



Photo by Dennis Howard

Middletown Coastal Access Alliance SPRING MEETING

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**June 2, 2026  
5:30 – 7:00pm**

**at the Norman Bird Sanctuary  
583 Third Beach Road, Middletown, RI**

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All are welcome - please REGISTER to attend:

Visit: <https://forms.gle/R2QSi4FfDxQuwmqA7>

Or Email: melissa@coastal-alliance.org

Or Scan:



Middletown Coastal Access Alliance (MCAA)

~ Spring Highlights ~



Agenda:

- **Review:**
 - MCAA Mission
 - Rights-of-way (ROW) Map
- **Monitoring & Clean-ups**
- **ROW updates**
- **Partner Perspective**
- **Looking Ahead**



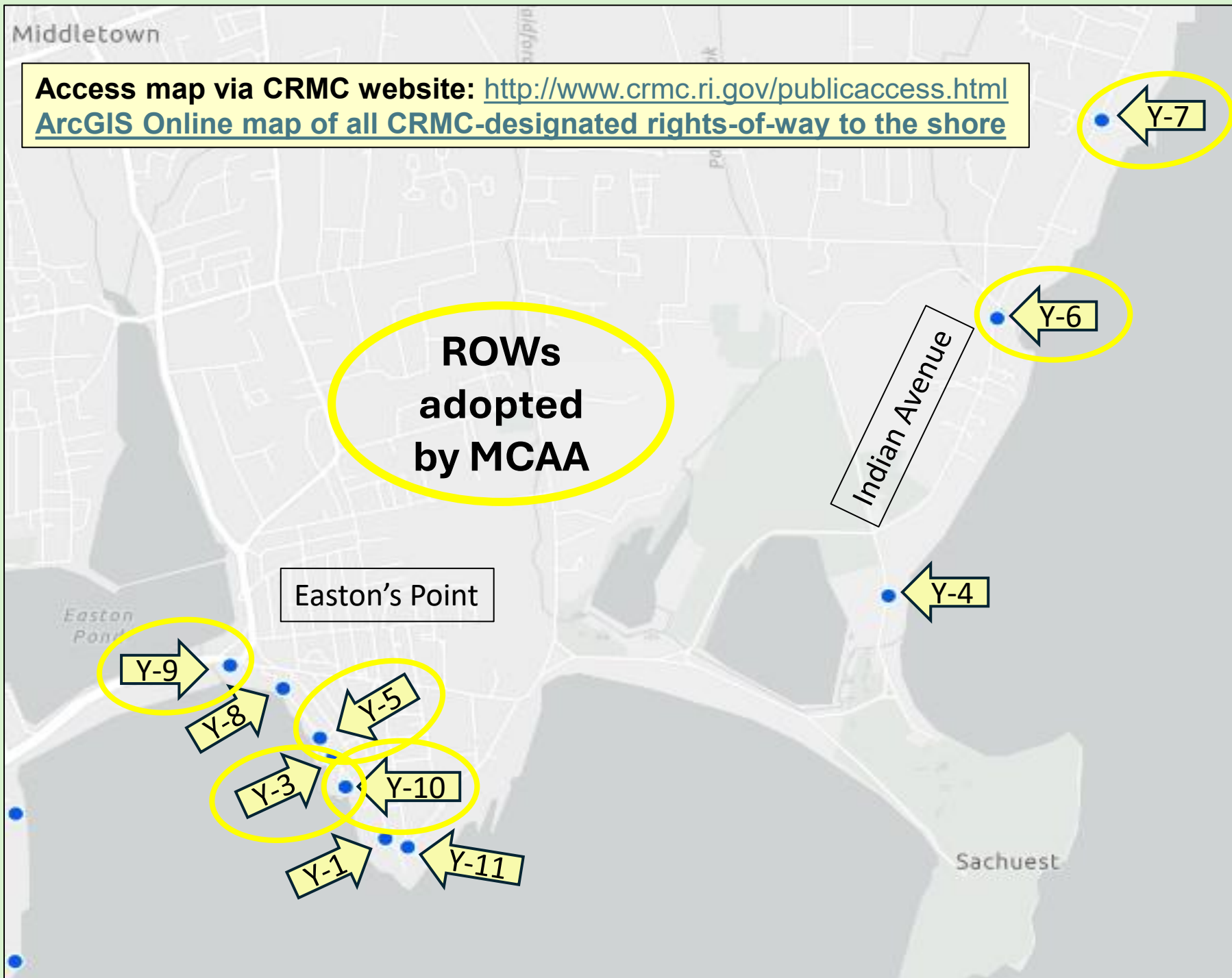


MCAA Overview

- **What?** MCAA is non-profit local group that aims to **monitor, maintain, and preserve** the rights-of-way (ROWs) that provide public access to the coastal waters of Middletown, RI.
