

Dear Legislators

The purpose of this email is to provide support for House Bill H 7060.

Thank you for your foresight and concern around preserving critical elements of Rhode Island's coastal resources.

As a Board member of the Tiverton Land Trust, I share your perspective and your passion around maintaining the State's spectacular topography- coastal and forest/fields.

We need to be more thoughtful about how we balance growth in local economies and growth in housing stock, with the natural resources that make Rhode Island a unique and such a compelling place to live.

I fear we are at risk of coming to this realization only after it is too late.

Take a walk along the Sakonnet's shores this winter to see the damage from a recent storm. At Fogland Beach, work on coastal maintenance that has been done by the town of Tiverton and earnest volunteers has been set back by storm damage. Without appropriate protections and institutional support, this kind of important maintenance of coastal features that have thrived for hundreds of years will become a losing effort over time.

I heartily support house bill H 7060.

Thanks your for your efforts!

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