

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

RIDEM Recreation Acquisition & Development Grants Program

Monday, November 25, 2013 -- 4:00 p.m.

Westerly Town Hall, Council Chambers

The Town of Westerly has prepared three applications for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's Recreation Acquisition and Development Grants Program. This application will be considered for approval at the Town Council meeting on Monday, November 25, 2013 at 7 p.m.

A PUBLIC HEARING, conducted by the chairs of the Westerly Municipal Land Trust and the Town of Westerly Conservation Commission will be held at 4:00 PM at the above date and place for the purpose of obtaining citizens' views on the proposed applications that are listed below. .

1. Large Grants, greater than \$75,000, with a maximum award of \$400,000, with grants to provide up to 50% of the cost to municipalities to acquire, develop or renovate outdoor recreation

facilities.

The Town is requesting \$400,000 to apply towards property acquisition.

2. Small Grants, less than \$75,000, with grants to provide up to 50% of the cost to municipalities to acquire, develop or renovate outdoor recreation facilities.

The Town is requesting \$75,000 for renovations to Gingerella Field

3. Historic/Passive Park Grants, maximum award of \$100,000, with grants to provide up to 90% of the cost to municipalities to restore, renovate or develop historic and/or passive parks.

The Town is requesting \$100,000 to survey, sign, fence and provide amenities to existing public rights-of-way to the Atlantic Ocean, Pawcatuck River and/or Winnapaug Pond.

The grants will be awarded from the Rhode Island Open Space Bond Authorizations of 2010 and 2012.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Assistant Town Planner Blanche Higgins at (401) 348-2550. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must call 348-2500 or

596-2022 (V/TDD) 72 hours in advance of the hearing date.