- **Why?** To ensure that our ROWs are available for the public to use as intended, while respecting adjacent private property.
- **How?** Organize volunteers to monitor and report on conditions and to conduct clean-ups at Middletown's coastal access points.
- **With whom?** Coordinate with the Town of Middletown, the Coastal Resource Management Council (CRMC), and partner with other groups that share and support our goals.

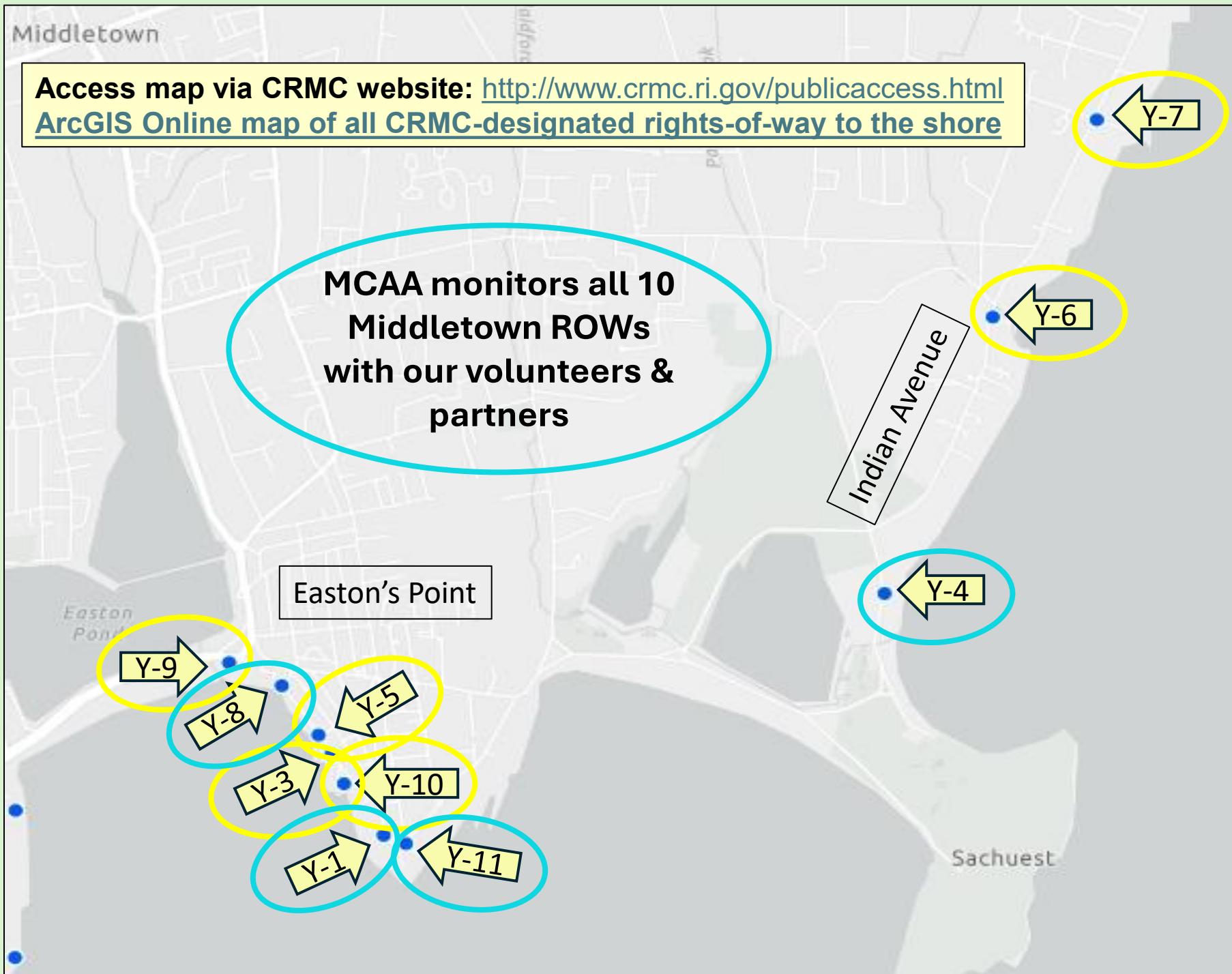
Getting to know Middletown ROWs

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Y-2	N/A - not in use
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Y-4	Peabody/Third Beach
Y-5	Esplanade/Shore Drive
Y-6	Taggart's Ferry
Y-7	Pebble Beach
Y-8	Esplanade Steps
Y-9	Dunlap-Wheeler Park
Y-10	Shore Drive - south
Y-11	Clambake Club



