

The Parking Committee's Report on Public Shoreline Access and Rights-of-Way in Jamestown

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It is not the intent of this study to comment on the status of private versus public ownership on any rights-of-way (ROW). Rather, this study endeavors to compile a list of all CRMC-designated rights-of-way, identified potential ROWs, and public shoreline access points in Jamestown for the purpose of description, review and recommendations to the Town Council for future planning purposes.

SIZE, OWNERSHIP & DESCRIPTION: In this report, we have relied upon the work of Rebecca Carlisle, Planning Office intern in the summer of 1992 (a report she compiled which was later forwarded to CRMC and has become the basis of identifying ROWs in Jamestown), the CRMC progress report as of June 1998, reference to the Coastal Resource Center's publication "Public Access to the Rhode Island Coast", survey maps drawn by Robert Courneyor as part of Rebecca Carlisle's report, Jamestown Planning Offices plat maps, Jamestown GIS material and recent photographs.

REVIEW: Each member of the subcommittee visited, walked, noted current conditions, discussed each site, and also reviewed prior recommendations where applicable. The review took into consideration how accessible each site was—both by car and foot, the access & grade to the shoreline, the proximity of neighbors, the availability of parking, the availability of trash receptacles and other recreational facilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS: A rating system of 1 to 3 was used to prioritize each site.

Number 1 sites should be fully supported and maintained with existing parking and facilities.

Number 1 indicates that the site is of greatest importance and priority for public access to the town. These sites can support the most people, have facilities already in place, need little if any improvement, and should be fully maintained. It is interesting to note that the Number 1 sites in Jamestown alone constitute roughly 15% of Jamestown's total shore.

The town should give these primary sites the highest priority for full maintenance. These should be posted as Public Right of Ways.

Number 2 sites. If all number 1 sites are fully functioning and there is further need to provide shoreline public access, these sites could be improved to provide (more) parking and access. Funds for construction, possibly CRMC or DEM approvals and maintenance would need to be committed to improve these sites.

Number 2 was given to sites that could also support larger numbers of people with parking but do not currently have the necessary facilities. Of second priority to the town should be the development of these sites for additional publicized shoreline access areas.

The town should give these sites high priority for maintenance. Any additional parking or facilities should be considered only if the primary sites do not adequately fill the community need and budget allows. These should be posted as Public Right of Ways.

Number 3 sites should be maintained as pedestrian access only sites.

Number 3 sites are largely neighborhood ROWs which in most cases were first established for neighborhood, pedestrian access. Most are in dense neighborhoods and are currently maintained by abutting neighbors for neighborhood access. These sites are of the lowest priority because they would require planning, public workshops, clearing, stair construction, boundary markers, posting and possible parking arrangements in order for them to be safe and fully accessible. This would be at a considerable cost to the town and would not provide access for a substantial number of people. Unless the town is able to make the commitment to do the above and continual to monitor, clean and maintain these ROWs, there is increased liability to the town by posting them as Public Right of Ways. Where there are or have been encroachments, it is advised that the town mark the boundaries.

The township should not provide services, facilities or parking at these sites. Maintenance (mowing and clearing) may be provided if not done by the neighborhoods.

Attached to this report, please find 1) the original Shoreline Access and Improvement Plan prepared for Jamestown Planning Department in 1992, 2) a map which indicates the location of each ROW and potential ROW reviewed in this document, and 3) a map which identifies all open space, conservation areas and public access areas in Jamestown. The goal of The Coastal Resource Management Council is to establish one mile of shoreline access for every seven miles of shoreline. Jamestown is compliant with that goal with #1 sites. In addition, of Jamestown's 9.67 sq. miles, over 3 sq. miles (one-third) are protected, open space through either town ownership, state property, Nature Conservancy, Audubon Society or private deed).

