

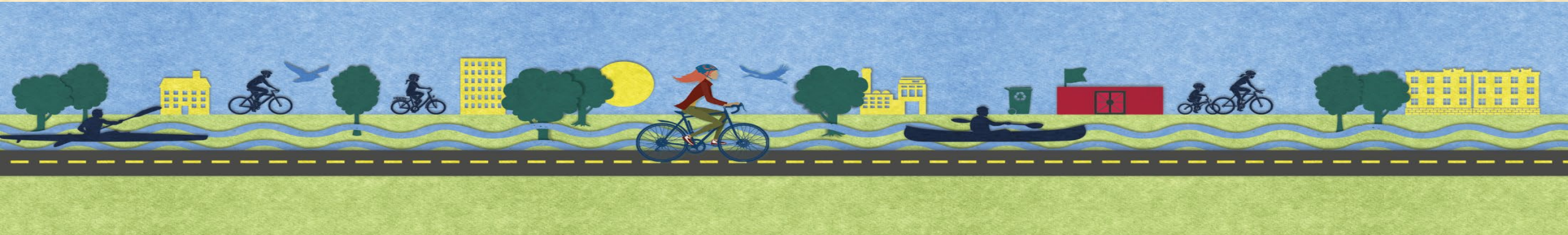


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Narragansett Bay Estuary Program

Nature Based Planning Grants Presentation – January 31, 2024

Olneyville Community Led Stormwater Planning



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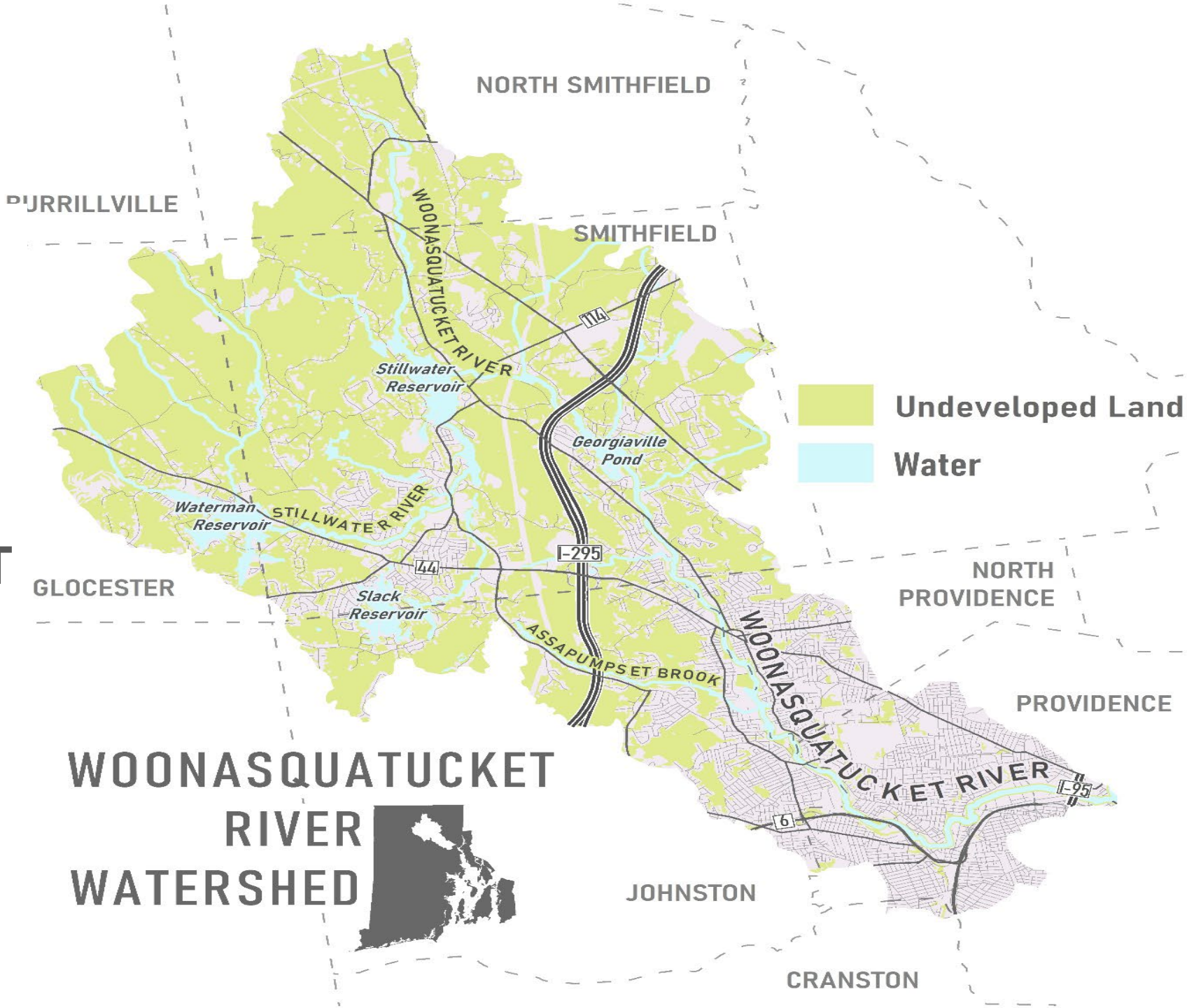


