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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Southern Rhode Island Conservation District to host community "River Day" celebration

**WESTERLY, Rhode Island, June 3, 2024** – The Southern Rhode Island Conservation District (SRICD) in partnership with the Town of Westerly, Save the Bay - Narragansett Bay and the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association, will host a community "River Day" celebration on Saturday, June 15 from 11 am - 2 pm in the parking lot at 107 Main Street, Westerly.

This free family event will feature live music, pizza and ice cream vendors, representatives from Save the Bay and Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association, as well as information on the Resilient Riverfront Renewal project along Main Street. The event will also feature a number of stormwater management vendors who will have examples of green infrastructure products and designs used to infiltrate stormwater, reduce flooding, filter pollutants from stormwater, provide pollinator and bird habitat, improve air quality, mitigate extreme heat, and add beauty and walkability to the economic center of Westerly.

There will also be an opportunity to provide input on the redesign of the streetscape along the riverfront on Main Street.

The project is funded through grants as well as financial support from the Town of Westerly. The goal of the project is to help further the town's resiliency goals relating to water quality and flooding, as well as the town's Comprehensive Plan's goals, to embrace the Pawcatuck River and build support for Westerly's economic development as a gateway town to Rhode Island.

To learn more about the project visit https://www.sricd.org/resilient-riverfront-renewal.





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