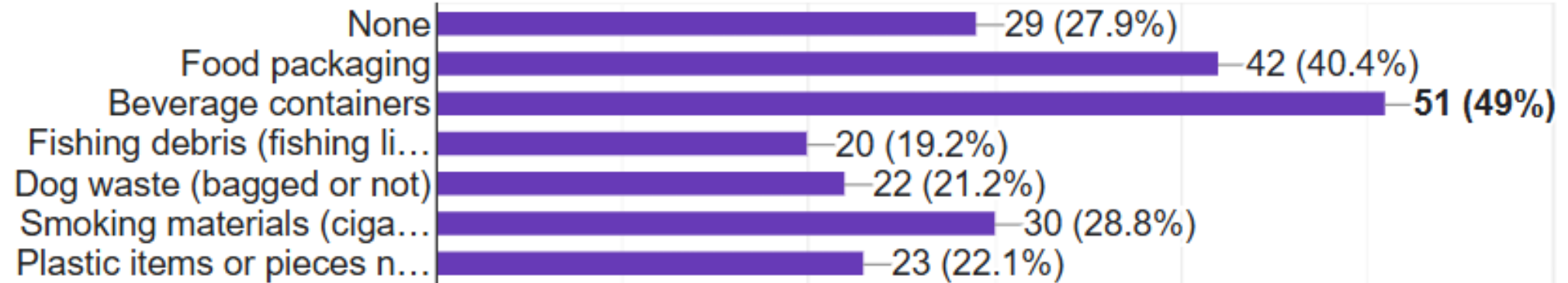
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Monthly Monitoring Reports

