



Land & Coastal SERVICES



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Roger Williams Park Ponds Restoration Project Native Planting Program City of Providence Parks and Recreation

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As part of the City of Providence's Roger Williams Park Ponds Restoration Land & Coastal completed a native planting program in 2013 with Save The Bay in collaboration with the RI Natural History Survey Rhody Native Program and Rhode Island nurseries.

One of the goals for the RWP Ponds Restoration Project established by the Project Steering Committee was to utilize native plant material and neighborhood volunteers to complete the plant installations designed as part of the five stormwater best management practices constructed in the Park.

Land & Coastal implemented these goals by coordinating with the Rhody Native program and Save The Bay. The Rhody Native initiative was formed as a project of the RINHS in November of 2009. In partnership with RIDEM, RINHS was awarded a federal grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, for the management of invasive species in Rhode Island's forested habitats. An important component of this initiative is to build a capacity within the state for the production of native plants for habitat restoration.

Land & Coastal worked with Rhody Native botanists to determine native plant material and seeds appropriate for the BMPs, and coordinated with three Rhode Island farms and nurseries to supply plant material to the City of Providence. Land & Coastal also collaborated with Save The Bay to implement a volunteer planting program with neighborhood volunteers and Save the Bay staff and interns. Planting efforts began during the 2013 Earth Day Celebration.