

# 2013 Shoreline Access and Right-of-Way Inventory



*A Supplement to the "Parking Committee's Report of  
Public Shoreline Access and Rights-of-Way in  
Jamestown, April 1999"*

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Re: 2013 Shoreline Access and Right-of-Way Inventory

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As requested at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Jamestown Town Council, staff has completed site visits of the Rights-of-Ways (ROW's) and shoreline access points listed in the "Parking Committee's Report of Public Shoreline Access and Rights-of-Way in Jamestown" and provided pictures and updated descriptions for each site.

The intent of this inventory is to supplement the 1999 Report with current images and descriptions. It is important to note that the 1999 Report, for the most part, is still a valid document despite its age. Our descriptions are based on the 1999 Report and have been modified only to reflect changes over the last 14 years. The recommendations listed on our summary sheets are directly from the 1999 Report, and are provided as a basis for Town Council review and discussion.

### Report Layout:

The report is arranged in the order that Staff visited the sites. Starting in the Jamestown Shores (which was the greatest area of interest) at the Mast St ROW, staff moved clockwise along the island ending at West Ferry.

We have provided a Summary Sheet for each site that features a GIS aerial overview along with a street view and shoreline view photograph where available. In addition, we have provided additional pages of annotated photographs for approximately half of the sites.

### Online Access to Reports and Images:

The 2013 ROW Inventory and 1999 ROW Report can be found online at [www.jamestownri.net](http://www.jamestownri.net)

## 2013 Shoreline Access & Rights-of-Way Inventory Sites #'s:

### **The Jamestown Shores**

1. Mast Street (CRMC G-7)
2. Hull Street (CRMC G-6)
3. Eldred Ave (CRMC G-5)
4. Spindrift St (CRMC G-4)
5. Steamboat St (CRMC G-3)
6. Spirketing St (CRMC G-2)
7. Garboard St (CRMC G-9)
8. Shores Beach (Head's Beach)
9. Buccaneer Way (CRMC G-11)
10. Champlin Way (CRMC G-10)
11. Sunset Beach
12. Capstan St (CRMC G-8)

### **The North End**

13. Wickford Ave
14. Government Lot 226
15. Fairview St
16. Middle St
17. Park Dock (CRMC G-1)
18. Carr Ln (CRMC G-13)
19. Decatur Ave (CRMC G-12)

### **Potters Cove to Ft. Wetherill**

20. East Shore Rd Park
21. Potter's Cove
22. Taylor's Point
23. East Ferry
24. High St
25. Former Rd at Dumplings
26. Ft. Wetherill Extension
27. Ft. Wetherill State Park

### **Beavertail**

28. Mackerel Cove Beach
29. Hull's Cove
30. Grey Gull Lane
31. Clarke's Village Lane
32. Beavertail State Park
33. Franklin Hollow
34. Bonnet View Dr
35. Arnold St
36. The Battery
37. Ft. Getty Town Park

### **Sheffield Cove & West Ferry**

38. Maple Ave
39. West Ferry



# 2013 SHORELINE ACCESS: Existing and Potential Rights-of-Way

TOWN OF  
JAMESTOWN  
RHODE ISLAND

## Map Legend

### Features

- ~ Highways
- ~ Roads

### Boundaries

- ☐ Jamestown
- RI Municipal
- ☐ Other States

### Rights-of-Way

- No 1 Priority Sites
- No 2 Priority Sites
- No 3 Priority Sites
- No recommendation until further review
- G ● CRMC ROW Designation

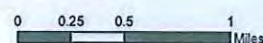
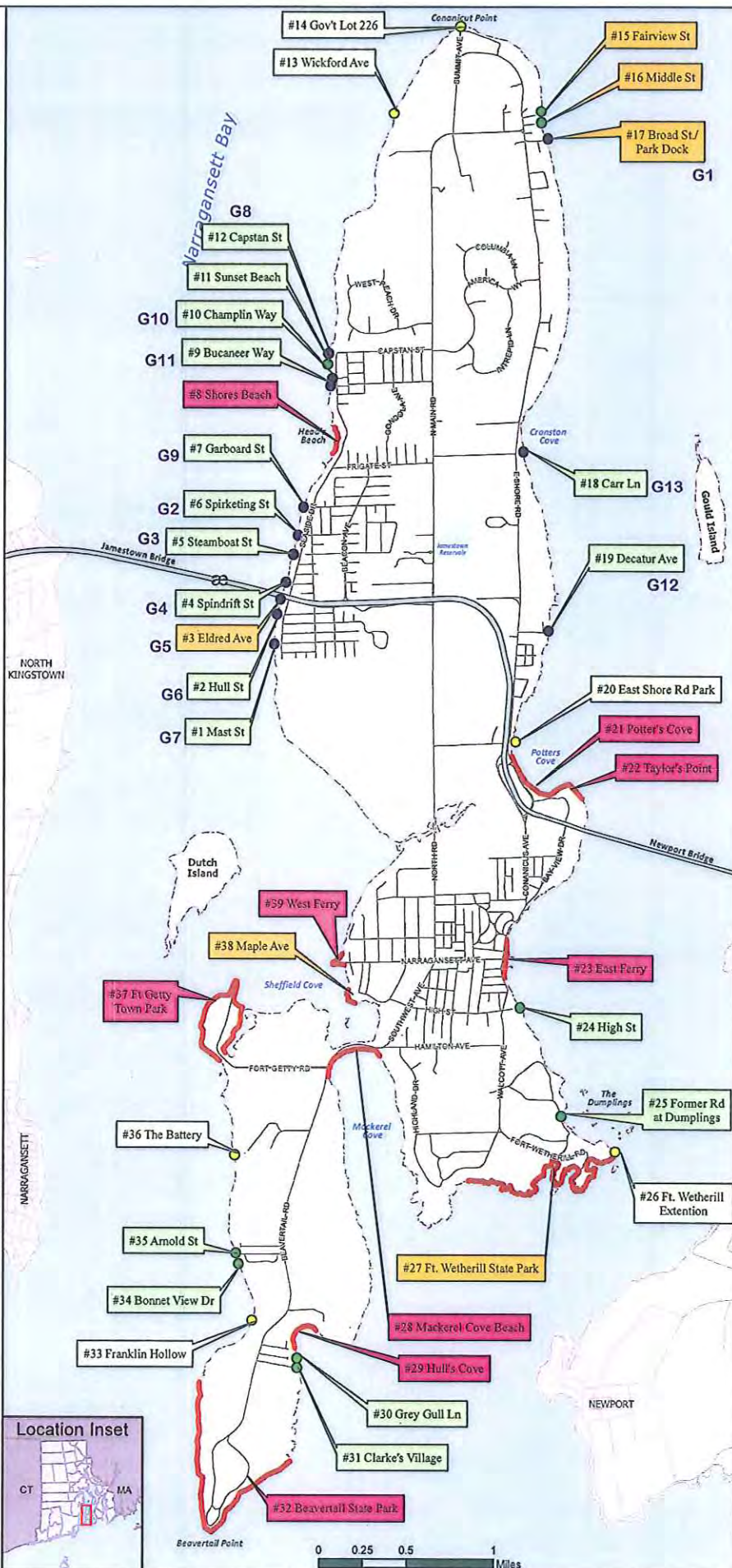
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## Public Shoreline Access & Rights-of-Way



Site #1: Mast Street  
CRMC G-6  
Plat 14



Street View



Shoreline View

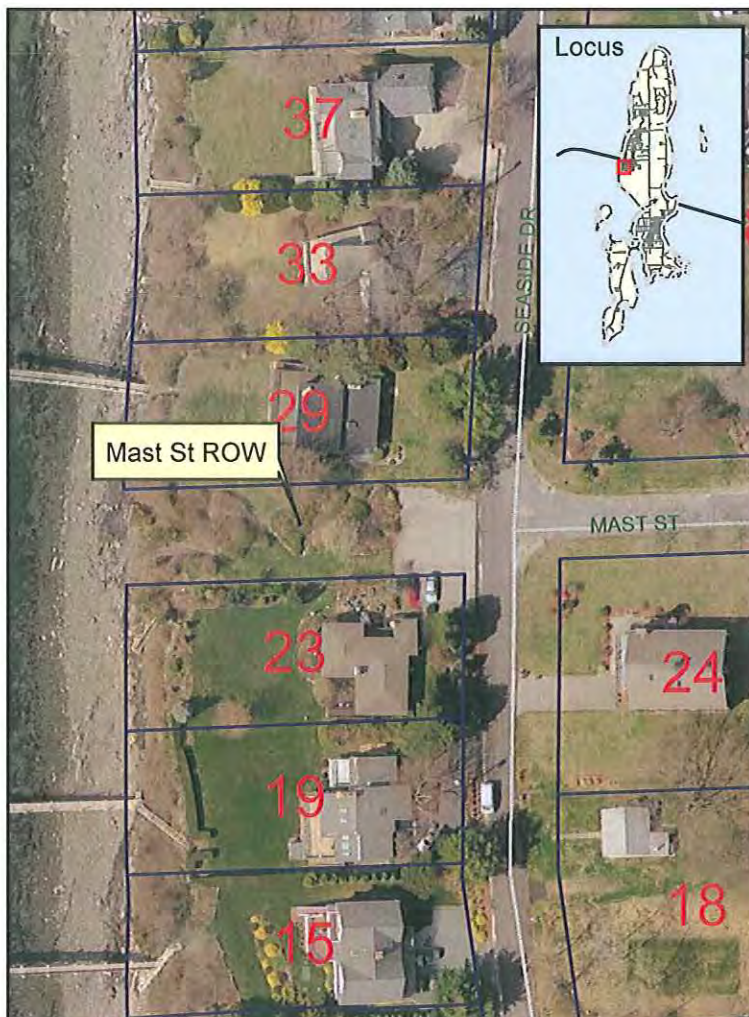
### Description:

This ROW is located in the Jamestown Shores Neighborhood, south of the Jamestown Bridge. The ROW abuts 29 Seaside Dr (to the north) & 23 Seaside Dr (to the south). Access to the shore is westerly from Seaside Drive. The easterly portion of the ROW features a 40 wide paved section. A Grassy strip continues after the asphalt area, turning into a short path through brush, and ending abruptly at a large outcrop of ledge and boulders which drops approximately 15 feet to a cobble shoreline

The ROW is currently maintained by the abutters and has parking for approximately 4 vehicles.