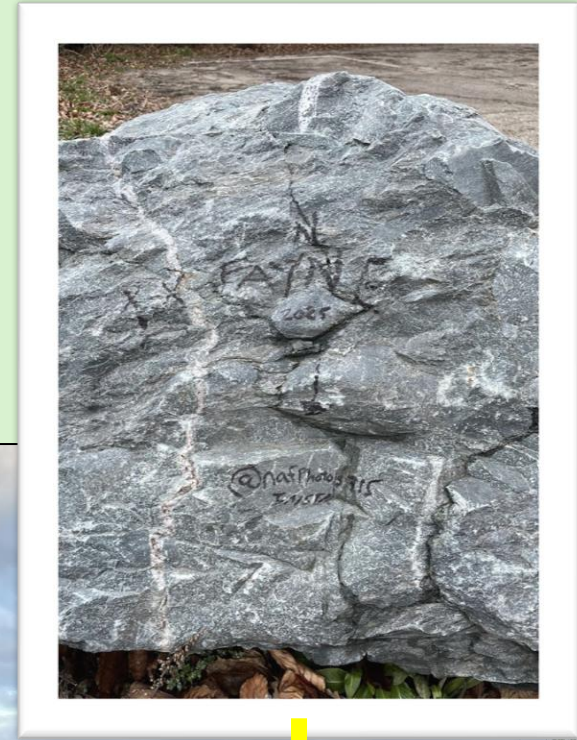
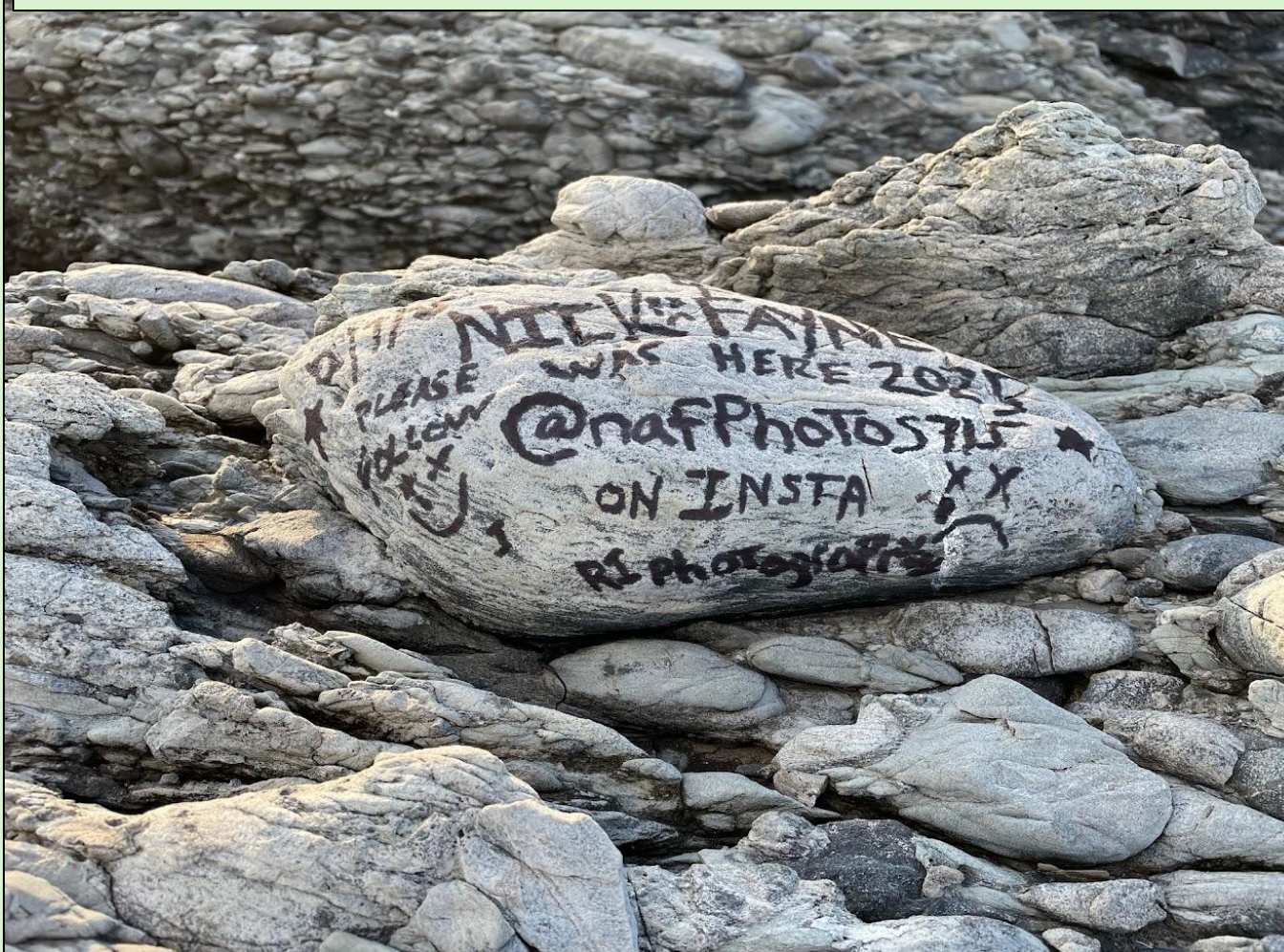
January-May 2026 – Most common trash



A troubling new trend?

“Tagging” rocks for social media publicity

If you see this, please let MCAA know!



Clean-up at Y-1 with Surfrider Foundation

March 28 2026 -- High Temp: 35°F



Bo Allen of the RI chapter of Surfrider Foundation



M. Crowley photo



Y-1 Clean-up Results:

