021:

PUBLIC ACCESS PROPERTIES OWNED OR OPERATED AND MAINTAINED BY THE PAWTUXET RIVER AUTHORITY

Property Name	Location	Size	Use	Ownership
Howard Conservation Area Cranston	Pontiac Ave/Ross Simon Drive	49.5 acres	Preserved wetlands, open space, wildlife Refuge/Walking Area/State Institutional Cemetery w/ on-site parking	PRA fee simple
Randall Pond Conservation Area Cranston	Libera Street	1.5 acres 2 Lots	Preserved wetlands, canoe access, wildlife, fishing viewing w/ street parking	PRA fee simple
Pocasset Reservation Cranston	Marine Drive	4.7 acres	Preserved wetlands	PRA fee simple
Pontiac Canoe Launch Warwick	Knight St.	1 acre	Canoe, Kayak Launch w/ on-site parking	PRA fee simple
Norwood Conservation Area Warwick	2nd Avenue	14 acres	Preserved wetlands, wildlife refuge, forested open space	PRA fee simple
Pawtuxet Falls Dam Warwick	Post Rd	<1 acre	Anadromous Fish Passage/Dam partially removed	PRA fee simple

Centreville Pond Fishing & Canoeing Area West Warwick	1465 Main St.	1 acre	Canoe access, fishing deck w/ on-site parking	Town of West Warwick-PRA maintains
Crompton Village River Park West Warwick	Manchester Street	1.5 acres	Fishing pier, canoe access w/ on-site parking	Town of West Warwick-PRA maintains
Epworth Street West Warwick	Epworth St	>1 acre	Open space embankment on Pawtuxet	PRA fee simple
Arkwright to Harris Riverwalk Coventry	Hill Street	4 acres	Walking Trail along river w/ on-site parking	PRA fee simple
Harris to Phenix Riverwalk Coventry & West Warwick	Lincoln Ave/Fairview Ave	1.5 acres	Walking Trail along river w/ street parking	PRA fee simple
Harris Dam Coventry	Main St	1 acre	Dam on south branch of Pawtuxet	PRA fee simple

ANADROMOUS FISH RESTORATION

During FY 2020-2021 the Pawtuxet River Authority and Watershed Council continued to build upon anadromous fish restoration in the lower Pawtuxet River. The main component of this long term project consisted of the Pawtuxet Falls dam removal in 2011 at Pawtuxet Village, Cranston/Warwick at the mouth of the river where it enters Pawtuxet Cove and Narragansett Bay.

On May 23, 2019, the PRA was awarded a \$22,500.00 grant from a collaboration of the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program and New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission. The purpose of the grant was to study and design an anadromous fish passage and flood mitigation device at the next dam upstream from Pawtuxet Falls, the Pontiac Mill Dam. A contract to conduct a feasibility study was awarded to Fuss & O'Neill Inc. of Providence.

The study was completed in December 2020 and can be viewed on our website at www.pawtuxet.org.

The Authority's vision is to deliver anadromous fish to the ideal spawning habitats of both headwaters of the Pawtuxet River, the Scituate Reservoir in Scituate and the Flat River Reservoir in Coventry.

OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE RANDALL POND CONSERVATION AREA-CRANSTON

In an effort to infuse environmental and recreational improvements to and revive the long neglected, Randall Pond in Cranston, the Pawtuxet River Authority acquired, through donation, a parcel of land on the pond at Libera Street. The Authority has built the first phase of a public canoe/kayak launch, fishing and rest area at this site. Although incomplete, in July 2016 the PRA opened the facility for limited recreation. The PRA is pursuing additional funding to complete the project. The Authority also is restoring wetlands on a second parcel it owns and has begun discussions with the City of Cranston to manage and improve other wetland lots owned by the city at this area.