### Recommendation from 1999 Report:

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.



Aerial View



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***Site #1: Mast Street Right-of-Way (CRMC G-7)***



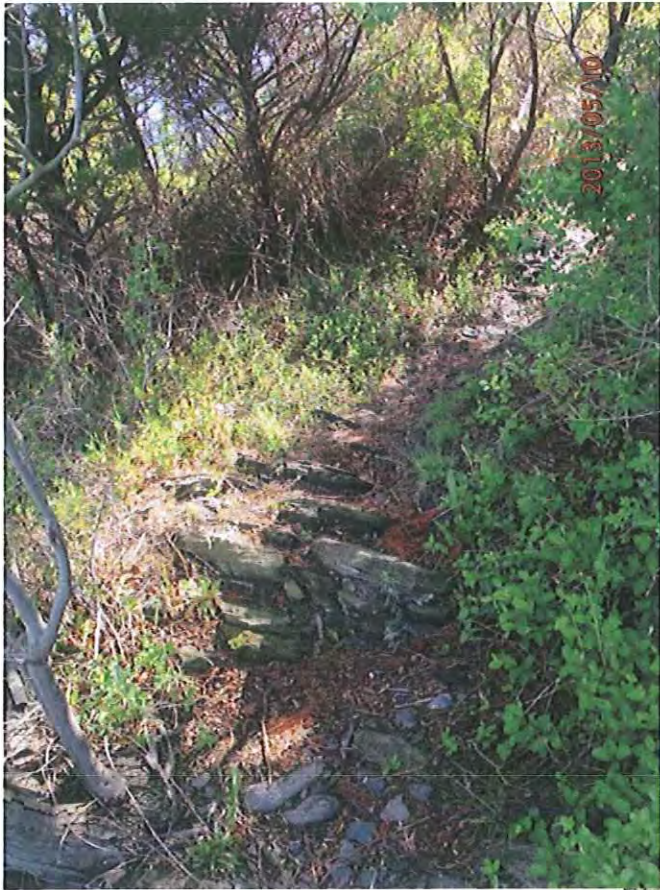
*40' Wide Paved Area*



*Grassy Strip Maintained by Abutters*



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*Short Path through brush,  
ending at large outcrop  
of ledge (Shown Below).*



*Steep 15' drop off  
Rock outcrop  
Shown at high tide (left)  
and at low tide (above)*



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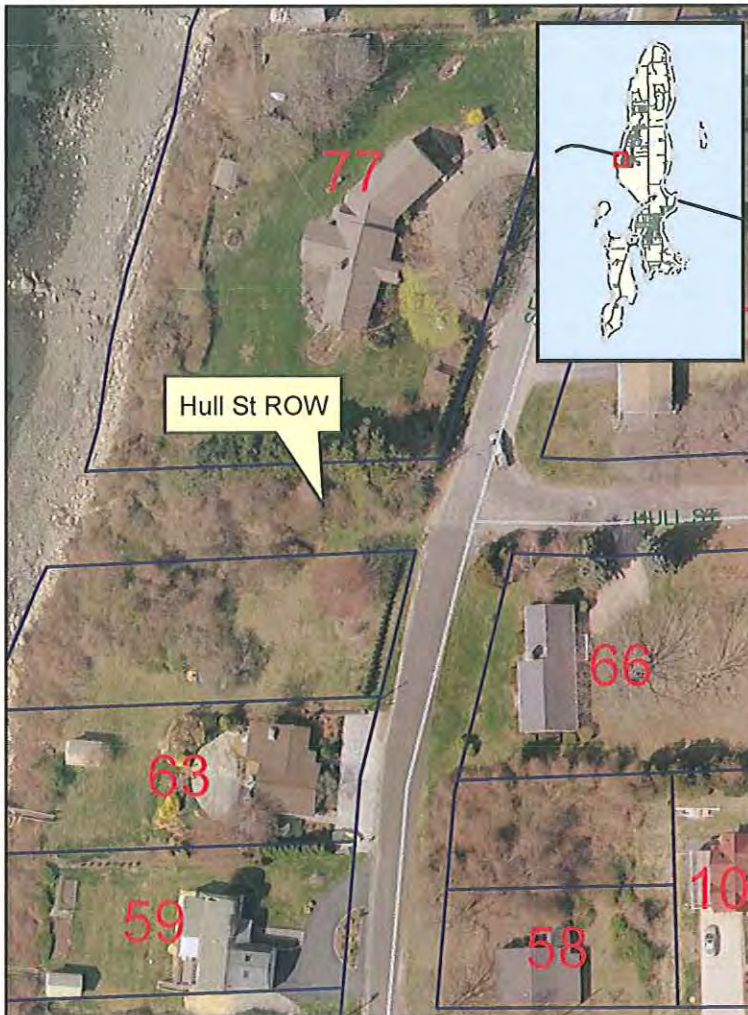
*Site #2: Hull St  
CRMC G-6  
Plat 14*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**Description:**

This ROW is located in the Jamestown Shores neighborhood just south of the 138 overpass, between 77 Seaside Drive (to the north) and 63 Seaside Drive (to the south). Access to the shore is westerly from Seaside Drive. There is a small footpath that is maintained by abutters. As of May 2013, access to the path is blocked due to downed limbs from the recent storms. The footpath ends abruptly at the drop-off for a Stormwater outfall pipe. There is currently caution tape marking the dangerous 20 foot drop. The outfall pipe is approximately 25 feet inland from the shoreline and slopes steeply.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

Hull St ROW not listed in original report.



**Site #2: Hull Street Right-of-Way (CRMC G-6)**



*Storm Debris from Blizzard of 2013 is blocking access to path*



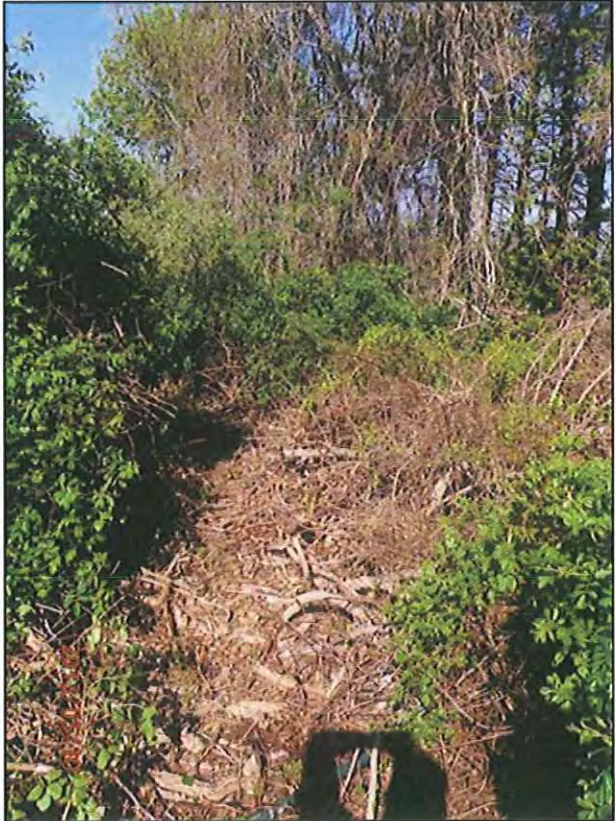
*Caution Tape at end of path before Outfall Pipe Dropoff*



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*Open path maintained by abutters abruptly ends at outfall pipe and dangerous 20 foot drop. Stormwater outfall pipe is about 20 feet in from shoreline*





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*Site #3: Eldred Ave  
CRMC G-5  
Plat 5 & 14*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**Description:**

An area running westerly from Seaside Drive along the former location of the old Jamestown Bridge. This is mostly an open grassy area with some thick brush and an existing foodpath sloping to the shoreline. There are currently "State Property" and "No Trespassing" signs posted at this location.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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.



