

# Pawcatuck River and the Potter Hill Mill Site

## River Ecology, Flood Resiliency and Public Access Improvements

Westerly Town Council  
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# Public Outreach and Communication

- Lighthouse Consulting Group is assisting with public outreach and facilitation of meetings in support of continuing assessments and future project activities
- Small group stakeholder and property owner meetings completed with concerned citizens and Westerly Land Trust:
  - Shared information about assessments and design
  - Received feedback/comments and questions
- New website will enhance providing regular project updates to the public and receipt/ response to questions and concerns from the public.



# Project Status and Next Steps

## Year 1 Grant Funding (\$682K, Awarded August 1, 2024)

- Outreach: Public engagement, technical group discussions **ONGOING**
- Assessment and Design: Private well and groundwater data acquisition / Property owner consultations / Wetlands change assessments **ONGOING**
- Design: River restoration, public access improvements, upstream adaptations **SPRING/SUMMER**
- Consultations: Historic, tribal and underserved communities **SPRING/SUMMER**

## Years 2 and 3 Grant Funding

- Permitting: RIDEM, Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies **SUMMER**
- Design: Construction Plans, specifications and bid/contract documents **FALL/WINTER**
- Replacement well installations **SUMMER/FALL 2025**
- Construction: River restoration, public access improvements, upstream adaptations **SUMMER/FALL 2026**
- Post-Construction Monitoring, Invasive plants, riverbank stabilization **2026-2027**