



Sustainable Watersheds Office

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Planning for Growth

The Office assists communities plan for sustainable development that minimizes negative impacts to the environment and preserves community character and meaningful open space. This also involves assisting the Governor's Growth Planning Council develop policies to encourage growth that is both economically and environmentally sound.



Natural and Recreational Resources

The Office is assisting communities identify and protect their important natural, cultural, and recreational resources. This also involves promoting sustainable natural resource based businesses to reduce fragmentation of forestland.



Publications

All publications may be downloaded by visiting <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bpoladm/suswshed/pubs.htm>

- *Citizen's Guide to Farm, Forest, & Open Space Act*
- *Conservation Development Manual*
- *Farming and Forestry Strategies*
- *Greenwich Bay Watershed Riparian Buffer Restoration Project*
- *Land Conservation, Development & Property Tax in Rhode Island*
- *Low Impact Development Site Planning and Design Guidance Manual*
- *Model Land Use Ordinances to Protect Natural Resources*
- *Narrow River Stormwater Abatement Plan*
- *The Need to Reduce Impervious Cover to Prevent Flooding and Protect Water Quality*
- *Rhode Island Forest Resources Management Plan*
- *Rhode Island Rural Design Manual (formerly the *South County Design Manual)*
- *Scituate Reservoir Watershed Greenspace Project- Pending*
- *Scituate Reservoir Watershed Zoning Project*
- *Site Assessment Guide*
- *South County Greenspace Protection Strategy*
- *Strategies to Maintain Farms and Forests*
- *Transfer of Development Rights*
- *Urban Environmental Design Manual*
- *Watershed Management Plan for Green Hill and Ninigret Ponds*
- *Woonasquatucket Riparian Buffer Restoration Project*
- *Woonasquatucket Watershed Greenspace Project*
- *Woonasquatucket Watershed Landuse and Zoning Project*