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*Site #3: Eldred Ave, State of RI (CRMC G-5)*



*View from Seaside Drive. Posted No Trespassing Signs by RIDOT*

*Open grassy area where the old Jamestown Bridge used to be (above) with some brush and existing footpath sloping to shoreline (left)*





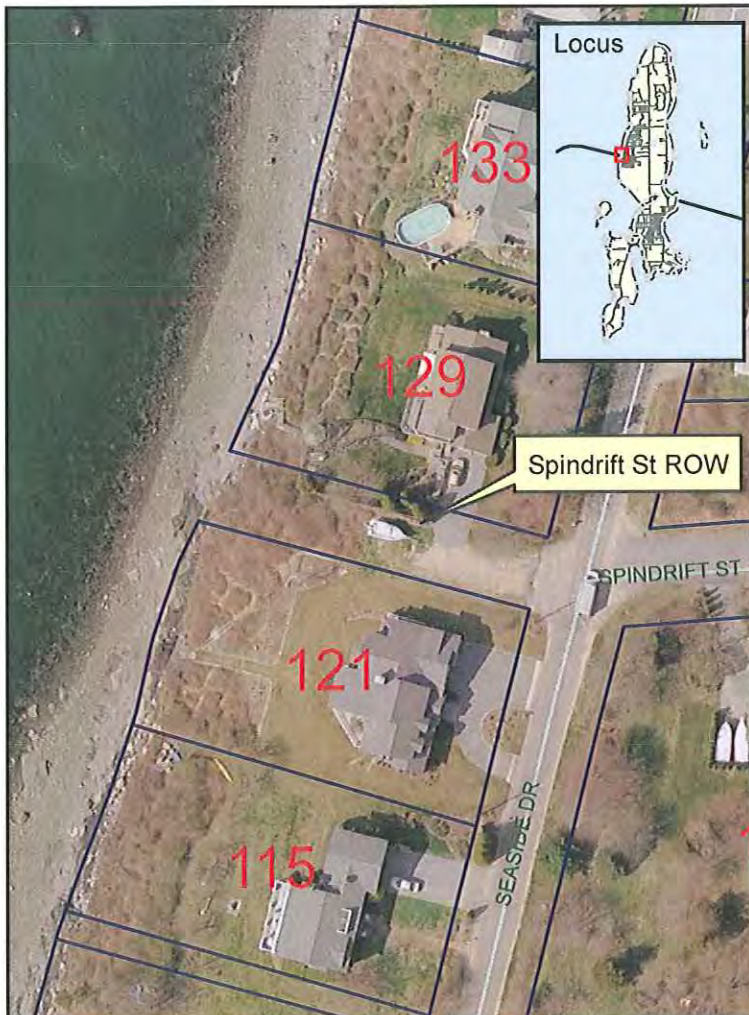
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*Site #4: Spindrift St  
CRMC G-4  
Plat 5*



Street View



Aerial View

**Description:**

This ROW is located in the Jamestown Shores neighborhood just north of the 138 overpass. The ROW continues from Seaside Drive westerly to the coast. This ROW is currently being used as a driveway for 129 Seaside Dr. In addition, there appears to be encroachment by the abutters to the north and south, including both boat and wood storage. The path to the shore is narrow and overgrown. There is a very steep descent of shale outcroppings and no real access to the shoreline from this ROW. There is a drainage outfall pipe that runs through the ROW and discharges to the shoreline.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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.



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**Site #4: Spindrift Street Right-of-Way (CRMC G-4)**



*View from Seaside Drive. Abutters currently storing boats (above) and firewood (bottom left) Overgrown with Shrubs and no access to shore (bottom right)*



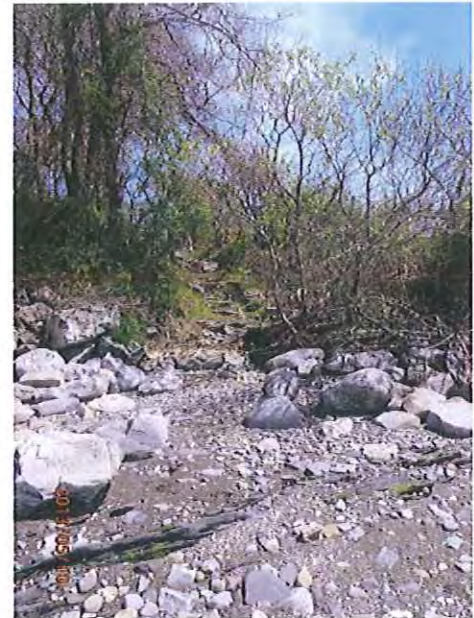


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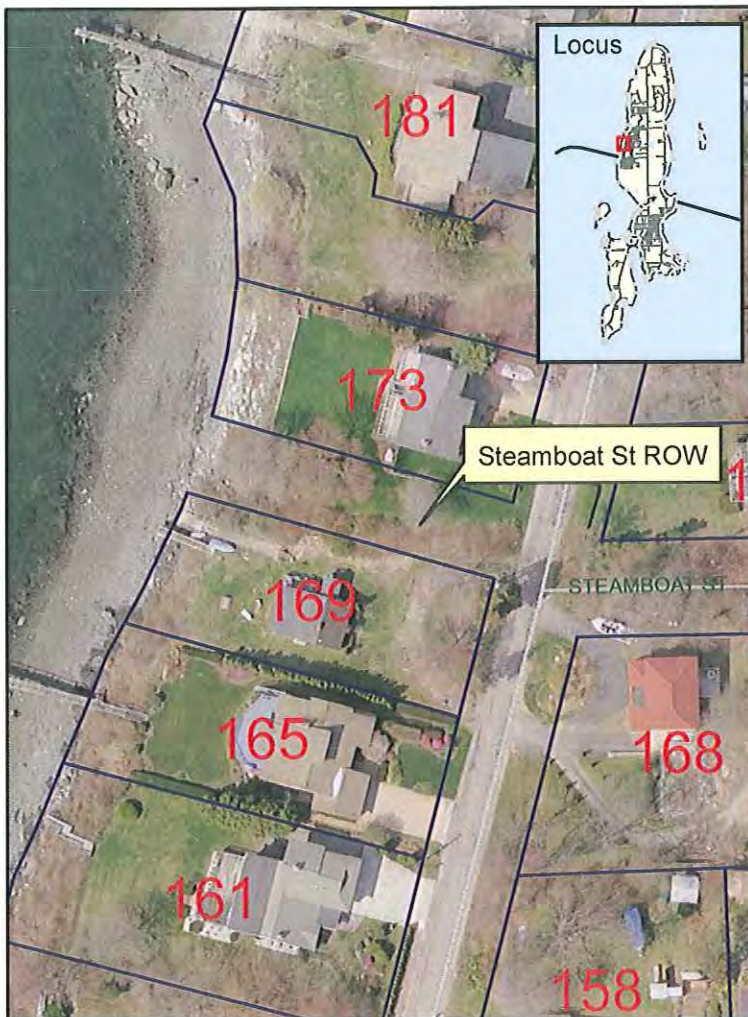
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 | *Site #5: Steamboat St  
 CRMC G-3  
 Plat 5*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**Description:**

This ROW is located in the Jamestown Shores neighborhood between 173 and 169 Seaside Drive. Access to the shore is westerly from Seaside. A path through the ROW to the coast was permitted by CRMC and completed by an abutter in the summer of 2012. This ROW continues to be maintained by the abutter. There was encroachment by an abutter from the north. The path slopes gently to a cobble beach.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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.



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**Site #5: Steamboat Street Right-of-Way (G-3)**



*View from Seaside Drive. Cleared in 2011*





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*View looking West*



*View looking East*



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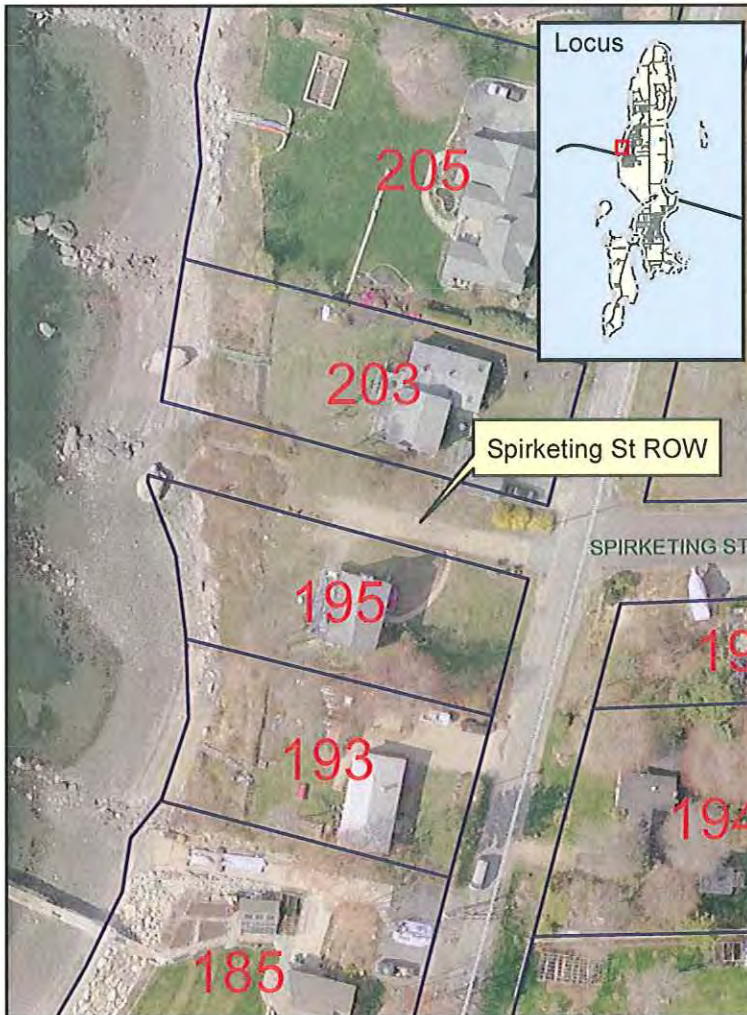
*Site #6: Spirketing St  
CRMC G-2  
Plat 5 & 15*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**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. The cobble beach has several large boulders and many small rock jetties.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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.