	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Arnold Ave. at end of Bayberry	12	Potential ROW	3



OWNERSHIP :

SIZE :

DESCRIPTION :

This potential ROW is at the end of Bayberry Lane in a residential neighborhood. Arnold Avenue is a rutted dirt road that runs perpendicular to Bayberry for approx. 50 yards. The path to the water's edge appears to pass through a yard for approx. 75' before descending 10' to a rocky shoreline. The remnants of a concrete stairway remain in unstable condition. There is no space for on street parking on either Bayberry or Arnold Ave.



RECOMMENDATIONS :

Should this passage be found to be a public right of way, it would require clearing the existing concrete steps and rebuilding a staircase for proper water access. Due to the very close proximity of neighbors, limited shoreline access, lack of parking, and nearby accessibility of two large shoreline access areas with full facilities (Beavertail and Conanicut Battery), this potential right-of-way is given a priority

Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Former Beach Rd. at the Dumplings	10	Potential ROW	3



OWNERSHIP :

SIZE :

DESCRIPTION :

This is an extension of a former road which runs eastward to the shore just north of the Jamestown Boat yard, between residential properties. The extension runs across the road to the shore/beach area. At high tide, water reaches the stone wall. At low tide, there is a small sand and stone beach.

RECOMMENDATIONS :

If this site is determined to be a public-right-of-way, it will require further study to determine if parking is available nearby. At this time, no priority rating has been given.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Beavertail State Park	13	State Park	1



OWNERSHIP: State

SIZE: 153 acres

DESCRIPTION:

Beavertail State Park encompasses 153 acres of rocky shore, foot and roadways, sheltered coves and rocky bluffs at the southernmost tip of Conanicut Island. The park includes portable toilets, stairways, parking in excess of 120 vehicles, as well as educational plaques and programs. Uses include fishing, swimming (west side), hiking and picnicking.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

This public shoreline access area is fully accessible and further improvements would be the responsibility of the state. Due to the wide range of existing facilities and large amount of shoreline accessibility, this right-of-way is given a priority rating of 1.

Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Bonnet View Drive	12	Potential ROW	3



OWNERSHIP:

SIZE: Approx. 30' x 75'

DESCRIPTION:

This potential ROW is an extension of Bonnet View Drive. Currently, a narrow footpath through brush extends approx. 25 yards to a 10' medium decline to a rocky shoreline. Remnants of a broken stair remain. Outflow pipe extends out over path.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Should this passage be found to be a public right-of-way, it would require clearing the existing path and building a staircase for proper shoreline access. Due to the close proximity of neighbors, lack of on-street parking, this potential right-of-way is given a priority rating of 3.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Broad Street / Park Dock	1	CRMC G-1	2



OWNERSHIP: Town Road deeded 3/12/07, wharf deeded 4/16/07

SIZE: 50' wide road

DESCRIPTION:

Broad Street is a paved road in a residential neighborhood that extends easterly to the shore from East Shore road. There is pavement at the end of the small cul-de-sac. The remains of a rock jetty extend 50 feet into the water. There is an adjacent sandy beach area to the north and grass to the south with parking available for four cars.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In 1992, a plan was presented for the renovation of Park Dock. Funds were allocated by DEM through a shoreline access grant to provide parking, signage, pedestrian access, and vegetative plantings. Due to the limited availability of parking, beach and jetty, this ROW has been given a priority rating of 2. The town needs to maintain this site, and clarify the parking situation, as the signs currently in existence are confusing.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Bucaneer Way	3A	CRMC G-11	3



OWNERSHIP:

SIZE: 40' X 40'

DESCRIPTION:

This ROW is situated in a densely populated neighborhood. Access to the shoreline is grassy path which runs westerly from Seaside Drive.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Due to the very close proximity of neighbors, limited shoreline access, lack of parking, and nearby accessibility of the shoreline access area with parking and boat launching facilities (Jamestown Shores Beach) this potential right-of-way is given a priority rating of 3.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Carr Lane	4	CRMC G-13	3



OWNERSHIP: Town ROW

SIZE: Approx. 30' x 100'