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*WRWC Mission:
Create positive environmental, social and economic
change by revitalizing the Woonasquatucket River, its
Greenway and its communities.*

283,757 total population
(27% of RI)

COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY
WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL



Olneyville, Providence RI



Almost 7,000
people live in
Olneyville

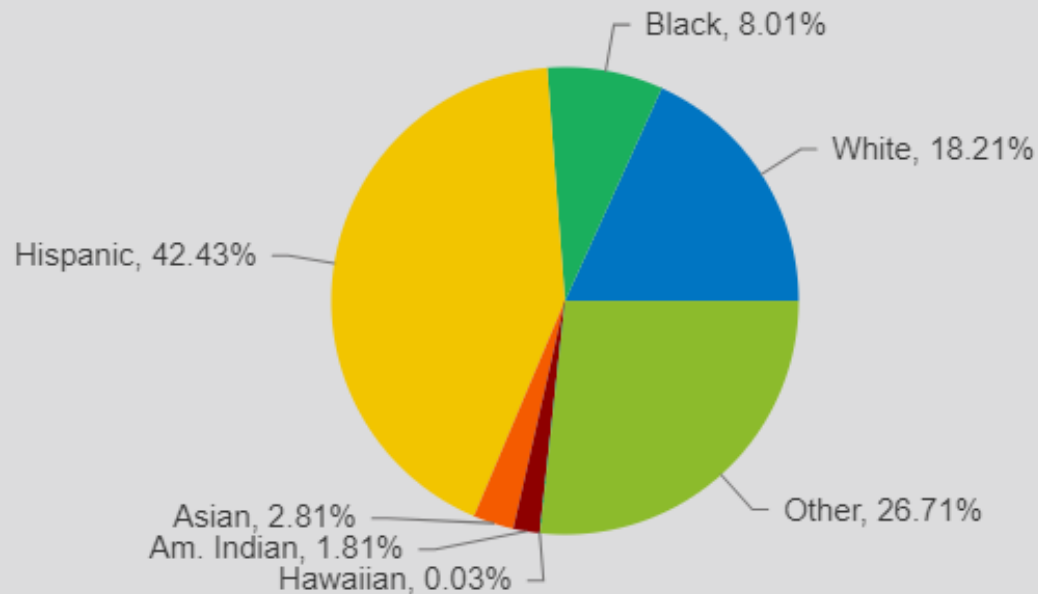
Demographic details of Olneyville, Providence RI

Pie Chart & Table

Comparison Bar Chart

Population by Race

Population by Race: 02909



White Population:	12,283	18.21%
Black Population:	5,405	8.01%
Hispanic Population:	28,625	42.43%
Asian Population:	1,893	2.81%
American Indian Population:	1,224	1.81%
Hawaiian Population:	18	0.03%
Other Population:	18,022	26.71%

Olneyville Flooding



Olneyville Flood March 2010



Olneyville Flood January 10, 2024

What is Nuevas Voces?

Mission:

CREATE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS BY PROVIDING HISTORICAL, SCIENTIFIC & ENVIRONMENTAL KNOWLEDGE OF OUR COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND AND TAKE ACTION FOR ITS PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION SO THAT THE GENERATIONS TO COME CAN CONTINUE TO ENJOY THEIR ENVIRONMENT.

Objectives

1. Foster consciousness around local environmental issues.
2. Comfort discussing environmental issues.
3. Build long term community connections.
4. Development leadership skills and opportunities.

