

RIVER AVENUE FLOOD RESPONSE

REDUCING RISK – CONNECTING COMMUNITY – ENHANCING HABITAT



The River Avenue neighborhood lies within the Pocasset River watershed. Residential, industrial, and commercial development over the years has resulted in major flood risks in this low-lying neighborhood.

This project aims to combine voluntary buyouts and historic floodplain restoration to increase community flood resilience, create more green space, and restore habitat.

The image at right shows expected flood levels for the current 100-year storm. In the future, these flood levels are expected to increase as extreme rainfall events become more common. Computer models predict the following flood levels for the neighborhood:

- Melody Lane: ~1.1 feet max
- La Fazia Drive: ~2.4 feet max
- River Drive: ~2.8 feet max

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PROJECT LOCATION: RIVER AVENUE, JOHNSTON, RI
POCASSET RIVER WATERSHED: 20.6 SQUARE MILES
PLANNING + DESIGN: FUSS & O'NEILL, INC.

FUNDING AGENCY: USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
LOCAL SPONSOR: TOWN OF JOHNSTON
PROJECT PARTNER: RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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