DESCRIPTION:

Shoreline access runs easterly along a narrow path through thick brush from East Shore Road. There is no parking on the path or adjacent East Shore Road. Path leads to a gentle slope to a cobble beach.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Due to the lack of parking this potential right-of-way is given a priority rating of 3.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Champlin Way	3A	CRMC G-10	3



OWNERSHIP:

SIZE: 40' x 83'

DESCRIPTION:

This ROW is situated in a densely populated residential neighborhood. Access to the shoreline is westerly from Seaside Drive. The path from Seaside leads through a grassy area to a gentle decline to a rocky shore. Abutting neighbors are situated very close to the ROW as well as to the shore. There is a concrete boat ramp.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Due to the close proximity of neighbors and lack of on street parking, this right-of-way is given a priority rating of 3.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Conanicut Battery / DAR Memorial	11/39,11	Public	



OWNERSHIP: Town of Jamestown

SIZE: 22 acres

DESCRIPTION:

"This large, rural site, formerly under custody of the DAR, has a 100 foot strip of water frontage. It is the site of a Revolutionary War fortification (c.1776), and is on the National Registry of Historic Places. Set high on a hill overlooking the West Passage, the area is reached by south Battery Lane. Several abandoned bunkers atop the site's highest point provides a wonderful, nearly panoramic view. Shoreline access is impeded by heavy vegetative growth. A 40-foot rock cliff drops down to the shore below, making passage to the beach impossible. "



RECOMMENDATIONS:

In consideration of the planning which is now underway for Battery Park, this area has not been assigned a priority rating.

Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Clarke's Village Road	12	Potential ROW	3



OWNERSHIP:

SIZE: 10' x 75'

DESCRIPTION:

This ROW is situated in a densely populated residential neighborhood. Access to a bluff overlooking the shoreline is along a grassy strip adjacent a neighborhood lawn. The descent to the rocky beach below is an approx. 50' very steep drop.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Should this passage be found to be a public right-of-way, it would require marking the boundaries, building a substantial staircase for proper shoreline access. Due to the close proximity of neighbors, amount of construction and maintenance required, potential for liability and lack of on street parking, this potential right-of-way is given a priority rating of 3.

Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Decatur Avenue	7	CRMC G-12	3



OWNERSHIP:

SIZE: 50' X 890'

DESCRIPTION:

This ROW runs in an easterly direction from the corner of East Shore Road to Narragansett Bay. The majority of this ROW is a narrow street from which many driveways enter and exit. In most cases, cars can not pass each other without driving onto a lawn. There is space for several cars at the end of the ROW. There is a gently sloping grade to a rocky shoreline.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

This public right of way is in a densely populated neighborhood. Parking on the ROW should be limited to three or four cars. In consideration of both the close proximity of neighbors, the limited parking, narrow travel entrance and close proximity of a fully accessible, large shoreline access area (Potter's Cover, Taylor Point) this ROW is given a priority rating of 3



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
East Ferry	9	Public	1



OWNERSHIP: Town

SIZE: Steel pier, woodpile pier, town beach, memorial square, Lot 401

DESCRIPTION:

At the intersection of Conanicus Avenue & Narragansett Blvd. East Ferry includes the sandy town beach to the north and a smaller, pebbly beach to the south (Lot 401), a boat ramp, Memorial Square, shared parking for 18 vehicles at East Ferry and shared parking for 15 vehicles along Walcott Avenue, a grassy common, benches, trash receptacles and two public (the steel pier and the woodpile pier). Restroom facilities are nearby at the town recreation center.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

This public access area will be fully accessible and is given a priority rating of 1.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Eldred Avenue	5 & 14	CRMC G-5	2



OWNERSHIP: State Roadway

SIZE: 136' wide (29,420 sq. ft.)

