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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT (DEM) TO PERFORM WATER QUALITY AND RESILIENCE
ASSESSMENTS AT STATE PARKS**

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, Speakman, Shallcross Smith, and Shanley

Date Introduced: June 13, 2022

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

1 WHEREAS, Water quality and resilience assessments at State Parks affected by impaired
2 waters is necessary for the protection and restoration of the quality of water resources in the State
3 of Rhode Island; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
5 respectfully requests the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) to assess the
6 potential impacts and vulnerability of impervious surface areas at State Parks on waterbodies
7 listed as impaired under the Clean Water Act, Section 303(d), where the impervious surface area
8 is greater than 10,000 square feet and located within 500 feet of the impaired waterbody; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That this House hereby requests that the assessments include, at a
11 minimum, Fort Adams State Park, Goddard State Park, Lincoln Woods and Colt State Park; and
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That this House hereby further requests that DEM prepares a report that
14 includes plans and cost estimates for addressing stormwater, resilience and sea level rise at these
15 four parks and any others that the Department may elect to include on the basis of similar needs
16 to the House of Representatives on or before March 31, 2023; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Terrence Gray, Director of the Department of

1 Environmental Management.

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