- 68 lbs. recycling
- 50 lbs. trash
- 1 lobster pot





January 2025

Y-1 Status



May 12 2026

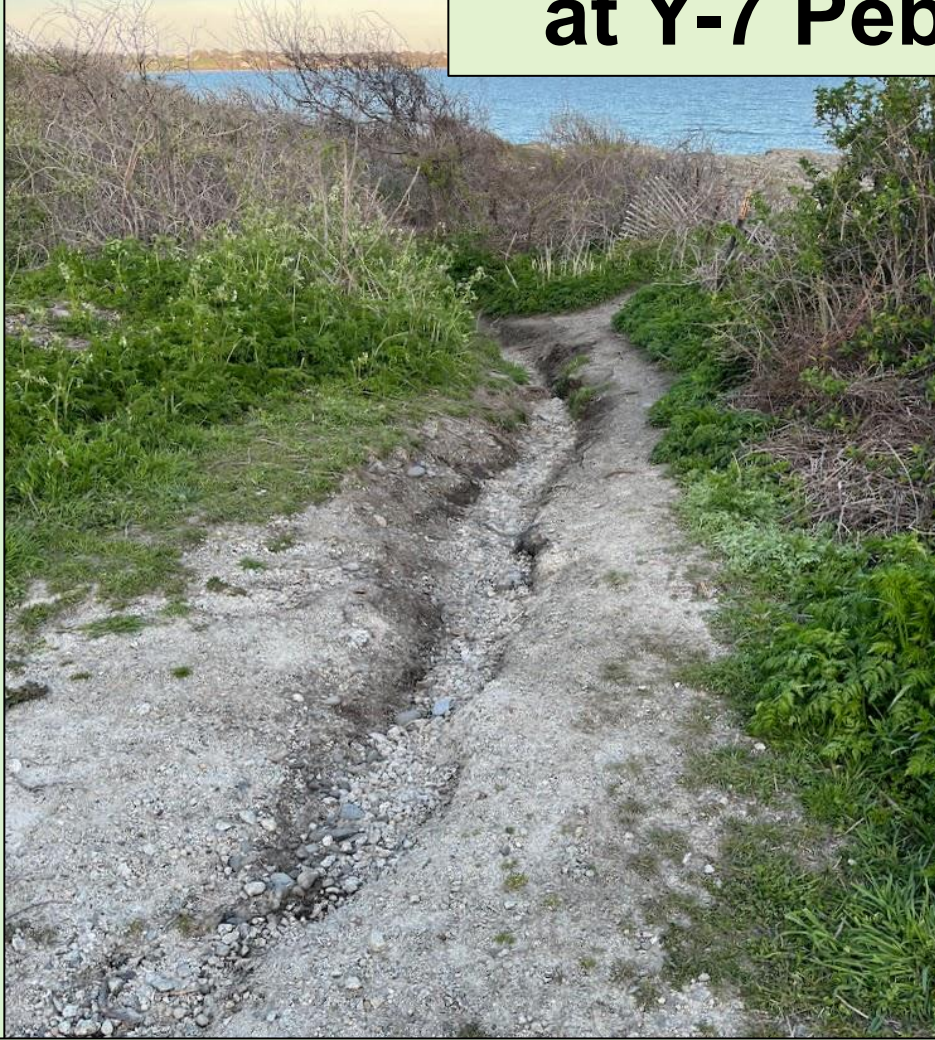


March 25 2026



June 1 2026

Planned Eagle Scout Project at Y-7 Pebble Beach ROW



Eagle Scout candidate Harry Jasinski and his father and scout master David Jasinski met with Middletown Town Engineer John Mello to discuss plans for reducing erosion on the path to Pebble Beach

