

THE STATE'S ROLE IN RESTORING THE NARROW RIVER

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The Narrow River has been closed to shellfishing due to pathogen impairment since the 1990s. The River has been the focus of many studies, environmental plans and regulatory initiative over the years, including the *Fecal Coliform TMDL for the Pettaquamscutt (Narrow) River Watershed, Rhode Island*, (RIDEM, 2001).

This talk explores the various roles that State government has played in working to restore the river's water quality – from the financing of locally led studies and pollution abatement infrastructure to investigating pollution sources to the development of a water quality restoration plan (TMDL) and the establishment of regulatory requirements linking the TMDL pollution reduction targets with municipalities' Phase II Storm Water Programs.

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