

Common Fence Point Preparedness Committee

Adapting to Coastal Change

Taking Action in CFP

Restoring and Increasing
Stewardship of
Common Fence Point's
Coastal Habitats



Common Fence Point (CFP) – a coastal neighborhood in Portsmouth RI

December 2018 the CFP Improvement Association (CFPIA) creates the CFP Preparedness Committee

October 2020 the CFP Preparedness Committee proposes a fieldtrip to:

- **Identify coastal areas of concern to the CFP community**
- **Explain the processes that have caused the issues of concern**
- **Discuss actions that can be taken to engage residents and better the neighborhood**

The Preparedness Committee applies for and is awarded a grant from the RI Department of Environmental Management and the RI Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration Trust Fund

The grant is entitled, “Restoring and Increasing Stewardship of Common Fence Point's Coastal Habitats”

The project partners include: the CFPIA/Trustees, CFP residents, University of Rhode Island, Narragansett Bay Research Reserve, RI DEM Mosquito Abatement, Save The Bay and the RI Coastal Resources Management Council

This three-part project is designed to:

- adaptively manage a saltwater cove and marsh to reduce impounded water and mosquito breeding**
- restore a coastal buffer to help stabilize a bank along a popular neighborhood destination and**
- facilitate salt marsh migration along the central neighborhood recreational area**



2. Stabilize/enhance coastal buffer.

1. Salt Marsh Restoration

3. Salt Marsh Migration Pathway.



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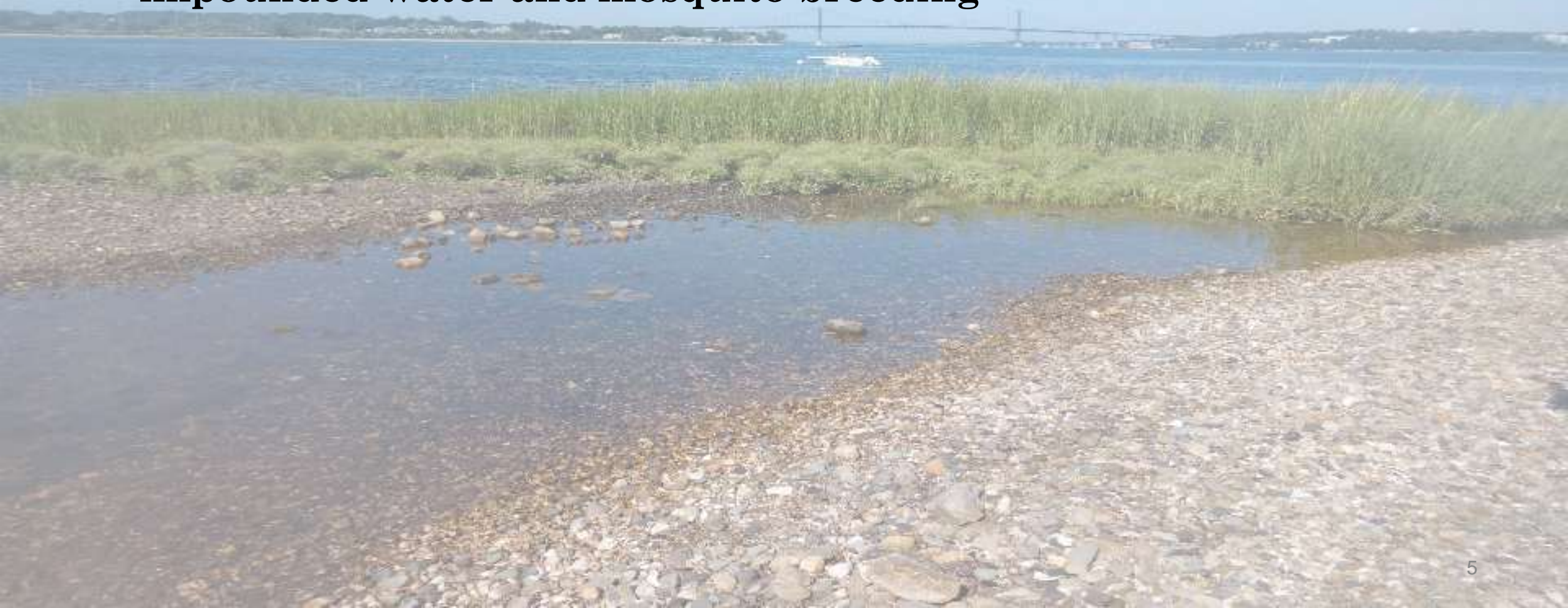
**Common Fence Point
Portsmouth, Rhode Island**

3D Model



Site 1 – Salt March Restoration

- **Adaptively manage a saltwater cove and marsh to reduce impounded water and mosquito breeding**



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The grant was awarded March 2021

Required reviews from:

- CRMC (assent)
- DEM
- NOAA
- USACE

Approval to begin work received March 6, 2023



Site 2 – Stabilize/Enhance the Coastal Buffer

- **Restore a coastal buffer to help stabilize a bank along a popular neighborhood destination**



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- Restore a coastal buffer to help stabilize a bank along a popular neighborhood destination
- Planned the event, purchased the materials and work began May 2021! 3 planting parties!



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- On the left, Pam Rubinoff on Sep 25, 2021 and on the right King Tide on Dec 23, 2022



Site 3 – Salt Marsh Migration Pathway

- facilitate salt marsh migration along the central neighborhood recreational area



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Thank you!

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