2017 Project by Town of Middletown at Y-7

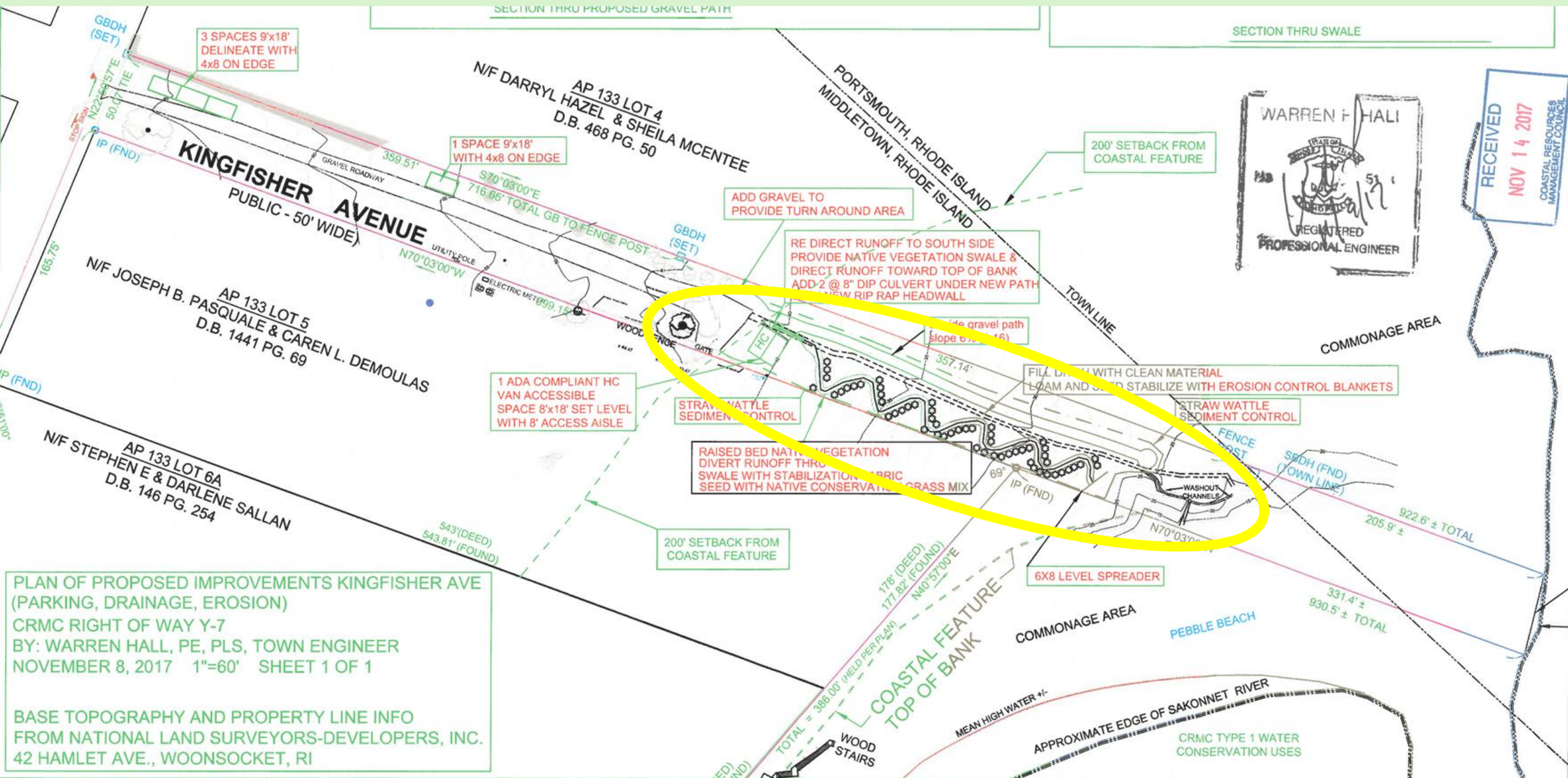


Diagram showing proposed Eagle Scout project* to create rolling grade dips to channel water off the trail to help reduce erosion.

*Pending CRMC approval



US Forest Service publication on Trail Construction and Maintenance describes use of rolling grade dips for surface water control