NORWOOD CONSERVATION AREA-WARWICK

In 2011, the Pawtuxet River Authority acquired 14 acres of wooded open space, to be preserved as open space in perpetuity, along the Main Stem of the Pawtuxet River in the Norwood section of Warwick. Consistent with the wishes of the Norwood Village Association and neighboring residents, the Authority will maintain this land as an undeveloped wildlife habitat.

OPERATION OF THE CENTREVILLE POND CANOEING AND FISHING AREA AND CROMPTON VILLAGE RIVER PARK-WEST WARWICK

By means of a non-compensatory “care and custody” lease agreement with the Town of West Warwick, the Authority continues to operate and improve a river access park at Veteran’s Square on Centreville Pond and fishing pier/kayak launch at the Crompton Mill Pond. Both of these facilities are furnished with on-site parking and are on the Pawtuxet River South Branch.

OPERATIONS AND CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOWARD CONSERVATION AREA AND PONTIAC CANOE LAUNCH- CRANSTON/WARWICK

Pawtuxet River Authority and Watershed Council maintains a 50-acre parcel of land in the cities of Cranston and Warwick along the Pawtuxet at the eastern end of the Howard Industrial Park. This area was formerly an ill-maintained expanse of illegal trash dumping. It is also partially occupied by the Pontiac electric sub-station with high voltage electric utility easements of the National Grid. The

property also abuts the former Cranston Sanitary Landfill which has undergone extensive environmental remediation.

The Authority maintains an excellent relationship with National Grid as well as the parties responsible for the landfill remediation. The Authority has been steadily working to make this area a functional urban passive recreation facility as well as a wildlife refuge. The Authority continues to maintain the abutting Pontiac Canoe Launch, reinvigorate this property by combating illegal dumping, eliminate invasive plant species, encourage native plant growth, and maintain a former state institution historic cemetery.

The Howard Conservation Area is now home to a number of species of wildlife, including a large herd of deer, wild turkey, fox, oriole, cormorant, redheaded woodpecker, night herons, wood duck, grey and blue heron. In addition, Osprey and, as well for the first time American Bald Eagles, have been observed in this vicinity along the river.

The Pawtuxet River Authority also provides tenancy on this property to a manufacturer of aquatic plant-derived products, AgCore Technologies LLC. The Authority provides leased land space to this company for a greenhouse and portable office accommodations as a pilot-scale production.

RENOVATION OF THE PONTIAC CANOE LAUNCH WARWICK

In March 2019, the PRA performed a \$30,000.00 renovation and beautification of the Pontiac Canoe Launch. The funding was derived from an easement provided several years earlier to the Cranston Sanitary Landfill remediation partnership for the purposes of storm water management on the landfill. In April 2020, RIDEM stocked trout at this site.

OPERATION OF THE ARKWRIGHT TO PHENIX RIVERWALK-COVENTRY/WEST WARWICK

The Authority continues to operate one of the state's first public river access walking trails along the North Branch of the Pawtuxet through the towns of Coventry and West Warwick. This trail is approximately 1 mile long.

DEVELOPMENT OF HARRIS DAM CANOEING AND FISHING AREA-COVENTRY

The PRA&WC is pursuing the development of a public trout fishing area and canoe portage at the Harris Dam in Harris Village, Coventry. This 19th century textile milldam is owned by the Authority and abuts the Authority's Arkwright to Harris Riverwalk. As a beginning phase of this project, the Authority successfully

petitioned the RIDEM to reduce the hazard classification of the dam to insignificant, thereby reducing mandated RIDEM time-sensitive structural improvements and also reducing the Authority's overall liability. The Authority sees this project as vigorous passive recreation effort to complement the current improvements in the village, most notably, the improvements to the Harris Mill.

PARTICIPATION IN UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND WATERSHED WATCH

The PRA&WC continues to collaborate with the URI Watershed Watch Program to chemically monitor the water quality of the Pawtuxet River. During FY 20-21, the Authority continued to fund a volunteer and a monitoring station on the lower Pawtuxet River, provided by URI Watershed Watch.

