

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

APPROVED.....MAYOR

**RESOLUTION TO RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND
THE WARWICK PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REGARDING A
PRESENTATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND A FUNDING
REQUEST ON THE RIDEM APPLICATION NO. 18-0144 FOR
THE BUCKEYE BROOK RESTORATION PROJECT**

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2 **Resolved that,**
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4 WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Warwick are
5 matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

6 WHEREAS, Buckeye Brook, a self-supporting anadromous fish run and Warwick
7 Pond, a fish spawning and wildlife habitat area, are important natural resources and recreational
8 areas in the City of Warwick; and
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10 WHEREAS, the City of Warwick has participated in state interagency meetings
11 regarding the Phragmites problem in Buckeye Brook in an area which is in relatively close
12 downstream proximity to Warwick Pond and participated in meetings regarding the elevated
13 water levels of Warwick Pond; and
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15 WHEREAS, the City of Warwick desires to have unobstructed fish passage within
16 Buckeye Brook, desires to restore canoe access in this problematic section of the brook and
17 desires to alleviate elevated water levels in Warwick Pond because they adversely impact
18 lakeside private residential properties; and
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20 WHEREAS, the City of Warwick retained an engineering consulting firm and completed
21 a Buckeye Brook study as required by the Consent Agreement with the Rhode Island Department
22 of Environmental Management (RIDEM); and
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24 WHEREAS, as a result of the Buckeye Brook study, the City of Warwick retained
25 engineering consulting firm then prepared and submitted an Application to Alter Freshwater
26 Wetlands, designated as No.18-0144, for the Buckeye Brook Restoration Project, which
27 application is currently under review by RIDEM; and
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29 WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) is the applicant for
30 the RIDEM Application to Alter Freshwater Wetlands designated as No.18-0144; and
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32 WHEREAS, the project area of the application is located on State property; and

33 WHEREAS, the City of Warwick desires to provide an opportunity to inform and update
34 the public on the Buckeye Brook Restoration Project during the pendency of the RIDEM
35 application and desires that the Rhode Island Department of Transportation be responsible for
36 funding and the project construction, as well as future maintenance for control of Phragmites
37 within the permitted project area.
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39 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Warwick City Council hereby requests
40 that the Warwick Public Works Department and their engineering consultant conduct a
41 presentation before the City Council at the December 3 or 17, 2018 meeting, regarding
42 the Buckeye Brook Restoration Project submitted under RIDEM Application No. 18-0144 with
43 the presented information to include a demonstration of the project purpose and need, a
44 description of the proposed work, including construction access and related wetland impacts;
45 evaluated alternatives; the proposed wetland mitigation and restoration; the proposed
46 construction schedule and costs; and a demonstration that the project will alleviate elevated
47 water levels in Warwick Pond.
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49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Warwick hereby requests that if the
50 Application is approved by the RIDEM then the Rhode Island Department of Transportation,
51 who is the applicant/property owner for the Buckeye Brook Restoration Project, be responsible
52 for funding and project construction, and also future maintenance for control of Phragmites
53 within the permitted project area.
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55 The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Director of
56 the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, the Director of RIDEM, the Director of the
57 Warwick Department of Public Works and the President of the Buckeye Brook Coalition.
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59 This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.
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64 SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN HOWE
65 COUNCILMAN RIX
66 COUNCILMAN LADOUCEUR
67 COUNCIL PRESIDENT MEROLLA
68 COUNCILWOMAN TRAVIS

69 COMMITTEE: FINANCE
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