

# NARRAGANSETT BAY ESTUARY PROGRAM

## VISION 2032 ACTION LIST

*Actions are listed 1-39, nested beneath Objectives and Goals. Eventually, each Action will have at least one associated Task.*

### **Goal #1: Provide foundational knowledge and capacity for people to implement the CCMP.**

**Objective 1: Engagement.** Increase meaningful engagement with and ownership by those most impacted by proposed actions.

1. Create and maintain an NBEP study area engagement plan.
2. Convene interests in pursuit of collaborative solutions to priority issues.

**Objective 2: Information.** Obtain, preserve, and share data.

3. Create and maintain an NBEP study area research plan.
4. Expand targeted estuary and watershed monitoring.
5. Create user-friendly models and analytical tools.
6. Gather and apply historical and traditional ecological knowledge.
7. Track progress with environmental and social indicators.
8. Create simple and compelling visualizations.
9. Organize and share data via datahubs and publications.

**Objective 3: Empowerment.** Identify and support local organizations and people with the expertise and agency to act.

10. Invest in knowledgeable and effective local champions.
11. Support local green and blue workforce training, apprenticeships, and sustainable jobs in nature.
12. Develop and advocate for policies that address priority issues.

### **Goal #2: Manage water for healthy ecosystems and communities.**

**Objective 4: Nonpoint source pollution.** Reduce pollution that runs off the land.

13. Design and implement new green infrastructure projects.
14. Implement stormwater resiliency retrofits.
15. Maintain stormwater infrastructure.
16. Establish and track effectiveness of nonpoint source pollution reduction practices.

**Objective 5: Point source pollution.** Reduce pollution from WWTPs, CSOs, MS4s, and septic systems.

17. Upgrade WWTPs to advanced nutrient treatment per state requirements.
18. Increase effectiveness and resiliency of regulated treatment systems.
19. Track, respond to, and publicize WWTP, CSO, and MS4 permit compliance.

**Objective 6: Trash.** Pursue trash-free watersheds.

20. Remove and manage trash, toxic sediments, and marine debris.

**Objective 7: Flooding.** Respond proactively to sea level rise and flooding.

21. Undertake climate resilience, vulnerability, adaptation, and mitigation study and planning.

22. Pursue design and installation of climate resilience projects.

**Objective 8: Water supply.** Provide water supply to meet beneficial uses.

23. Assess current and future ground and surface water supply and demands.

24. Explore water conservation and reuse opportunities.

### **Goal #3: Restore and protect habitats that support wildlife and people.**

**Objective 9: Land use.** Advance sustainable and equitable land use decisions.

25. Review and amend local land use regulations and guidance.

26. Protect and restore upland habitats.

**Objective 10: Freshwater living resources.** Restore connectivity, function, and resilience of freshwater systems.

27. Publish restoration protocols and plans for freshwater systems.

28. Reconnect freshwater and saltwater systems.

29. Protect and restore freshwater wetlands and buffers.

30. Improve water quality and beneficial use of lakes.

**Objective 11: Estuary living resources.** Restore and preserve estuarine and coastal habitats.

31. Publish protocols and plans for priority estuarine systems.

32. Protect and restore salt marshes and ponds.

**Objective 12: Wildlife.** Protect and document biodiversity.

33. Protect endangered, threatened, and otherwise sensitive wildlife.

34. Monitor and catalogue biodiversity.

### **Goal #4: Assure safe and equitable access to and use of nature.**

**Objective 13: Public access.** Increase access and enjoyment of the region's common natural resources.

35. Preserve and expand legal access to public waterways and landscapes.

36. Create and steward safe public spaces.

**Objective 14: Sustainable resource use.** Protect nature through responsible use of existing natural resources.

37. Pursue sustainable management of recreationally and commercially-important wildlife.

38. Reduce recreational use impacts.

39. Implement projects that empower sustainable living and behavior change.