

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE A PRESENTATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE FORMER LEESONA SITE

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Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the RIDEM Office of Water Resources (OWR) implements a variety of programs aimed at protecting and restoring the state's surface waters, groundwaters and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, OWR has monitored the water quality of Warwick Pond for more than 20 years and reported its tracking to the local community in response to an outcry related to the blue-green algae that impacted all recreational use of Warwick Pond from August until November 2015; and

WHEREAS, RIDEM explained that the causation and subsequent tipping point for this blue-green algae is not a single point of pollution but is cumulative and while discussing the environmental health of fresh water in the City of Warwick referred to in a 2006 Report where the City was notified of its impaired waters and required to address unsatisfactory conditions through the creation, implementation and monitoring of a Restoration Plan of Action.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Warwick City Council hereby requests RIDEM provide an overview of their initial evaluation of Warwick’s impaired waters, including our progress on the Restoration Plan to date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council also requests an update on the testing and capping of the Superfund brownsfield located at North Strawberry Field Road known as the former Leeson site, surrounded on three sides by Buckeye Brook which also travels into Warwick Pond.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.

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This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN VELLA-WILKINSON

COMMITTEE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL