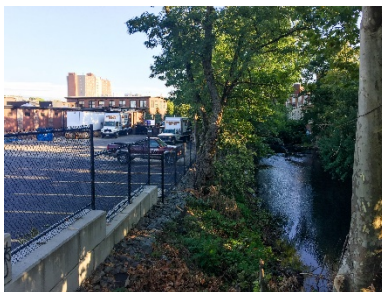
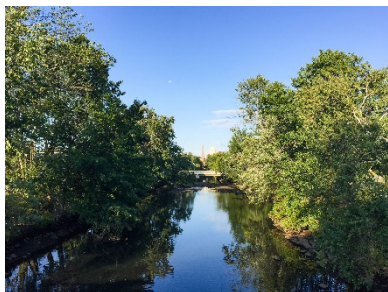


**Public meeting for
Woonasquatucket River Watershed Flood Protection Project
June 8 and 10, 2021**

PROVIDENCE and SMITHFIELD, Rhode Island – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Town of Smithfield and the City of Providence are co-sponsoring a public informational meeting to discuss the **proposed Woonasquatucket River Watershed Flood Protection Project**.



You are invited to this first public meeting scheduled for:

Tuesday, June 8 @ 6:00PM (sponsored by NRCS and Town of Smithfield)

OR

Thursday, June 10 @ 6:00PM (sponsored by NRCS and City of Providence)

****Spanish Translation Available**

This will be an **on-line meeting, held via Zoom**. Please register via EventBrite at the following link:

<https://bit.ly/woonyNRCSproject>

The Woonasquatucket River Watershed has experienced repeated flooding that causes damages to residential and commercial development infrastructure and presents a public safety risk within the developed floodplain during periods of intense rainfall. **The preparation of a Watershed Flood Protection Project Plan-Environmental Document that seeks to address these flood risks is currently underway.**

Staff from NRCS and the local sponsoring organizations, along with their consultants, will provide information on the flood protection project and the planning activities both to-date and upcoming for the watershed and are very interested in hearing from the public about local flooding concerns.

NRCS provides reasonable accommodations to enable all persons with disabilities to participate in agency programs and activities. If you require special accommodations, please contact Ayana Brown by June 1, 2021. For further information on the meeting, contact Ayana Brown, Conservation Engineer, NRCS, at woonyNRCSproject@dubois-king.com. If you are unable to attend, please provide your concerns, questions, comments, and other pertinent information related to the watershed by June 24, 2021 to Ms. Brown.

A recording of the presentation will be available on the NRCS-RI website at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/ri/home>.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance with this project!