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**Site #6: Spirketing Street Right-of-Way (G-2)**



*View from Seaside Drive*



*Grassy Area maintained by Abutters*



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*View of Existing Narrow Staircase*





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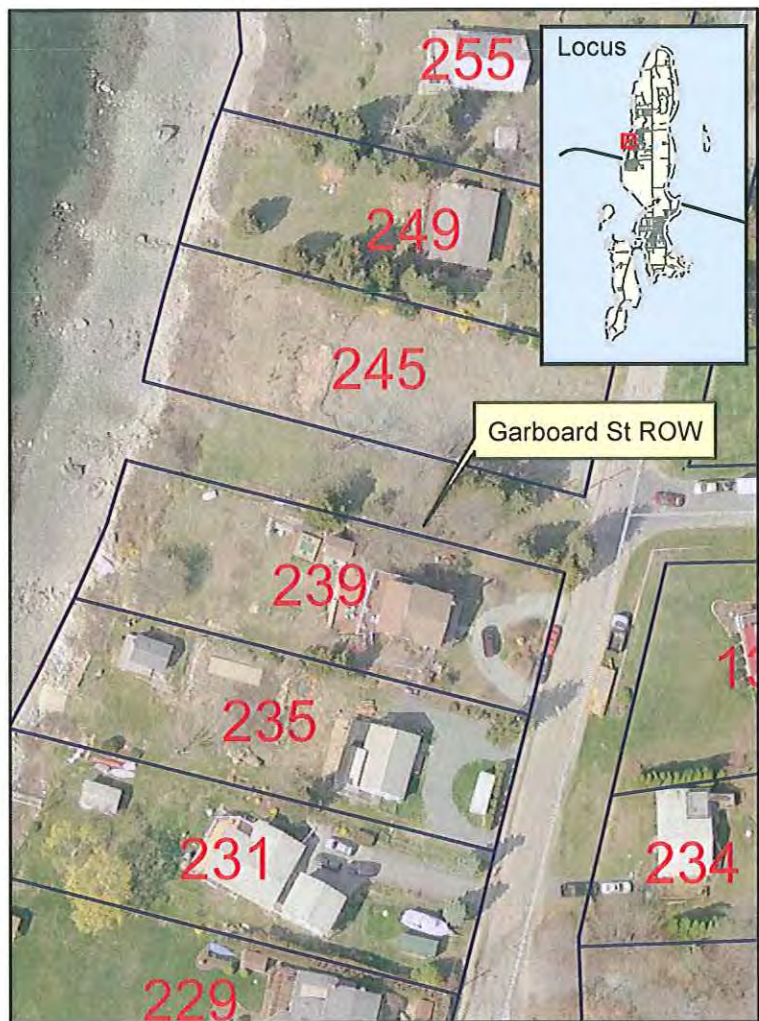
*Site #7: Garboard St  
 CRMC G-9  
 Plat 15*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**Description:**

This ROW is located in the Jamestown Shores neighborhood, between 245 Seaside Drive (to the north) and 239 Seaside Drive (to the south). The ROW consists of a grass path with minimal slope to a cobble beach. The abutters maintain this ROW. There is a stormwater outfall pipe that runs through the ROW and there are two paths around the pipe to the beach. It is unclear if the paths are on the ROW or if they briefly cross over onto private property.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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.

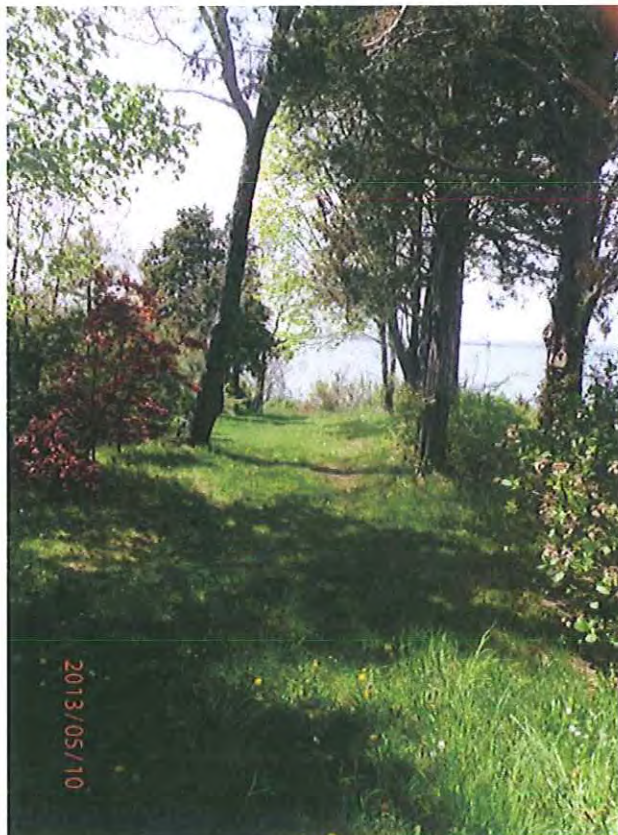


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***Site #7: Garboard Street Right-of-Way (G-9)***



*View from Seaside Drive*



*Grassy Area maintained by Abutters*



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*2 Existing Paths go around Stormwater Outfall.  
Paths may be on Private Property*





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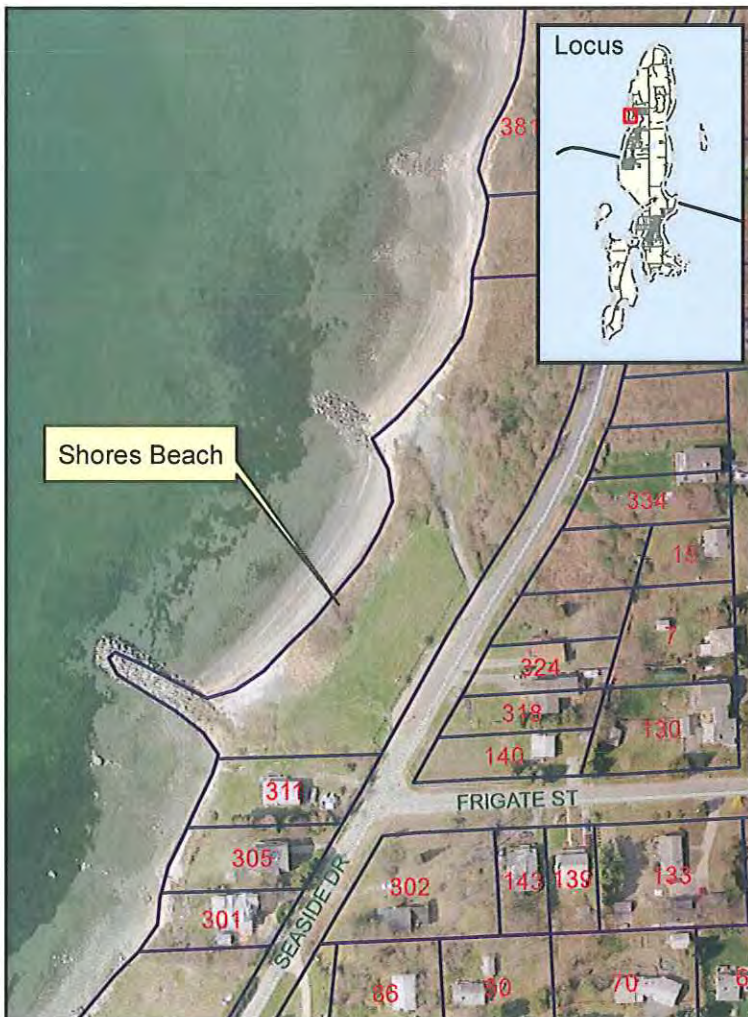
*Site #8: Shores Beach  
 (Head's Beach)  
 Public Shore  
 Plat 16*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**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. A resident sticker is required for parking during the summer months.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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.



**Site #8: Shore's Beach (Head's Beach)**



*Beach Maintained by Recreation Department.  
Residency Sticker Required for Summer Parking*





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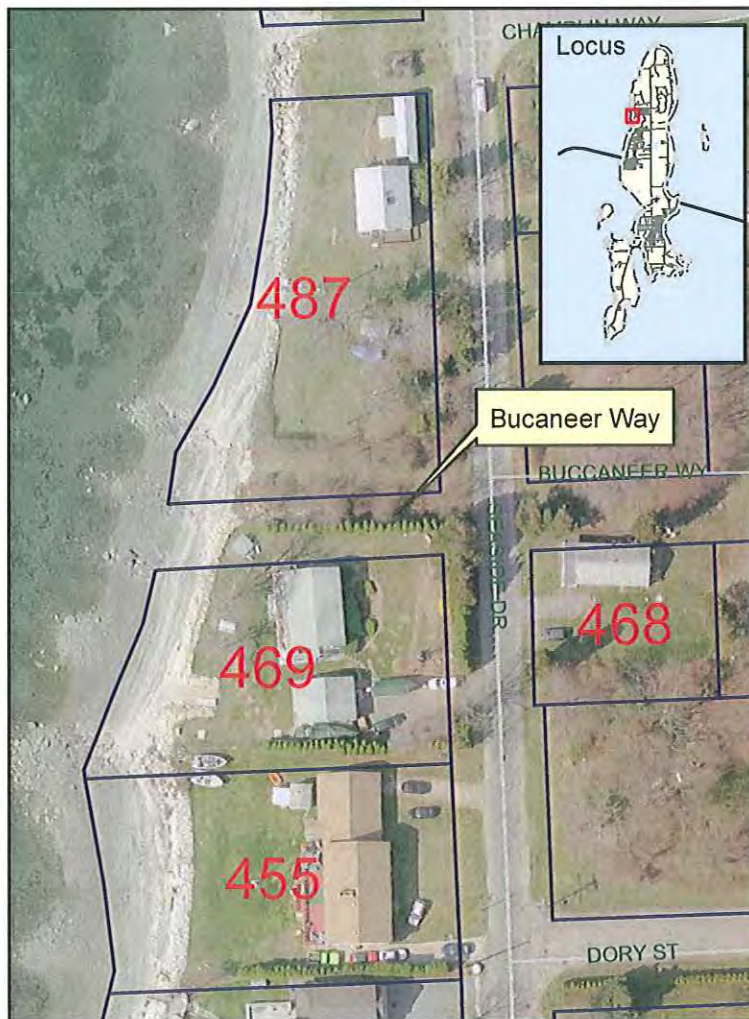
*Site #9: Bucaneer Way  
CRMC G-11  
Plat 3A*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**Description:**