DESCRIPTION:

An area running westerly from Seaside Drive directly under the new Jamestown Bridge. This area is mostly an open grassy area with some thick brush under both the new and old Jamestown bridges. From the top of the bank, the ledge leads down to the water with a 13' drop.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

With State approval, this area could be a widely used ROW. While this ROW exists in a densely populated neighborhood, thick growth on both sides and its large overall area, with considerable buffer planting and planning for parking, direct impact on neighbors could be minimized. There is ample room for parking, which must be approved by the Department of Transportation. Further improvements include stairs and trash barrels. Due to the size, fairly accessible shoreline and potential for parking without neighborhood disturbance, this ROW is given a priority rating of 2.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Fairview Avenue	1	Potential ROW	3



OWNERSHIP :

SIZE: 15' x 75'

DESCRIPTION :

A footpath which runs from the end of Fairview Drive easterly to a rocky shore and small beach. The path is along the far edge of a yard and appears to be maintained by that landowner.

RECOMMENDATIONS :

Due to the very close proximity of neighbors, narrow travel lane access, lack of parking, this potential right-of-way is given a priority rating of 3.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Garboard Street	15	CRMC G-9	3



OWNERSHIP: Town Road, Accepted
2/25.74

SIZE: 40' wide

DESCRIPTION:

This ROW is located in a residential neighborhood with access to the shoreline from Seaside Drive. The path is overgrown with grass and small trees, has a minimal slope to the cobble beach with some large rocks and several small jetties.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Due to the very close proximity of neighbors, limited shoreline access, lack of parking, and nearby accessibility of Jamestown Shores Beach with full facilities this potential right-of-way is given a priority rating of 3.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Gray Gull Lane	12	Potential ROW	3



OWNERSHIP:

SIZE: 10' wide

DESCRIPTION:

This potential ROW is located at the end of Gray Gull Lane in a residential neighborhood. The shoreline is down a short grassy strip to a drop from the ledge, which is roughly 50' to the rocky shore below.

RECOMMENDATION: Due to the very close proximity of neighbors, limited shoreline access, lack of parking, and nearby accessibility of two large shoreline access areas with full facilities (Beavertail and Conanicut Battery) this potential right-of-way is given a priority rating of 3.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Ft. Getty	11	Town Park	1



OWNERSHIP: Town

SIZE: 32 Acres

DESCRIPTION: Ft. Getty includes 25 tent sites, 100 trailer sites, trash receptacles, restrooms and a shower facility, beaches, outhauls, boat ramp and a fishing dock. Parking in excess of 50 cars is available. Pavilion and grills are available upon reservation. This facility is adjacent to a wildlife conservation area. With a town dump or beach pass, entrance is free. Otherwise a \$10 entrance fee is required.

RECOMMENDATION: Ft. Getty currently provides a wide range of facilities and access and requires no further improvements beyond general maintenance. This area is given a priority rating of 1.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Ft. Wetherill	10	State Park	1



OWNERSHIP: State of Rhode Island

SIZE: 96 acres

DESCRIPTION: "Ft. Weatherill State Park, a former military installation, is one of the most popular scenic sites in Rhode Island. With spectacular rock bluffs and cliffs along the sides of coves and inlets, this coastal park provides fantastic views of the East Passage of Narragansett Bay, Brenton Point in Newport and the Atlantic Ocean. This site has a cove that is renowned for its exceptional scuba and skin diving attractions. There is a boat ramp to the side of a sand and cobble beach, which offer plenty of shoreline access. Along with the scenic vistas, the park also offers hiking trails and picnic facilities. There are several abandoned concrete defense structures around the site, similar to those at Fort Getty, which provide an ideal platform from which to view the ocean."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Ft. Wetherill currently provides a wide range of facilities and access and any further improvements would be the responsibility of the state. This area is given a priority rating of 1.

Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Ft. Wetherill Extension	10	State / Town	3



OWNERSHIP: State of Rhode Island/
Town of Jamestown

SIZE: 10.5 acres

DESCRIPTION: "This site consists of two parcels, 3.5 acres retained by the Town of Jamestown, and 7.0 acres under State ownership. These parcels, with conditions attached, were deeded by the U.S. government separately from the larger parcel that is now Fort Wetherill State Park. ... Access to the site is via Fort Wetherill Road. The site is a rocky peninsula, with large rock outcroppings. There are several buildings on the site. The small harbor has a bulkhead and a dock area."



RECOMMENDATION: The state portion of Ft. Wetherill Extension is currently being considered as the new location of the fisheries division of the Department of Environmental Management. Once these plans are approved, this area should be reviewed for a priority rating.

Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Franklin Hollow	12	Potential ROW	



OWNERSHIP:

SIZE:

DESCRIPTION:

This pathway runs north and south along the waterfront of Franklin Hollow. It is not accessible without crossing private land. There is a steep drop to a stony beach at the end of the path.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Because this path is not accessible from Beavertail Road, there is no priority rating given to this site.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Government Lot 226	1	Potential ROW	



OWNERSHIP:

SIZE:

DESCRIPTION:

This site is a narrow, overgrown lot on the north end of the island on the northern edge of North Bay View Drive. There is a steep embankment a stony waterfront area. There is no room for parking on North Bay View drive.

RECOMMENDATIONS: At the time of this review, it is not clear who owns this property. For this reason, this property has not been given a priority rating.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
High Street	9	Potential ROW	3



OWNERSHIP:

SIZE: 50' x 600'

DESCRIPTION: This ROW is located at the end of High Street and runs easterly from the intersection of Walcott Avenue. It is in a residential neighborhood with a narrow small footpath to the top of a ledge overlooking a cobble and rocky shoreline. The drop is approx. 20' to the shore.

RECOMMENDATION: This public right of way requires a steep staircase be built to provide access to the water which during high tides and storm surges would be subject to the same erosion which been carving away the ledge. Shoreline access has been granted to neighbors via paths through abutting neighbor yards. There is limited parking on this potential ROW. In consideration of the close proximity of neighbors, the degree of clearing and maintenance required (including steep staircase), lack of parking and other nearby more equipped public shoreline access areas, (East Ferry, Town Beach north and south of East Ferry, Ft. Wetherill, Ft. Wetherill Extention) this ROW is given a priority rating of 3.

Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Hull's Cove	12	Unresolved	1



OWNERSHIP: Town / partition plat of Hull Cove Farm

SIZE: 50' wide x 320' long

DESCRIPTION: "Access to the shore is gained easterly from Beavertail Road. There is a parking lot for 4-6 cars with a level footpath, which crosses private property and leads to the shoreline. The ROW does not go down to the water. The cove is surrounded by rock outcroppings and consists of a sand and cobble beach with surf."

RECOMMENDATION: This public right of way is fully accessible with limited parking available. The planks should be removed from the pathway and replaced by wood chips. The number of parking spaces could be increased to 8. This ROW is given a priority rating of 1.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Jamestown Shores Beach	16, 5-8	Public Shore	1



OWNERSHIP: Town

SIZE: 1.7 acres

DESCRIPTION: This area consists of a grassy area, which gently slopes to a pebble and rock beach. There is a rock jetty and boat launch area as well as picnic tables, grill and off-street parking for 20 cars. There is currently no fee associated with the use of these facilities.

RECOMMENDATION: This public shoreline access area is fully accessible and no further improvements are necessary. Due to the wide range of existing facilities and large amount of shoreline accessibility, this right-of-way is given a priority rating of 1.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Mackerel Cove	11/4	Public Shore	1



OWNERSHIP: Town

SIZE: 1 acre

DESCRIPTION: This area consists of a wide, sandy beach with rocky outcroppings on either side. The beach facilities include restroom, shower, trash receptacles, lifeguards (until 5pm during summer months) and parking in excess of 50 cars. Unless a vehicle has a current Town of Jamestown beach or dump pass, there is a \$10 fee to park at this facility.

