

Allendale Dam

Spring 2002



Restoration of Allendale Dam is Complete!

After six months of construction work, a new dam is in place and remnants of the decaying Allendale Dam have been removed. Not only is restoration of the Allendale Dam a key component in the cleanup of the Centredale Manor Restoration Project, but it has been a long sought after North Providence community objective. North Providence Mayor A. Ralph Mollis was joined by U.S. Senators Jack Reed and Lincoln Chafee and U.S. Congressman Patrick Kennedy, and numerous residents from the neighborhood at a ribbon cutting ceremony on February 25th to mark the occasion.

The construction work for this phase of the project, conducted by Loureiro Engineering Associates, Inc., was funded by several private parties pursuant to a unilateral order issued by EPA. EPA, RI DEM and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers oversaw the work. Approximately 350 tons of contaminated soil were removed from the base of the dam and sent off-site to a permitted facility for treatment and disposal.

The new dam will prevent contaminated sediments from moving further downstream. With the pond restored, exposure to contaminated sediments on the bottom of the pond has been reduced. The water level in Allendale Pond has been rising steadily and is now at its 1991 levels, the year the dam was breached.



Mayor Mollis (far right) is joined (from left to right) by Terri Gray, associate director of RI Department of Environmental Management, U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee, U.S. Congressman Patrick Kennedy, U.S. Senator Jack Reed, and Irla Leighton, deputy regional administrator of EPA New England at ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Allendale Dam.

The Allendale Dam Before & After





**Please Act Responsibly
along
Allendale Pond
and the
Woonasquatucket River:**

- √ Do not swim or boat in Allendale Pond or play on the newly restored Allendale Dam.

- √ Do not eat fish, turtles, eels or plants from the Woonasquatucket River downstream of the Smithfield Sewage Treatment Plant. This includes Johnston, North Providence and Providence.

- √ Do not wade in the shallow water or swim in the river.

- √ Obey the warning signs posted along the river.

- √ Remember to wash thoroughly after any contact with the river water or sediment.

- √ Walking, running or bike riding along the river are acceptable activities.



Mayor Moles & Ira Leighton speak with residents; Management Action Committee members: Bob Vanderslice of RI Department of Health, Ian Lang of U.S. Senator Chafee's staff, & Eugenia Marks of the Urban Rivers Team.

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**Woonasquatucket River
Management Action Committee**

The Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month* from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. upstairs at the North Providence Town Hall. Members of the public are welcome.

The Committee includes representatives from the towns of North Providence & Johnston, RI DEM, EPA, RI Department of Health, the Urban Rivers Team, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

* If the first Wednesday of the month falls during a holiday week, please call Angela Bonarrigo to confirm that there is a meeting.

Information can Also be Found at the Information Repositories: Mayor Salvatore Mancini Unionfree Library 1810 Mineral Springs Ave., N. Providence RI
Marian J. Mohr Library, 1 Memorial Ave., Johnston RI

www.epa.gov/region01/superfund/sites/centredale



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