This ROW is located in the Jamestown Shores neighborhood, between 487 Seaside Drive (to the north) and 469 Seaside Drive (to the south). The ROW consists of a grass path with minimal slope to a cobble beach. Access to the shoreline runs westerly from Seaside Drive. The abutters maintain this ROW.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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.



**Site #9: Buccaneer Way (CRMC G-11)**



*Grassy Path with minimum slope to shoreline.  
Path Maintained by Abutters.*





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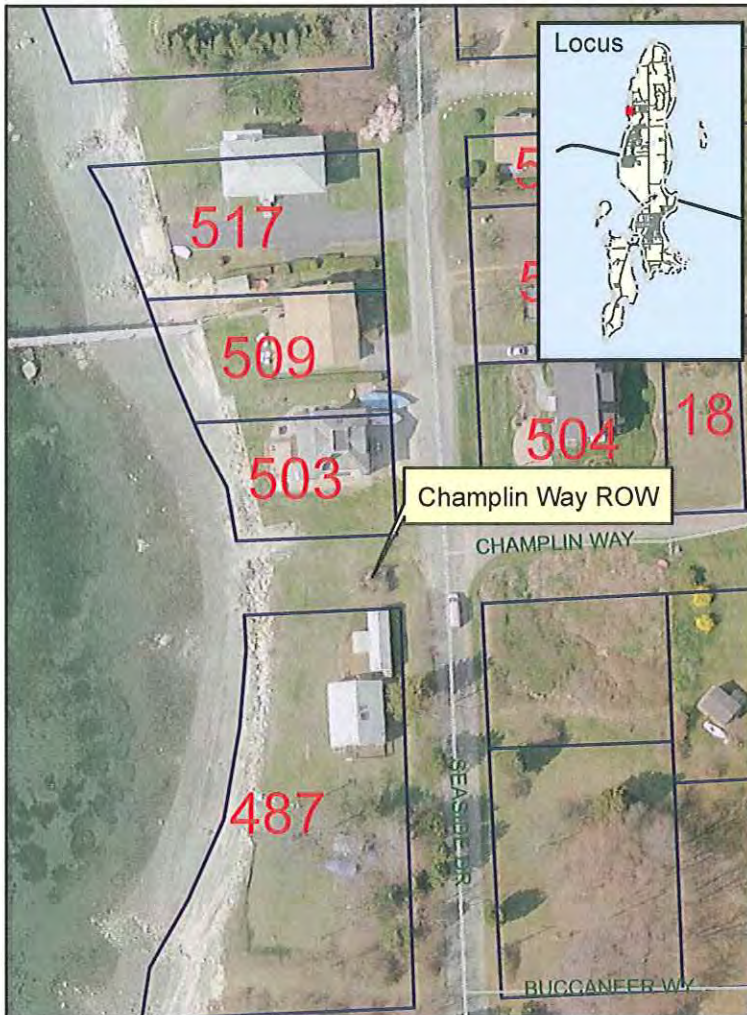
*Site #10: Champlin Way  
CRMC G-10  
Plat 3A*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**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.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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



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*Site #10: Champlin Way (CRMC G-10)*



*Grassy Path slopes to concrete boat ramp*





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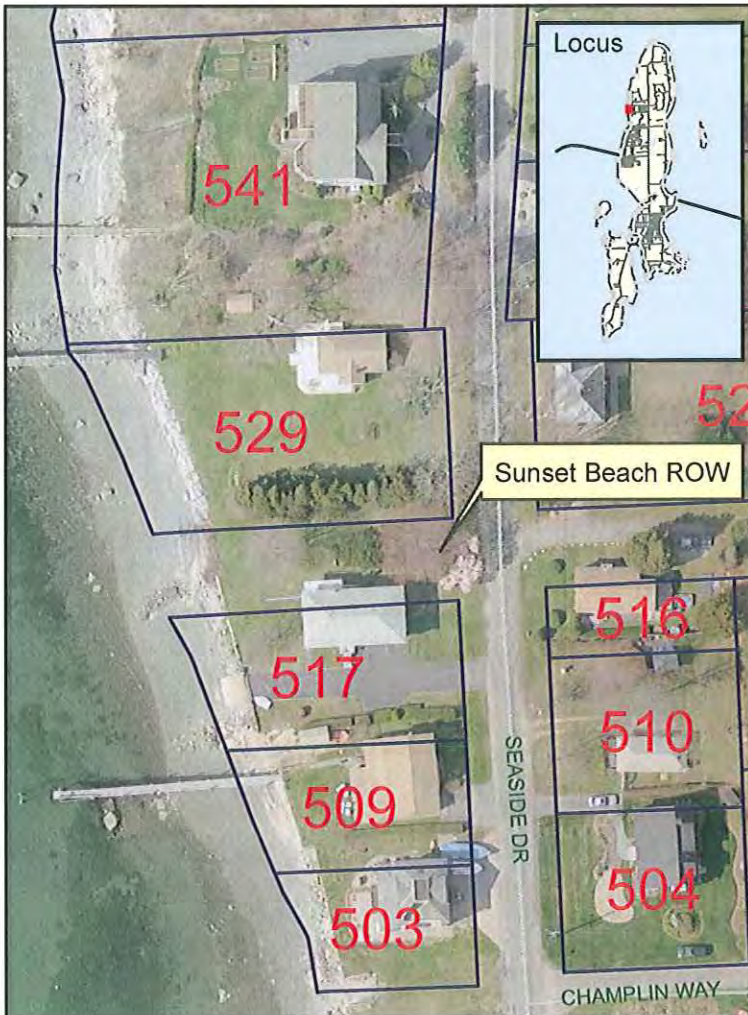
*Site #11: Sunset Beach  
 Potential ROW  
 Plat 3A*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**Description:**

This ROW is located in the Jamestown Shores neighborhood, between 529 Seaside Drive (to the north) and 517 Seaside Drive (to the south). Access to the shoreline runs westerly from Seaside Drive. The ROW consists of a grass path with minimal slope to a drainage outfall pipe with rip-rap cobble beach. The abutters maintain this ROW.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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.



*Site #11: Sunset Beach Way*



*Grassy Path from Seaside Dr. to shoreline maintained by abutters*





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*Westerly View*



*Grassy Path ends at Stormwater Outfall*



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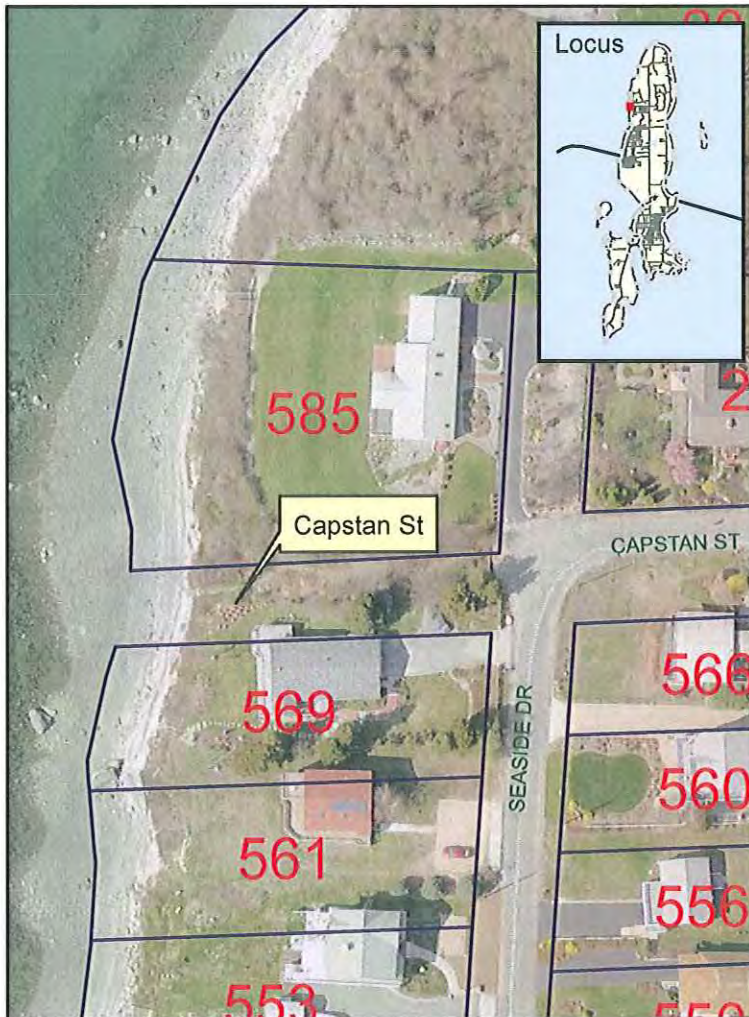
*Site #12: Capstan St  
 CRMC G-8  
 Plat 3A*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**Description:**