NV Program Sessions

Total of 8 Sessions (Monthly)

1. History and identity of the neighborhood, relationship to the river and history of Providence
2. Understand climate change and environmental hazards
3. Emergency Preparedness – Code Red & Emergency Kits
4. Environmental Justice – Meaning, Where we Fit
5. Political System – Meeting our Reps
6. Community Organizing
7. Next Steps for Leaders
8. Graduation

New Voices / Nuevas Voces Learning Cohort



- Compensation (\$25 an hour)
- Translation & Interpretation
- Transportation and Childcare for In-person Activities
- Technology & Digital Content Accessibility (Computers and Wi-Fi)

Nuevas Voces 2023 Year 3 – 24 Graduates 56 Total Graduates



Next Level Programming Climate Combat Champions/Campeones

- **Develop Climate Mitigation Understanding**
- **Frontline Resident Co-Governance in Siting and Designing Projects to Combat Climate Issues**

Campeones de Combate Climático

Mark Pereira
WRWC Civil Engineer
Presents Overview of
Restoration/Resilience
Projects

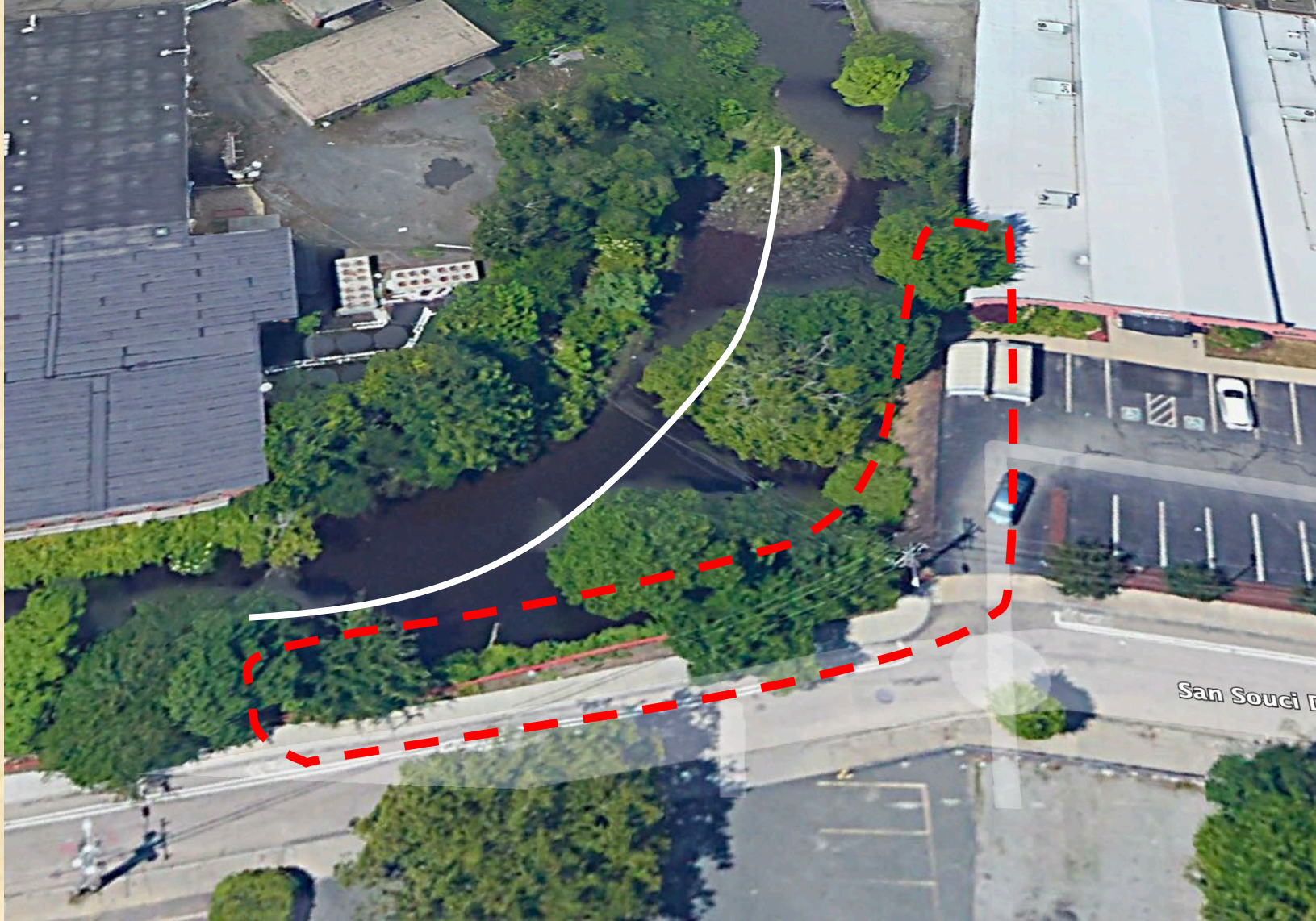
March 8, 2023 Start



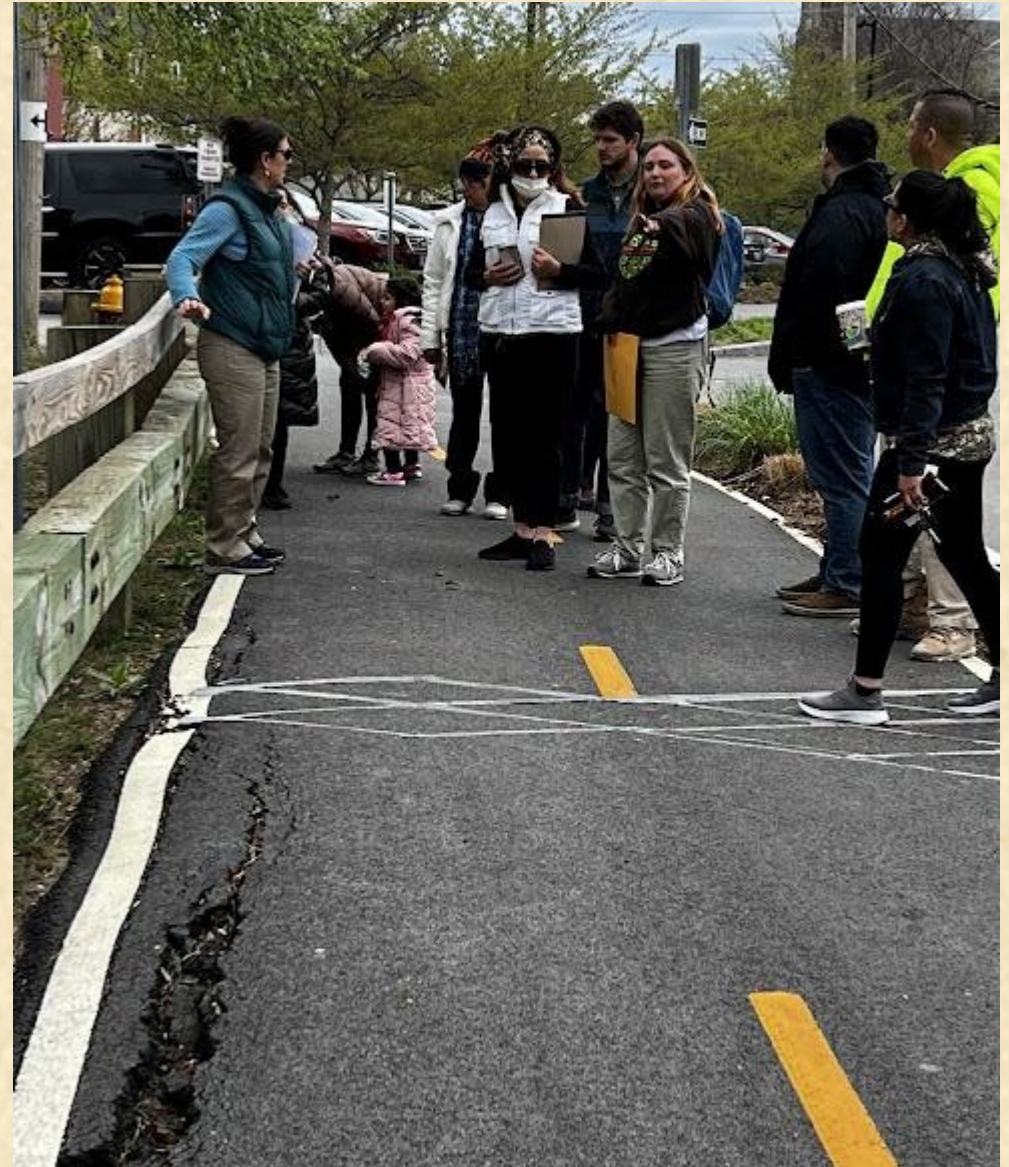
San Souci Drive -Campeones Field Visit Completed Project



San Souci Drive
Providence, RI



Kickoff Meeting Streambank Restoration Project



DeSoto Street Visit – May 2023 Flood Mitigation Project Site



DeSoto Street Visit – Proposed Solution Discussed by Campeones



DeSoto Street Ribbon Cutting for Gotham Greens – September 2023



Campeona Gloria Morales Event Speaker

Understanding the Issues – How to Identify Good Sites for Solutions

STORMWATER 101 Training – July 2023



Solutions in Action – Parking Lot Acorn & Kinsley in Providence Stormwater Retrofit December 2023



Campeones – Year 2 Goals

- Continue the projects started in year 1
- See at least one project through to construction
- Prioritize additional climate mitigation projects
- Campeones identify other ways they would like to help their community become more resilient to flooding

Program Takeaways

- Maria José's Experience
 - Leadership development and gaining environmental knowledge
 - Shared experiences between Providence and Santa Cruz, Bolivia
- Participants are involved in all parts of WRWC
 - Community canoe rides in Riverside Park
 - Press events and magazine interviews





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THANK YOU

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