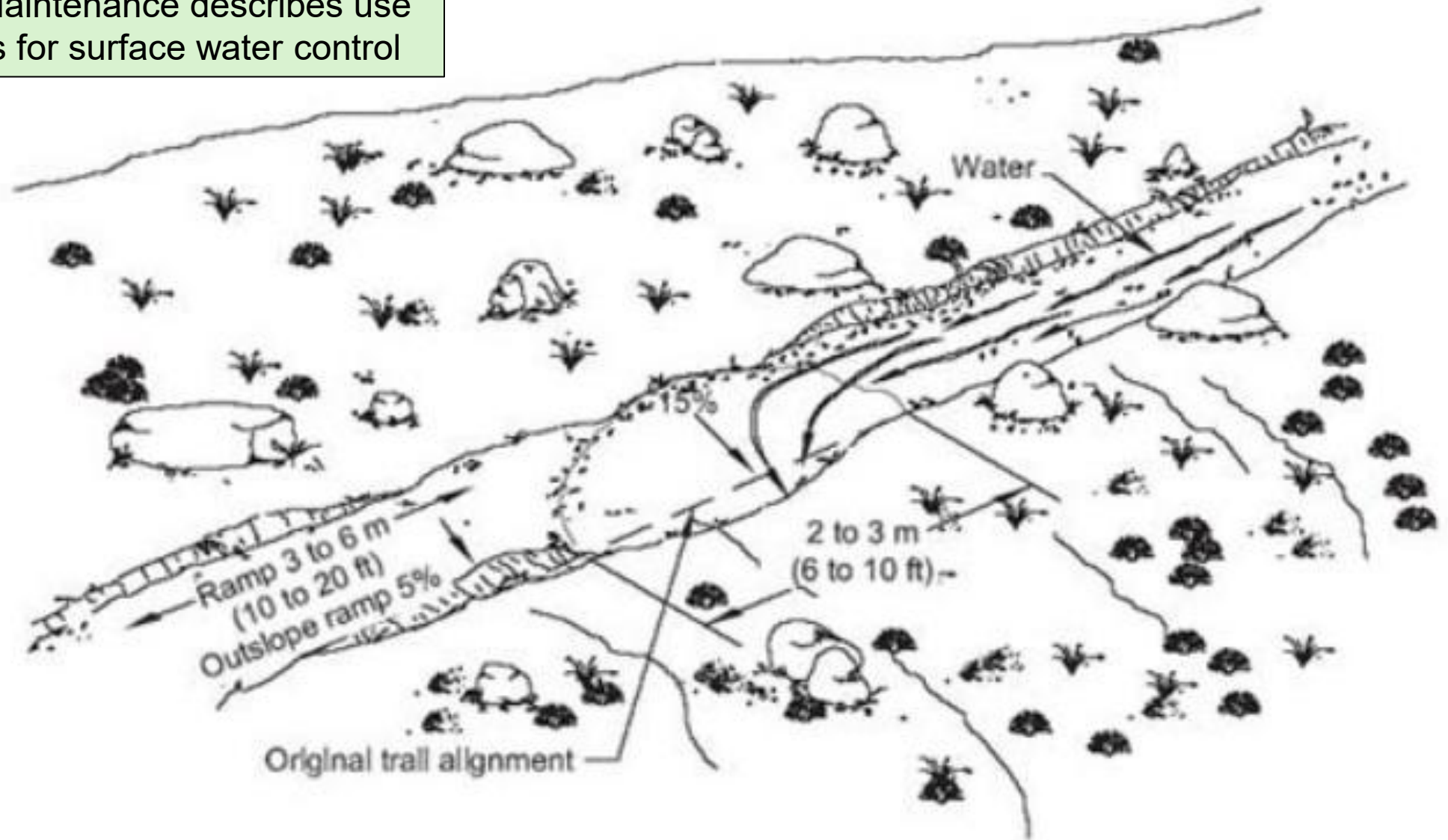
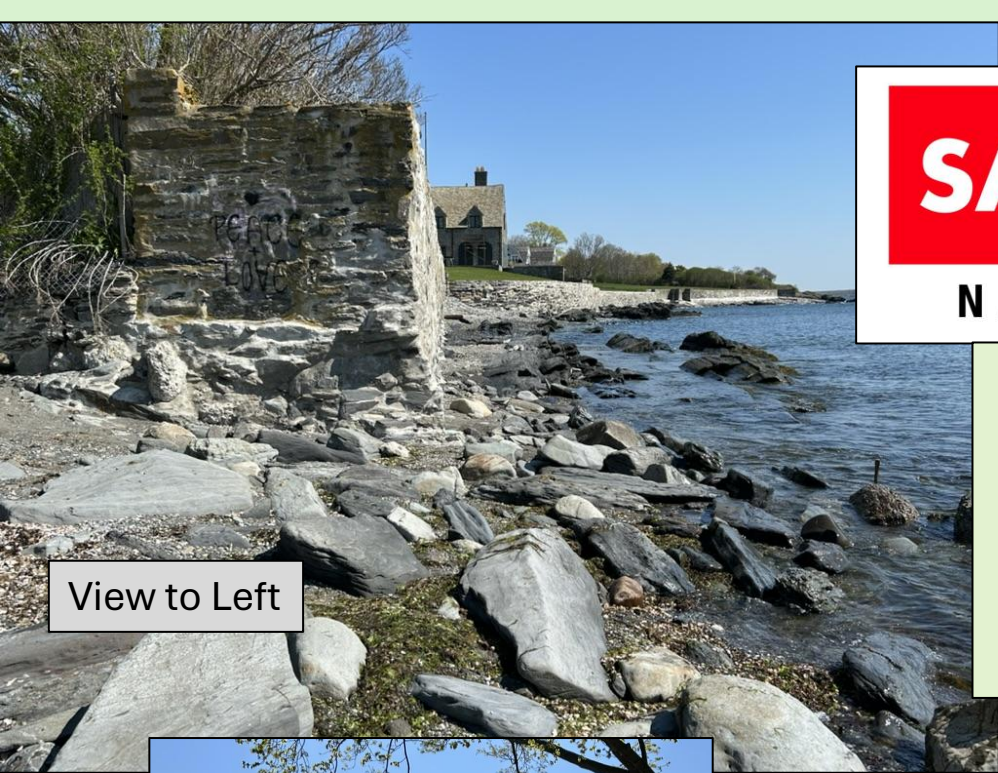


Figure 16—A rolling grade dip builds on the knick design. It helps direct water off steeper sections of existing trail.