The Capstan St ROW is located in the northwestern area of the Jamestown Shores neighborhood between 585 Seaside Drive (to the north) and 569 Seaside Drive (to the south). There is a guardrail along the width of the ROW as visible from Seaside Drive. The ROW is lower in elevation than the road and receives runoff from both Capstan St and Seaside Drive which is eroding the existing footpath that has been maintained by the Town. Access to the shoreline runs westerly from Seaside Drive with minimal slope to the cobble beach.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

**ROW NOT REFERENCED IN THE 1999 REPORT**



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***Site #12: Capstan St (CRMC G-8)***



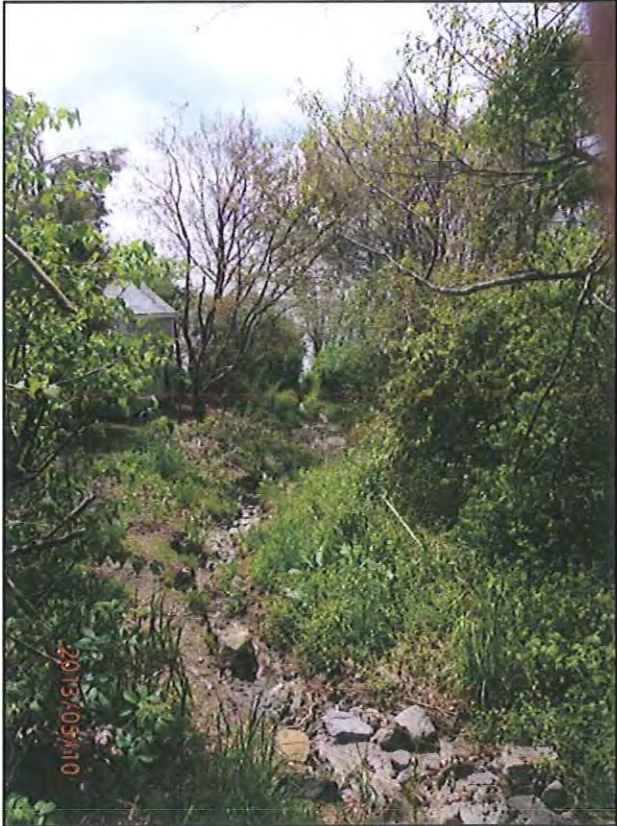
*View from Capstan St.*



*Existing Footpath*



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*Existing footpath prone to erosion due to runoff from Capstan St*



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*Easterly View from Shoreline*



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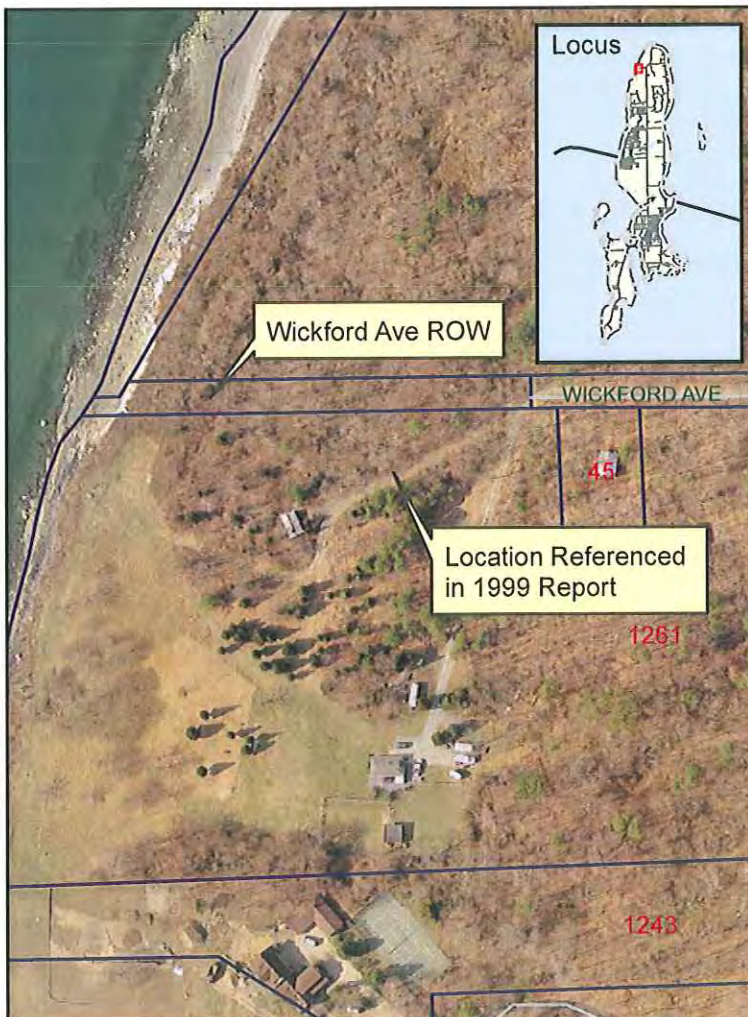
Site #13: Wickford Ave  
Potential ROW  
Plat 1



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

### Description:

Wickford Ave ROW is currently a paper street that serves as access for 1261 North Main Road. There does not appear to be existing access to the shoreline from the forested ROW. Access to the shore is from private property that is gated and marked with "No Trespassing" signs. At the end of the driveway there is a shed and steps leading to the water.

### Recommendation from 1999 Report:

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.



**Site #13: Wickford Ave**



*Dirt road gated, chained, and marked "PRIVATE PROPERTY"*





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*Stairs and Decking to the shoreline*



*Easterly View from Shoreline*



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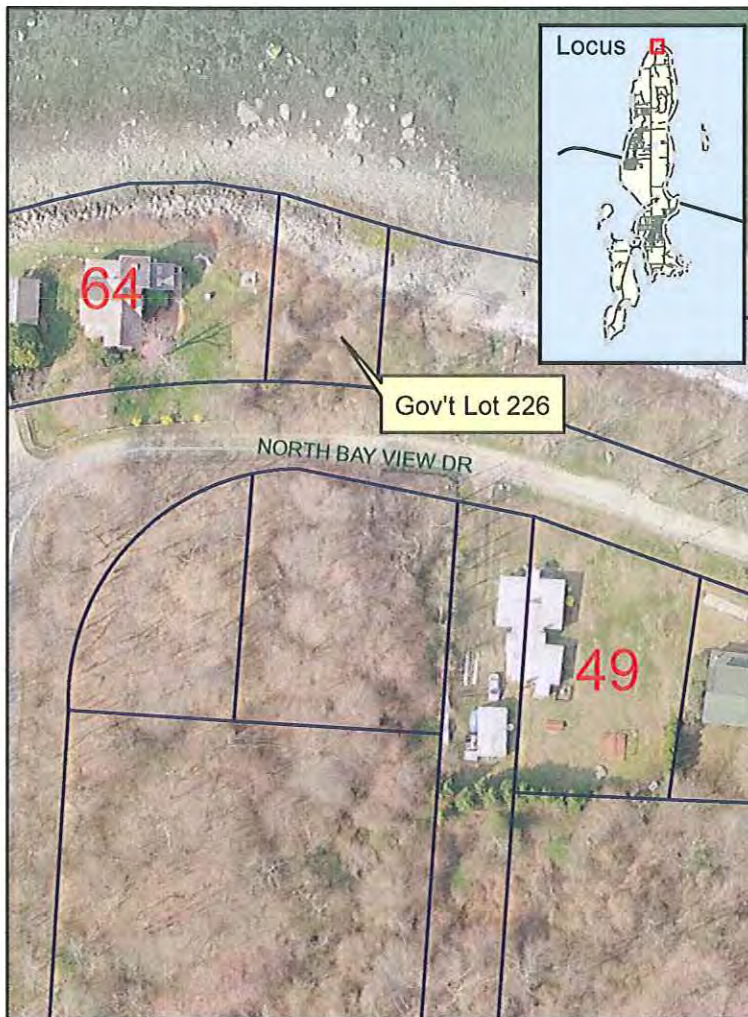
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Site #14: Gov't Lot 226  
Potential ROW  
Plat 1



Street View



Aerial View

### 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 and a stony waterfront area. There is no room for parking on North Bay View drive.

### Recommendation from 1999 Report:

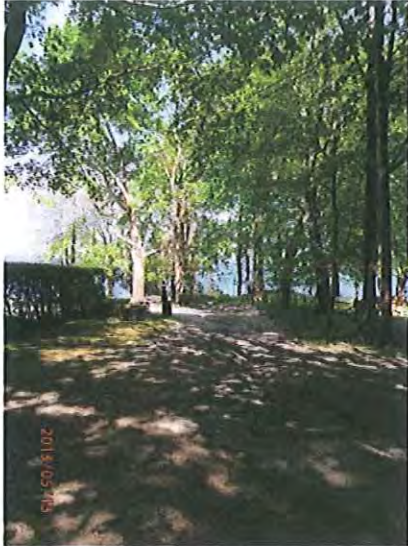
At the time of this review, it is not clear who owns this property. For this reason, this property has not been given a priority rating.