RECOMMENDATION: This public shoreline access area is fully accessible and no further improvements are necessary. Due to the wide range of existing facilities and large amount of shoreline accessibility, this right-of-way is given a priority rating of 1.

Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Maple Avenue	9	Unresolved	2



OWNERSHIP: Town Road. Accepted 5/22/16

SIZE: 40' wide

DESCRIPTION: This ROW is a gravel road ending at the shoreline leading into lower Dutch Harbor. The road, which travels along Sheffield's Cove, is full of potholes. The shoreline is characterized by eroding mud bogs and beach grass, along with some patches of sandy beach. This ROW is popular among mooring holders, as there are several small boats tied to posts driven into the upper beach. This ROW abuts a Rhode Island Audubon Society restricted wildlife refuge to the south, which is well posted. (*)

Walking in the refuge without written permission is not permitted. There are no moorings in the immediate area of the ROW, as it borders a conservation zone for the Harbor Management Ordinance. There are several moorings just to the north in Dutch Harbor."* Since this was written in 1992, signage has eroded and it is no longer clearly marked.

RECOMMENDATION: This public shoreline access area is not fully accessible without road upgrading which raises the issue of watershed into the conservation area. Should this area be designated a public ROW, further planning should be done to determine how and where vehicles would best be accommodated.

Neighbors now complain that there is frequent walking and claming on the conservation area and vehicles are often stuck in the mud and require assistance. Boundary markers and signage should be improved. This area requires further study and should be given a priority rating of 2.

Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Mast Street	14	CRMC G-6	3



OWNERSHIP: Town Road. Accepted 2/25/74

SIZE: 50' wide

DESCRIPTION: This ROW is situated in a residential neighborhood. Access to the shore is westerly via Seaside Drive. The easterly portion of the ROW has been paved with 40' of asphalt. A grassy strip continues after the asphalt area, turning into a short path through brush, and ending at a large outcrop of ledge and boulders which drops 15' to a cobble shoreline. Due to steep grade visitors must cross private property to access the ROW. There are private docks on either side of the ROW. Three private moorings are found in the vicinity of ROW waters. "



RECOMMENDATION: Due to the close proximity of neighbors, limited shoreline access, steep drop to the water requiring a staircase, lack of parking, and nearby accessibility of two large shoreline access areas with full facilities (proposed Eldred Avenue and Jamestown Shores Beach) this potential right-of-way is given a priority rating of 3.

Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Middle Street	1	Potential ROW	3



OWNERSHIP:

SIZE: 15' x 75'

DESCRIPTION: A footpath which runs from the end of Middle Street easterly to a rocky shore and small beach. There is an approximate 10' drop to a sand and stone beach. Steps to the beach are on an abutter's property.

RECOMMENDATION: Due to the very close proximity of neighbors, narrow travel lane access, lack of parking, this potential right-of-way is given a priority rating of 3.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Park (between lots 50 & 95)	7	Potential ROW	



OWNERSHIP:

SIZE:

DESCRIPTION:

This site is a small lot to the east of East Shore Drive. It is currently posted with private and no parking signs. There is a gradual decline to a sand and stone waterfront area. There is no room for parking on East Shore Drive.

RECOMMENDATIONS: At the time of this review, it is not clear who owns this property. For this reason, this property has not been given a priority rating.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Potter's Cove / Taylor's Point	7/1	Public Beach	1



OWNERSHIP: Town of Jamestown

SIZE: 25 acres

DESCRIPTION: "Potter's Cove is located just east of the Newport Bridge toll booth, and consists of a long strip of cobble and sandy beach. At the southern end of the cove, a large rock outcropping exists, which merges into what is known as Taylor Point. ... There are two parking lots, one atop Taylor Point to accommodate about a dozen cars, with a second down below at Potter's Cove. Two wooden stairways provide access to the shoreline from the parking area at Potter's Cove. "Activities at this site include clamming, swimming, picnicking, fishing and water-skiing. Trash receptacles are available in the parking areas.