CONTINUED RECOGNITION BY THE RI RIVERS COUNCIL

On November 9, 2016, the Pawtuxet River Authority has received designation from the State of Rhode Island Rivers Council as the “official steward of the Pawtuxet River Watershed”. The PRA&WC will maintain that recognition until 2021.

The RI Rivers Council was created by the RI General Assembly to coordinate, oversee, and review efforts to improve and preserve the quality of Rhode Island rivers and to recognize, organize and assist all other qualified organizations to do so.

PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

The Pawtuxet River Authority continues to collaborate with organizations of like goals such as the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program, the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, the five municipalities comprising the Authority, the Town of Johnston, the Neutaconkanut Hill Conservancy, Save the Bay and the Upper Pond Dam Conservation Association, to name a recent few.

The Authority continues to seek partnership for environmental improvement opportunities for the Pawtuxet River Watershed with all the municipalities of the watershed as well as the member watershed councils of the RI Rivers Council.

OUTLET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Authority has made itself available to the Kent County and Providence County Court systems, as well as the state Division of Motor Vehicles, United Way and Save the Bay to provide community service for law offenders obligated

with court-imposed penalties. The Authority also makes itself available to any individual or group in the Pawtuxet Watershed for an environmentally-oriented-community service opportunity.

CONTINUED INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ALL PRAWC ACTIVITIES AND PROPERTIES

The Authority continues to provide uninterrupted insurance coverage of its properties, dams, vehicles, personnel, watercraft and activities through Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust of East Providence, RI.

ENGAGEMENT OF EXTENDED LEGAL REPRESENTATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES BY THE PRAWC

The Authority continues to engage the legal services of Christopher A. D'Ovidio Esq. of Warwick, to provide both general counsel and real estate guidance. In doing so, the Authority reaffirms its commitment to provide competent execution of its mission as outlined in Rhode Island General Laws.

The Authority also engages the services of Katharine G. Estes, CPA of North Kingstown. Ms. Estes provides independent financial services to the organization, including preparation of annual financial statements and the 990 AR. Where appropriate and consistent with her independent role, she also provides guidance to the treasurer, finance subcommittee and officers of the Authority.

MAINTENANCE OF THE PRAWC WEBSITE/FACEBOOK

The Pawtuxet River Authority & Watershed Council provides environmental problem solving and general information for the public, facilitates educational programs, and conducts public participation events. To accomplish these tasks, the Authority maintains a comprehensive internet website found at www.pawtuxet.org, and operates Facebook page enabling the public to locate and obtain information on sites of interest in the Pawtuxet Watershed System.

OPERATION OF HEADQUARTERS OFFICE AT 8 HOPE FURNACE ROAD SCITUATE

As required by state law, the Pawtuxet River Authority & Watershed Council continues to operate a permanent headquarters office at 8 Hope Furnace Road in Scituate. The office is equipped with internet and telephone. The office is open at reasonable business hours to the public. The Authority also makes the office

available to other environmental organizations for meetings such as Save the Lakes, Inc., and the Western Coventry Historical Commission.

CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

From March 2020 the Authority until September 2020 the PRA suspended all its activities, including its monthly public meetings to conform to the orders issued by the Office of the Governor of Rhode Island. Commencing in September 2020, the Authority resumed its monthly meetings electronically and began to conduct outdoor activities consistent with State of RI Covid-19 protocols.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **March 6, 2021** - PRA board members and volunteers conduct a significant litter cleanup at Tongue Pond Cranston. About 30 cubic yards of litter and debris were removed from this area.
- **March 13, 2021** - PRA conducts a litter cleanup of its Howard Conservation Area in Cranston and removes 25 cubic yards of litter and abandoned materials.
- **March 20, 2021** - The PRA performs landscape maintenance at its Randall Pond Conservation Area on Llibera Street in Cranston.
- **March 27, 2021**- The PRA performs landscape maintenance at its Harris Dam property in Coventry.
- **April 3, 2021**- The Pawtuxet River Authority and community service recipients perform vegetation maintenance at the proposed Harris Dam Fishing Area in Coventry.
- **April 10, 2021**- The PRA conducts property maintenance at Phenix-Harris Riverwalk in Coventry and West Warwick.
- **April 17, 2021**- The PRA conducts property maintenance at Centreville Pond Canoeing and Fishing Area, West Warwick.
- **April 18, 2021**- The PRA conducts property maintenance at Crompton Village Riverpark West Warwick.
- **April 24, 2021**- The PRA assists the Upper Dam Pond Conservation Association in Coventry with an Earthday cleanup and also conducts a cleanup of the North Branch of the Pawtuxet in Hope Village in coordination with the Town of Scituate town-wide Earthday Cleanup.

- **May 15, 2021-** The Pawtuxet River Authority holds its 6th Annual Family Fishing Derby at Lake Tiogue Coventry. Over 100 people attend. Admission was free and bait, as well as fishing equipment and instruction were provided were also provided. Prizes, donated by Bass Pro Shops were awarded to various age groups.
- **June 12, 2021-**The Pawtuxet River Authority fields a float in the Annual Gaspee Days Parade in Warwick.

2021 UPDATE ON WATER QUALITY OF THE PAWTUXET RIVER

The most current and comprehensive report on water quality for the Pawtuxet River watershed, the river, its tributaries, streams and ponds, can be found in the “State of Rhode Island 2018-2020 Impaired Waters Report-February 2021”. This document is published by the RI Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) in compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act. It includes a listing of most Rhode Island fresh and salt water bodies, their target use classifications, along with an assessment as to whether or not each water body is supporting its intended usage.

RIDEM has entered into an agreement with the USGS to conduct monthly water quality monitoring on the Pawtuxet River. This will enable long-term trend assessments, including ongoing analysis of pollutant loadings to Narragansett Bay.

In addition to data from the USGS, the RIDEM completes its own water monitoring through its Office of Water Resources with the goal of sampling of all water bodies on a 5-year rotating cycle. The RIDEM also includes data collected and analyzed by the URI Watershed Watch Program. The Pawtuxet River Authority funds the URIWW sampling segment on the main Pawtuxet River.

The target use water body classifications for the Pawtuxet River range from AA to B1 depending upon proximity to the Scituate Reservoir. A water-body with an AA classification needs to meet quality standards that support the Public Drinking Water Supply, Fish and Wildlife habitat, Fish Consumption, Primary and Secondary Contact Recreation. **The target use classification for the main stem of the Pawtuxet River to Narragansett Bay is B1: supporting fish and wildlife habitat, as well as primary (swimming) and secondary (boating) recreational contact.**

Following new guidance from the EPA, Rhode Island has adopted an assessment system ranking water bodies in 5 categories as to how well they are meeting their intended uses. The methodology for this assessment process is outlined in RI’s *Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology (CALM)*. Category 1 waters fully support their intended uses. Category 5 waters do not meet one or more criteria and are, therefore, listed among the state’s impaired waters that need TMDLs¹ established and a restoration plans developed. The following is a description of those categories:

Category 1 - Attaining all designated uses. Water-bodies will be placed into this category if, in accordance with the requirements of the CALM, the assessment results indicated that the waterbody is attaining all water quality standards for all designated uses.

¹ Total Maximum Daily Load – the acceptable level of pollutant that allows an impaired water body to meet target water quality standards.

Category 2 - Attaining some of the designated uses; and insufficient or no data and information is available to determine if the remaining uses are attained.

Water-bodies will be placed in this category if there are data and information which, in accordance with the CALM, support a determination that some, but not all, uses are attained and attainment status of the remaining uses is unknown because there is insufficient or no data or information.