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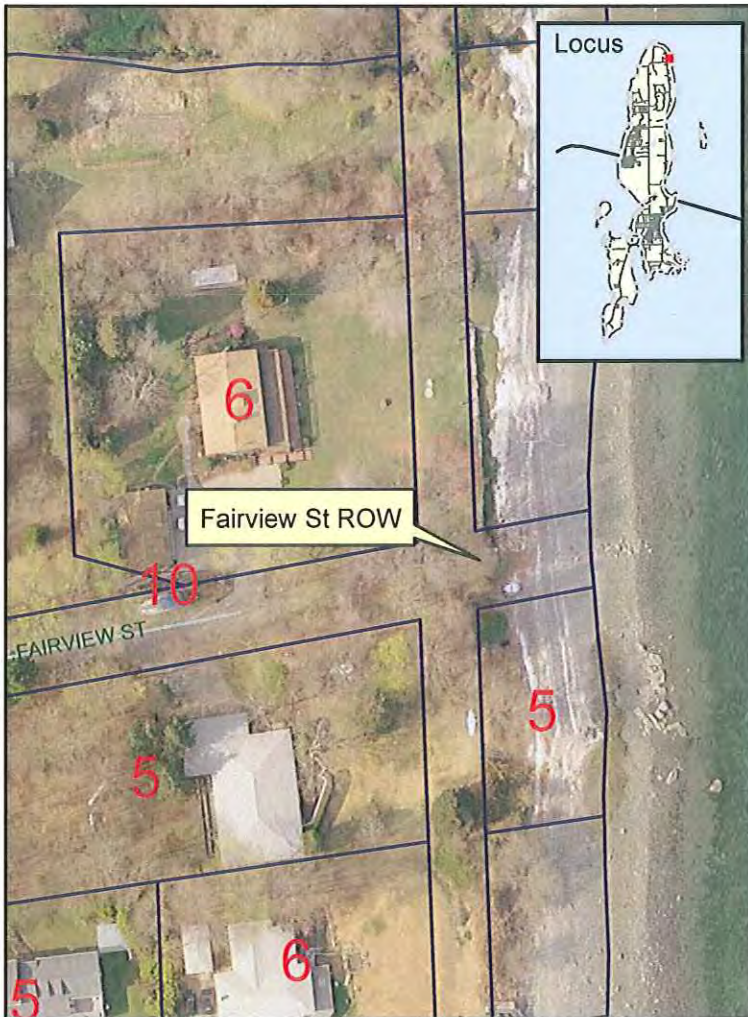
*Site #15: Fairview St  
Potential ROW  
Plat 1*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**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.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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.



**Site #15: Fairview St**



*Existing footpath at end of dirt road*





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*Existing path and steps maintained by abutters*



*Westerly View from Shoreline*



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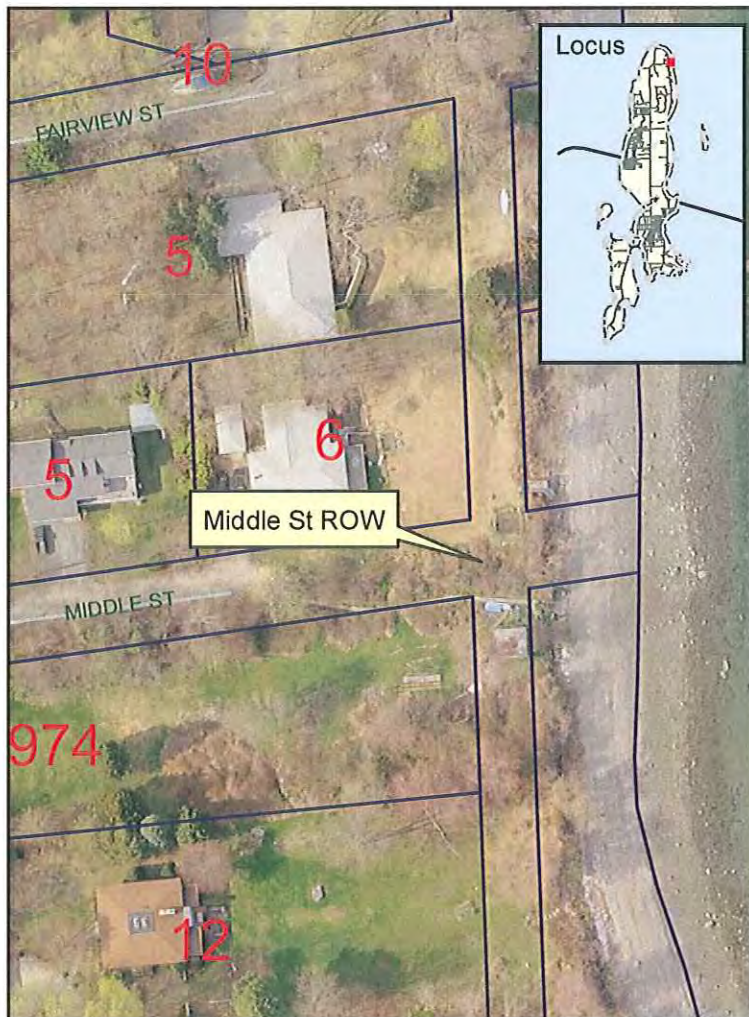
Site #16: Middle St  
Potential ROW  
Plat 1



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

### Description:

A footpath which runs easterly from the end of Middle Street to a rocky shore and small beach. There is an approximate 10' drop to a sand and stone beach.

### Recommendation from 1999 Report:

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.



**Site #16: Middle Street**



*Existing footpath at end of dirt road*



*Walkway maintained by abutters*



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*Path Abruptly ends at shore*



*Westerly View from Shoreline*



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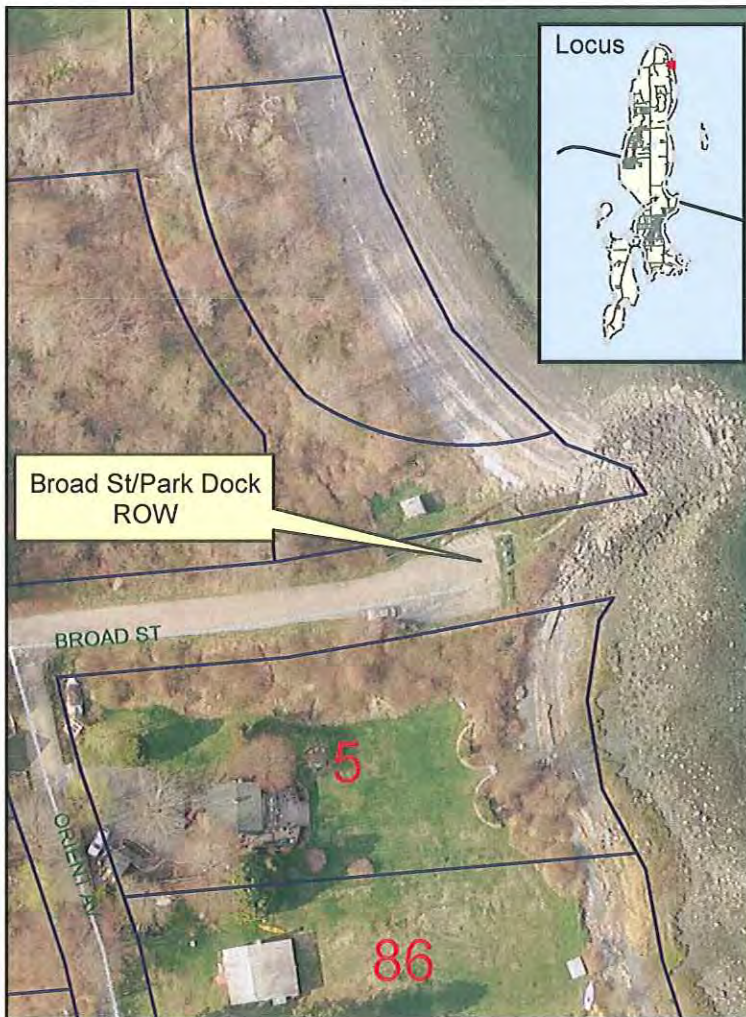
*Site #17:  
Broad St./Park Dock  
CRMC G-1  
Plat 1*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**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.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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.



