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Mission: Improving transportation to and within Federal and tribal lands by providing technical services to the highway transportation community.

This report only includes **FY 13** and **FY 14**. For updated information please visit: <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/fed-lands-rhode-island.aspx>

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Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)

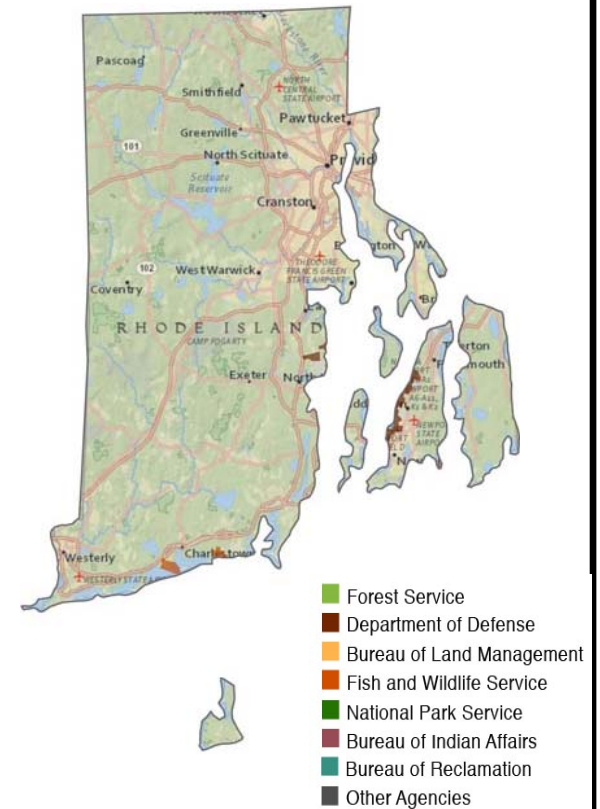
Improving access to and within Federal and tribal lands

Rhode Island

MAP-21 Funding Authorized:
 FY 2013: \$13,644
 FY 2014: \$13,747
 Federal land acreage for the five core FLMAs: 0.26 percent
 Federal public road miles: 2
 Number of Federal public bridges: 0
 Recreational visitation: 631,184 visitors per year

Success story: The Improving Access to the Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge project will resurface Park Lane, beginning at the East Entrance to the Fish and Wildlife Service- Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge and heading north. A sign plan will be developed to identify new signs that will be installed as part of this project. Pavement markings will be installed according to Town of Charlestown standards to the roadway.

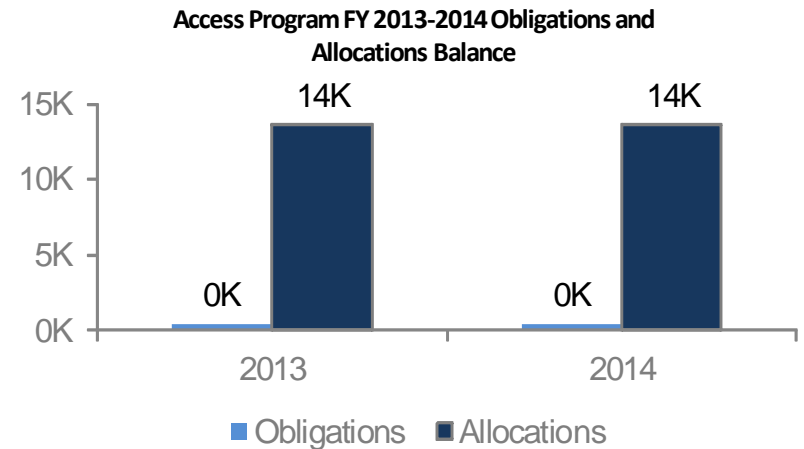
This project will provide significantly improved access to the refuge. Consistent, high quality signage and pavement markings will improve public safety and help visitors find their way to the refuge, which is currently a challenge. The road repair will enhance the visitor experience and allow for other transportation modes. Enhancing visitor experiences will attract more visitation as people learn of the unique recreational opportunities and conservation of natural resources this area offers.



View of the Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge

FLAP Project Selection Process

Each FLAP project was selected from a pool of applications submitted by the facility owner in response to a Statewide call for projects. The applications were screened, rated, and ranked using PDC approved rating criteria. The PDC unanimously agreed which projects met the established State program goals and conformed with the project ranking criteria contained in the “Call for Projects SOP.” Based upon these evaluations, the proposed projects were recommended for programming within the available funding for each state. Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) were coordinated and executed for each programmed project prior to obligation of FLAP funds. There was one call for projects, from July 15, 2013, until August 16, 2013, that generated one application totaling \$40,992 funds requested. The project was programmed using all of the available funds.



FLAP Program of Projects*

Project Name	Improvement Type	FLMA Accessed	Federal Land's Unit	Delivery Year	Delivery Agency	Owner Agency
Improving Access to the Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge	4R Maintenance-Resurfacing	FWS	FWS- Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge	TBD	TBD- Requested Local Delivery	Town of Charlestown

*This information is an overview of the FLAP projects information. It is subject to change at any time. For additional details or clarifications, please contact the Federal Lands Highway Division offices or visit the State FLAP webpage.