

# NARRAGANSETT BAY ESTUARY PROGRAM

EPA Program Evaluation Site Visit, June 18 –20, 2018, Itinerary Revised 6/13/2018

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## Day 1: Monday June 18, 2018 – Staff Presentation Day

- **12:00pm** – review team and NBEP staff meet at NBEP office and walk/drive to lunch together
- **12:15-1:30pm** – lunch: <https://themaltedbarley.com/providence/menu/>
- **1:30pm** – head back to NBEP office (*walk or drive depends on lunch location*) to be joined by Swift, King/Kiernan, Liberti
- **1:45pm** –staff presentation on program accomplishments and discussion
- **2:50pm** –briefing from Angelo Liberti, RIDEM, on nutrient reductions
- **3:00pm** – review team meet with Judith Swift & John King/Sue Kiernan (no Heather or staff, by EPA request)
- **3:45pm** – wrap-up: final questions and distribute site visit details
- **4:00pm** – adjourn

## Day 2: Tuesday June 19, 2018 – Site Visit Day

Map: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1F6mXBjIoMPGgGrTjBofRMu5RBtRWp8Eg&usp=sharing>

- **8:00am** – Arrive at NBEP office (visitor lot, 235 Promenade Street, Providence) for group transportation which leaves **promptly at 8:15am**
  - To: Fall River Heritage State Park, Davol St, Fall River, MA 02720
- **9:00am-10:30am** – Fall River Heritage State Park conversations with:
  - Heidi Ricci/Stefanie Covino – MassAudubon & Resilient Taunton Watershed Network
  - Bill Napolitano (*tentative*) – Resilient Taunton Watershed Network
  - Nick Wildman – Mass DER
  - Juliet Swigor – Mass DEP
- **10:30-11:00/11:15am** – drive to Aquidneck Island – First Beach
  - To: Easton's Beach Rotunda, 175 Memorial Boulevard, Newport, RI 02840
- **11:00/11:15-11:45am** – Conversations with Dave McLaughlin from Clean Ocean Access on public access project, stormwater pathogens find it and fix it, and marine beaches research
- **11:45-12:00pm** – Brief tour of Save The Bay aquarium with Adam Kovarsky
- **12:00-12:45pm** – brown bag or bring cash to purchase lunch at [snack bar](#) for lunch at beach with Topher Hamblett from Save The Bay joining
- **12:45-1:30pm** – drive to URI Main Campus, Coastal Institute, 1 Greenhouse Road, Kingston, RI
- **1:30-2:00pm** – Jose Amador (URI) tour of lab and highlight project optimizing performance of existing onsite wastewater treatment systems to reduce nitrogen inputs
- **2:00-2:45pm** – drive to Suburban Parkway, Warwick, RI (Park: 830 Oakland Beach, Warwick)
- **2:45-3:15pm** - Eric Hindinger from Warwick: bioretention basins to help improve water quality near Oakland Beach and City Park Beach
- **3:15-3:45pm** – End of site visit. Drive back to Providence

## Day 3: Wednesday June 20, 2018 – Steering Committee meeting

- **9:45-10:00am** – optional stop at North Kingstown library (100 Boone St, North Kingstown) to see the rain garden that NBEP funded to treat stormwater before it enters Wickford Harbor
  - *Library → EPA lab = 15 minute drive (recommend scenic 1A drive)*
- **10:30am** – Steering Committee meeting at EPA Narragansett, RI
- **12:20pm** – catered lunch
- **2:30pm** – meeting adjourn