RECOMMENDATION: This public shoreline access area is fully accessible and no further improvements are necessary. Due to the wide range of existing facilities and large amount of shoreline accessibility, this right-of-way is given a priority rating of 1.

Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Spindrift Street	5	CRMC G-4	3



OWNERSHIP: Town Road, accepted 2/25/74

SIZE: 40' wide

DESCRIPTION: "This ROW is located in a densely populated residential neighborhood with access to the shoreline westerly from Seaside Drive. The ROW was filled and provides a gentle slope from the street to the bank above the shoreline. The level area is covered with crumbled pavement which leads to a narrow dirt path and a very steep 15' descent of shale outcroppings. Large boulders were placed to support a water out-fall pipe running down the center of the RPW. The beach is primarily cobble. "



RECOMMENDATION: Due to the close proximity of neighbors, steep descent to the shoreline, limited shoreline access, lack of parking, and nearby accessibility of two large shoreline access areas with facilities (proposed Eldred Avenue and Jamestown Shores Beach) this potential right-of-way is given a priority rating of 3.

Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Spirketing Street	5 & 15	CRMC G-2	3



OWNERSHIP: Town Road, accepted 2/25/74

SIZE: 40' wide

DESCRIPTION: "Access to the shoreline is westerly off Seaside Drive. This is a grassy strip with cedar trees on the northern side. The grassy area is being used as a driveway by the southerly abutter. The strip ends with a metal stairway set in concrete footings which traverses a 20 foot embankment. There is a 36 inch water out-fall set into the embankment. The cobble beach has several large boulders and many small rock jetties. "



RECOMMENDATION: Due to the close proximity of neighbors, steep descent to the shoreline, limited shoreline access, lack of parking, and nearby accessibility of two large shoreline access areas with facilities (proposed Eldred Avenue and Jamestown Shores Beach) this potential right-of-way is given a priority rating of 3.

Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Steamboat Street	5	CRMC G-3	3



OWNERSHIP: Town Road, accepted 2/25/74

SIZE: 40' wide

DESCRIPTION: "This ROW is located in a densely populated residential neighborhood. Access to the shore is westerly from Seaside Drive. The area is overgrown to the north and is encroached by an abutter from the south. The land slopes gently with a crumbling concrete ramp to a cobble beach. "

RECOMMENDATION: Due to the close proximity of neighbors, steep descent to the shoreline, limited shoreline access, lack of parking, and nearby accessibility of two large shoreline access areas with facilities (proposed Eldred Avenue and Jamestown Shores Beach) this potential right-of-way is given a priority rating of 3.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Sunset Beach	3A	Potential ROW	3



OWNERSHIP:

SIZE: 30' x 120' -

DESCRIPTION: "This potential ROW is in a densely populated residential neighborhood. Access to the shoreline is westerly from Seaside Drive along a grassy area of lawn to a short concrete ramp. There is no apparent shoreline.

RECOMMENDATION: Due to the close proximity of neighbors, limited shoreline access, lack of parking, and nearby accessibility of two large shoreline access areas with facilities (proposed Eldred Avenue and Jamestown Shores Beach) this potential right-of-way is given a priority rating of 3.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
Wickford Avenue	1	Potential ROW	



OWNERSHIP:

SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: At the end of a long driveway that is gated and marked private. No trespassing signs are also posted. At the end of the road, there is a shed and steps leading to the water.

RECOMMENDATION: At the time of this report, it is unclear that this is accessible without trespassing on private property. A priority rating is withheld until this issue is resolved.



Location	Plat/Lot	ROW Status	Priority
West Ferry	9	Public	1



OWNERSHIP: Town

SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: At the western end of Narragansett Blvd, West Ferry includes a parking for 18 vehicles (with town pass) and a public pier. Rocky shoreline muddy beach extends to the south towards Sheffield Cove.

RECOMMENDATION: This public access area will be fully accessible and is given a priority rating of 1.

