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Dear Anna Kasko,

I am a resident of Johnston known as the town haveing the worst sewer, and drainage problems in Rhode Island. In 1998 after 20 years of living in an area with these problems, I decided to go after gitting help for the town to deal with them, that is when I discovered Northern R.I. Conservation District. This year I made N.R.I.C.D. board of directors, and I am also representing Johnston on the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council.

Johnston Mayor William R. Macera, and I attended the Nov. 1st public hearing. Mayor Macera expressed his appreciation for the work being done by E.P.A., and how important it is because of the health of the children who like to play near the rivers edge. This is also a concern of mine, along with the fact that during heavy rain storms there are homes that flood with the river water. There were North Providence residents at the public hearing talking about

how wild the river gets, and how bad their homes flood during heavy rain storms. Though the river does not effect Johnston like it does other cities and towns, I am still familiar, and concerned about how terrible this can be to have to live with. I know E.P.A. has done a lot, and the cost is high, but I also understand what is being considered is temporary repairs, a bandaid type approach, it is not removing all the contaminants completely. I've been hearing everyone is worried about the future, I am also.

Even though I do not have a good education regarding environment, and conservation issues, I have over twenty two years of experience living with the extreme stress, and health problems from contaminated flooding. So I do hope E.P.A. goes after cleaning all of the contaminants in the Woonasquatucket River.

Sincerely

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