



# Building Economic Resilience in Rhode Island

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# March 2010 Flooding



**Warwick Mall – Loss of jobs, disruption of commerce**





I -95 near Exit 12  
Source: B. Patenaude, RI DEM

**Disruption of travel and interstate commerce (unless you're a duck)**





## West Warwick – yet another blow for a struggling town





## Threat to water treatment plants and other infrastructure





**Threat to historic mills and mill villages – traditional job centers**



# Superstorm Sandy

**Threat to tourism and service industries, public access to the coast and recreation.**







So what are we doing about it???



# Executive Council on Climate Change

RHODE ISLAND EXECUTIVE CLIMATE CHANGE COUNCIL

## A Resilient Rhode Island: Being Practical About Climate Change

Final Version | June 2014  
Preliminary Report to  
Governor Lincoln D. Chafee  
Pursuant To Executive Order 14-01

RI EC<sup>3</sup>



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## Matunuck Beach Road, Matunuck, Rhode Island





## Sole Access to Residential Structures Via Matunuck Beach Road

Aerial Photo Flown April 2011



0 200 400 600 800  
Feet



Geographic  
Information  
System

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## Sea-Level Rise Mapping



# EPA Technical Assistance Grant



Assessing potential climate change impacts on economic activity



# RHODE MAP RI

*Building a Better Rhode Island*

Rhode Island Rising:  
An Economic Development Plan for People, Places & Prosperity



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