Category 3 - Insufficient or no data and information are available to determine if any designated use is attained or impaired.

Water-bodies will be placed in this category where the data or information to support an attainment determination for any use are not sufficient, consistent with the requirements of the CALM. In general, these uses and waterbodies are considered Not Assessed.

Category 4 - Impaired or threatened for one or more designated uses but does not require development of a TMDL. (Three subcategories):

4A. TMDL has been completed. Waterbodies will be placed in this subcategory once all TMDLs for the waterbody have been developed and approved by EPA.

4B. Other pollution control requirements are reasonably expected to result in attainment of the water quality standard in the near future.

Waterbodies will be placed in this subcategory where other pollution control requirements are stringent enough to implement any water quality standard applicable to the water.

4C. Impairment is not caused by a pollutant. Waterbodies will be placed in this subcategory if pollution (e.g., flow) rather than a pollutant causes the impairment.

Category 5 - Impaired or threatened for one or more designated uses by a pollutant(s), and requires a TMDL. This Category constitutes the **303(d) List of waters impaired** or threatened by a pollutant(s) for which one or more TMDL(s) are needed.

Waters within the Pawtuxet Watershed have assessments that span all 5 categories. There are a number of sections of the river that have been included on the state’s list of impaired waters, Category 5. The principal causes for impairment that justify a Category 5 assessment may include elevated levels of metals such as iron, lead, mercury, copper, and cadmium; elevated levels of Enterococci and Fecal Coliform; elevated total Phosphorus levels; Excess algal growth; and low levels of Dissolved Oxygen.

HUC Identifier	Popular Name of Waterbody	Cause of Impairment	Category
R10006018R-01	Cedar Swamp Brook & Tribs/Johnston	Dissolved Oxygen/Fecal Coliform	5
R10006018R-02A	Dry Brook & Tribs/Johnston	Enterococcus	5
R10006018R-03A	Pocasset River & Tribs/Johnston/Cranston	Enterococcus/chloride/copper Invasive plants	5

R10006018R-03B	Pocasset River & Tribs/Cranston	Invasive plants	5
R10006018R-04	Simmons Brook & Tribs/Johnston	Enterococcus	5
R10006018L-03	Simmons Reservoir/Johnston	Phosphorous, turbidity	5
R10006018L-05	Print Works Pond/Cranston	Chloride/lead/fecal coliform/TSS	5
R10006018L-06	Blackamore Pond/Cranston	Phosphorous/lead in sediment	5
R10006017R-04	Three Pond Brook/Warwick	Lead	5
R10006017R-03	Pawtuxet River Main Stem/Warwick/Cranston	Phosphorous/Mercury/Enterococcus/Invasive plants	5
R10006017L-02	Three Ponds /Warwick	Copper/Lead/DO/Phosphorous/Invasive Plants	5
R10006017L-06	Mashapaug Pond/Providence	Chlorophyll A/D.O./Phosphorous/PCB in fish/Fecal Coliform	5
R10006017L-08	Fenner Pond/Cranston	Phosphorous	5
R10006016R-06A	Pawtuxet River North Branch/Scituate	Mercury in fish	5
R10006016R-06B	Pawtuxet River North Branch/Coventry/West Warwick	Lead/Mercury in fish	5
R10006015R-16	Moswansicut Stream/Scituate Reservoir	Enterococcus	5
R10006015R-22	Rush Brook & Tribs/Scituate	Enterococcus	5
R10006015R-23	Shippee Brook & Tribs/Foster	Enterococcus	5
R10006015R-27	Westconnaug Brook/Scituate Reservoir	Enterococcus	5
R10006015R-29	Wilbur Hollow Brook/Scituate	Enterococcus	5
R10006014R-01	Hawkinson Brook & Tribs/West Warwick	Enterococcus	5
R10006014R-	Mishnock River & Tribs	Enterococcus	5

