

# WILD

in the Narragansett Bay Region

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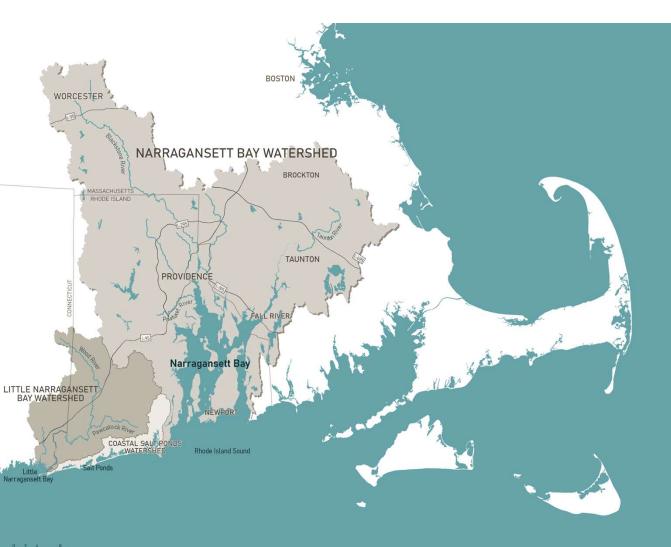
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## National Estuary Program





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#### NARRAGANSETT BAY ESTUARY PROGRAM

Serve Narragansett Bay, Little Narragansett Bay, Coastal Ponds, and their watersheds in RI, MA, and CT

Three staff, interns, and 50-member partnership

Hosted by Roger Williams University





#### What do we do?

Catalyst for scientific inquiry and collective action

Externally focused, service-based

- Consensus-building
- Science communications
- Grant-making to stimulate projects

Look to fill gaps and provide actionable, useful information















#### Biodiversity conservation intersects complex, timely topics





Alex Kuffner The Providence Journal
Published 5:52 AM EDT Apr. 15, 2021 | Updated 7:15 AM EDT Apr. 15, 2021

# Race against time: Rising seas push the saltmarsh sparrow to the edge of extinction



Published 5:01 a.m. ET Aug. 5, 2022 | Updated 8:51 p.m. ET Aug. 5, 2022



Climate change means that Rhode Island's winter flounder might never recover. Is it better to let them go?

by Ben Goldfarb

August 8, 2022 | 1,200 words, about 6 minutes

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CLIMATE

In some fights over solar, it's environmentalist vs. environmentalist

June 18, 2023 · 9:39 AM ET By Julia Simon



# Solar farms are often bad for biodiversity — but they don't have to be

Yes, we can have clean energy and tortoises too.

By Katherine Harmon Courage | Aug 18, 2021, 8:30am EDT



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#### Wealthy white homeowners more likely to see financial benefits from land conservation, study shows

Protecting open space from development increases the value of surrounding homes, but a disproportionate amount of that newly generated wealth goes to high-income white households, according to a new study.



Published at the Yale School of the Environment

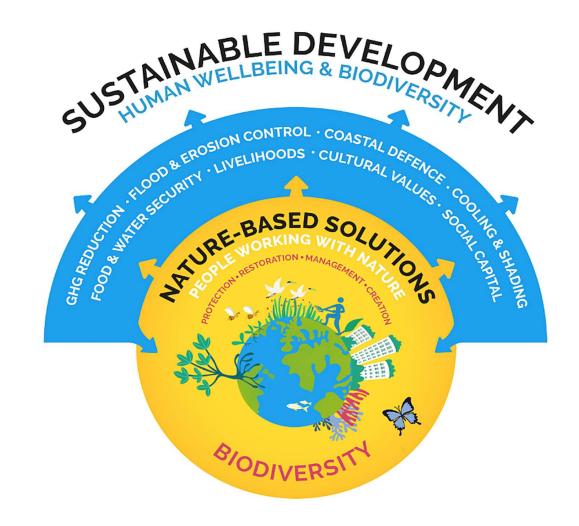
#### Urban Refuge: How Cities Can Help Solve the Biodiversity Crisis

Cities have long been considered species deserts, devoid of wildlife beyond pigeons and squirrels. But with animals such as snowy owls, otters and bobcats now appearing in urban areas, scientists are recognizing that cities can play a significant role in fostering biodiversity.

BY JANET MARINELLI . JULY 1, 2021



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Seddon *et al.* 2021. Getting the message right on nature-based solutions to climate change. Global Change Biology, Volume: 27, Issue: 8, Pages: 1518-1546. DOI: (10.1111/gcb.15513)

## Today's agenda



Framing and keynote

Break

Session 1: Saltwater

Break (Lunch)

Session 2: Freshwater

Break

Session 3: Unsung Heroes

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