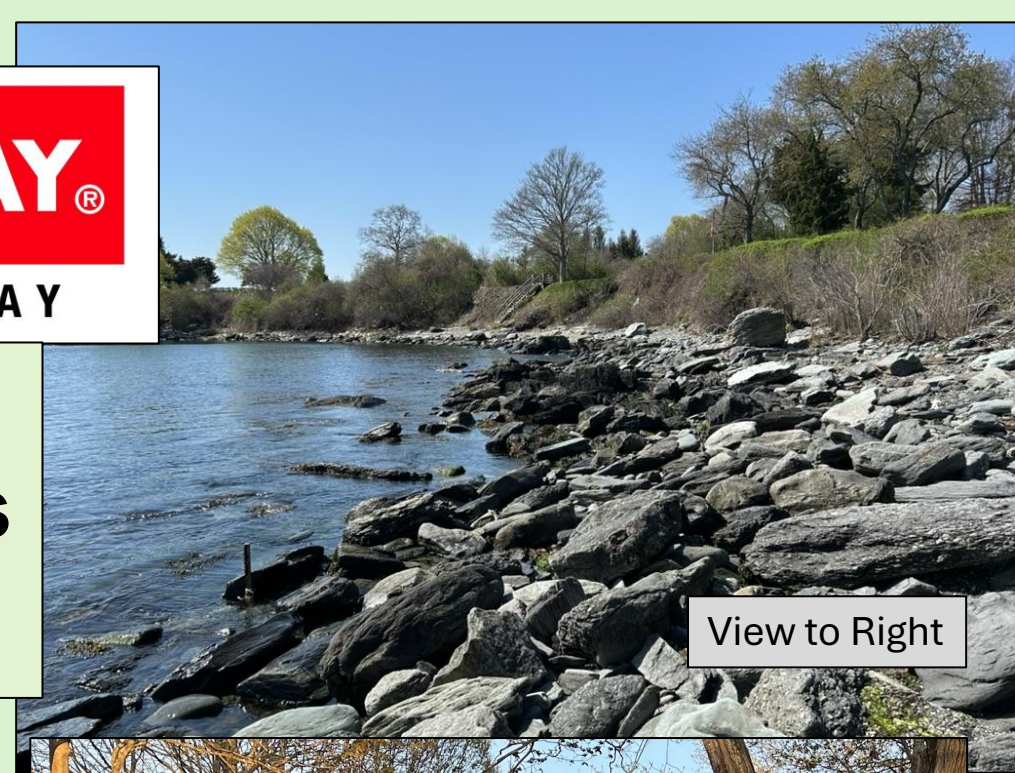
View to Left

SAVE THE BAY®

NARRAGANSETT BAY

State-wide ROW Reports

(See separate slides
by Save the Bay)



View to Right



Parking Area

MCAA volunteers contributed photos and data to support Save the Bay's efforts to document conditions at all 236 ROWs in the state.



Signage

Looking to the Future...

Proposed Aquidneck Island Rail Corridor Shared-Use Path

Future opportunities for coastal access?



Visit our website at <https://coastal-alliance.org/>



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Access Points

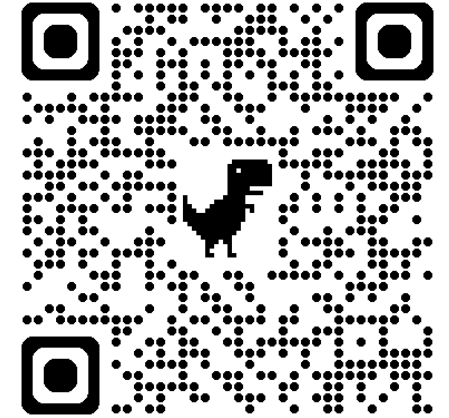
About

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Ocean Access for All

The Middletown Coastal Access Alliance (MCAA) formed in 2024 to monitor, maintain, and preserve the rights-of-way that provide public access to the coastal waters of Middletown, Rhode Island.

LEARN MORE



Email MCAA at melissa@coastal-alliance.org



Thank you!
Questions?