R10006014R-04B	Pawtuxet River South Branch	Lead	5
R10006014R-08	Un-named trib #3 to South Branch Pawtuxet/Coventry	Enterococcus/lead	5
R10006013R-01	Flat River Reservoir	Mercury in fish/Invasive plants	
R10006017L-09	Sand Pond/Warwick (N. of Airport)	Dissolved Oxygen, Phosphorous	4A
R10006018R-02A	Dry Brook & Tribs	Enterococcus	4A
R10006018R-04	Simmons Brook & Tribs Johnston	Enterococcus	4A
R10006015R-11	Huntinghouse Brook/Scituate Reservoir	Enterococcus	4A
R10006017R-02	Meshanticut Brook	Enterococcus	4A
R10006017L-06	Mashapaug Pond	Excess algae, DO, Phosphorous, Fecal Coliform	4A
R10006017L-05	Roger Williams Park Ponds	Excess algae, DO, Phosphorous, Fecal Coliform	4A
R10006017L-07	Spectacle Pond	Excess algae, DO, Phosphorous	4A
R10006016L-02	J.L. Curran Reservoir (Upper Fiskeville Reservoir)	Mercury in fish	4A
R10006014R-0	Tribs to Lake Tiogue/Coventry	Enterococcus	4A
R10006013L-04	Quidnick Reservoir/Coventry	Mercury in Fish	4A
R10006014L-04	Upper Dam/Coventry	Phosphorous	4A
R10006012L-01	Reynolds Pond	Invasive plants	4C
R10006012L-02	Tarbox Pond	Invasive plants	4C

R10006014L-01	Mishnock Lake	Invasive Fish, Asian Clams, Invasive Plants	4C
R10006014L-02	Tiogue Lake	Invasive fish, invasive plants, zooplankton	4C
R10006015L-01	Scituate Reservoir/ Regulating Res	Invasive plants	4C
R10006018R-03A	Pocasset River & Tribs Johnston/Cranston	Invasive plants	4C
R10006017L-02	Three Ponds/Warwick	Invasive plants	4C
R10006017L-05	Roger Williams Park Ponds	Invasive plants	4C
R10006017R-03	Pawtuxet River Main Stem	Invasive plants	4C
RI0006013L-12	Mapleroot Pond	Invasive plants	4C
Ri0006017L-01	Meshanticut Pond	Invasive plants	4C
R10006013L-01	Flat River Res (Johnson Pond)	Invasive plants	4C

While continuous progress is being made, there is no doubt that the Pawtuxet River and its watershed has a way to go in meeting all water quality targets. It is significant to note that, as of the State's 2021 report, the Main Stem of the Pawtuxet River (RI0006017R-03) is producing sustained healthy concentrations of Dissolved Oxygen and is now meeting this specific water quality standard.

**the PAWTUXET RIVER AUTHORITY
dba the PAWTUXET RIVER AUTHORITY & WATERSHED COUNCIL**

Federal Employer Tax Identification Number: 05-0404245

Nonprofit status acknowledged by State of Rhode Island: May 1, 1972

Federal tax status 501(c)(3) awarded by the Internal Revenue Service: May 26, 1993

DUNS: 78-632-7692

Board Membership (July 1, 2021)

Coventry:	John Donovan, John Preiss, Paul Lockett
Cranston:	Carl Santucci, Vacancy, Vacancy
Scituate:	Robert J. Nero, James Johnson, Allen Durand
Warwick:	Jennifer Ryan, Vacancy, Vacancy
West Warwick:	Michael Bedard, Steven Brittsan, James Sullivan

Associate Board Membership

Cranston:	Rita L. Holahan
Scituate:	Tammi Kenyon
Warwick:	Alicia Nero

Officers (July 1, 2021)

Chairman:	Robert J. Nero
Vice Chairman:	Steven S. Brittsan
Treasurer:	Vacant
Secretary:	Carl Santucci

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