Building Economic Resilience in Rhode Island
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March 2010 Flooding

Warwick Mall – Loss of jobs, disruption of commerce
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???
A Resilient Rhode Island: Being Practical About Climate Change

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RhodeMap RI: Building a Better Rhode Island
Matunuck Beach Road, Matunuck, Rhode Island
Sole Access to Residential Structures
Via Matunuck Beach Road

Aerial Photo Flown April 2011
Sea-Level Rise Mapping
EPA Technical Assistance Grant

Assessing potential climate change impacts on economic activity
Rhode Island Rising: An Economic Development Plan for People, Places & Prosperity
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