

# TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE

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**Burrillville Town Council Resolution  
in support of  
House Bill 2024 - H 8093 and Senate 2024 - S 2153  
Relating to Waters and Navigation Freshwater Lake Management Program**

WHEREAS, Rhode Island's freshwater resources provide great benefits to the citizens of Rhode Island, including, but not limited to, a variety of recreational opportunities, mitigation of flooding and provision of habitat for wildlife and plants; and

WHEREAS, conditions in many Rhode Island lakes and ponds and associated tributary rivers and streams are threatened or degraded by the growth of aquatic invasive plants, harmful algal blooms, nutrient enrichment and other water pollution problems; and

WHEREAS, restoring conditions in the state's freshwater resources is essential to sustaining the valuable ecosystem services they provide; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state and its citizens to preserve, protect and restore Rhode Island's freshwater lakes and ponds through the establishment of a state Lake Management Program to facilitate coordination of state and local lake management actions and provide technical and financial assistance; and


WHEREAS, establishment of the Rhode Island Lake Management Fund would provide dedicated funding for projects to enhance water quality and habitat, this program represents a proactive approach to safeguarding Rhode Island's freshwater ecosystems for current and future generations; and


WHEREAS, it is imperative to maintain and preserve the many beautiful lakes, ponds and rivers that are an integral part of the Town of Burrillville as well as those of the other Rhode Island cities and towns. The proposed state program would facilitate that need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville supports House Bill 2024 - H 8093 and Senate 2024 - S 2153.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville respectfully requests members of the House and Senate and each of the the Rhode Island cities and towns to support House Bill 2024 - H 8093 and Senate 2024 - S 2153.

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

ATTEST:   
Vicki Martin, Town Clerk

  
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Burrillville Town Council