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***Site #17: Park Dock (CRMC G-1)***



*Existing Parking Area, Signage, and Trail Markers*





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*View of Rock Jetty and Sandy Beach*





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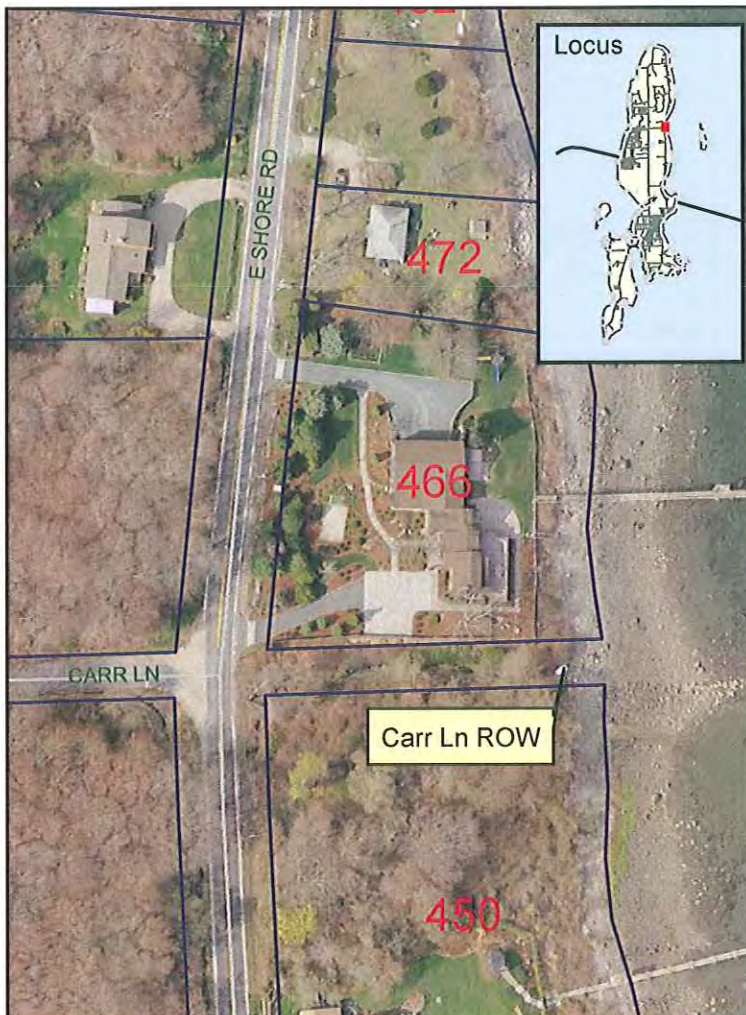
Site #18: Carr Ln  
CRMC G-13  
Plat 4



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**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. The path leads to a gentle slope to a cobble beach.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

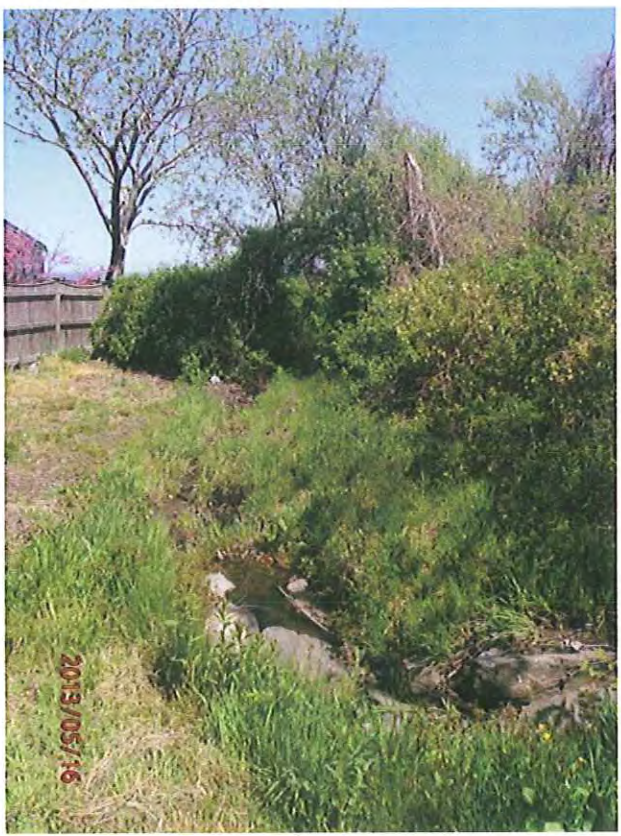
Due to the lack of parking this potential right-of-way is given a priority rating of 3.



**Site #18: Carr Ln (CRMC G-13)**



*View from East Shore Rd.*



*Intermittent Stream along overgrown pathway*



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*Westerly View from Shoreline*



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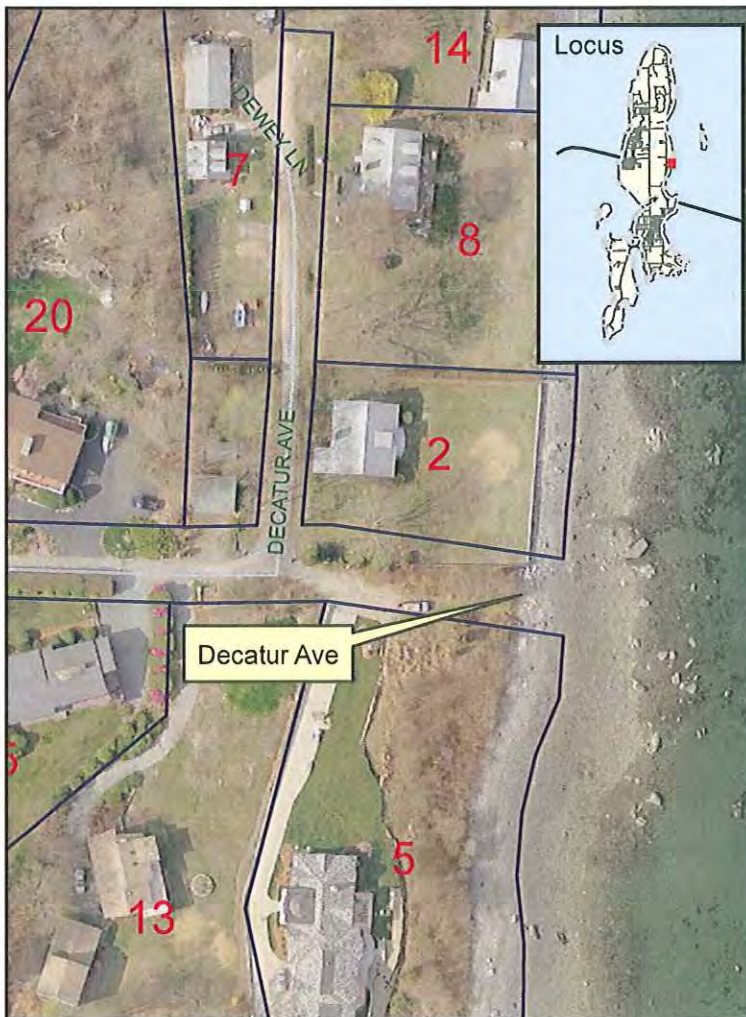
Site #19: Decatur Ave  
CRMC G-12  
Plat 7



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**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.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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



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***Site #19: Decatur Ave (CRMC G-12)***



*ROW at end of Decatur Ave*





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*Gentle Sloping pathway to rocky shoreline*



*Westerly View from Shoreline*



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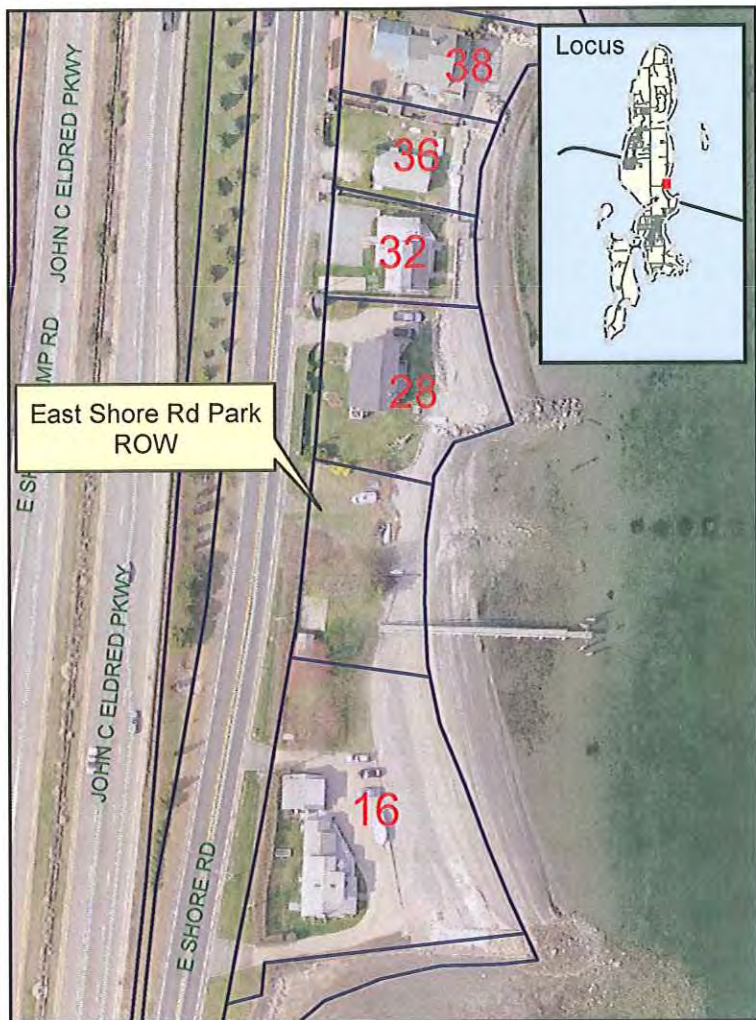
*Site #20:  
East Shore Rd Park  
Potential ROW  
Plat 7*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**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.

**2013 Update:**

Research indicates that the park was acquired by Town through tax sale, but exact property lines are unknown.



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**Site #20: East Shore Rd Park ~ Plat 7 Lot 217**



*Narragansett Park Subdivision Survey Dated 1908  
Park Acquired by Town through Tax Sale  
Exact Property Lines Unknown  
Approximate Area Shown*





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Site #21 & 22:  
Potter's Cove/Taylor's Point  
Public Beach  
Plat 7/1



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

### 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 from 1999 Report:

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.



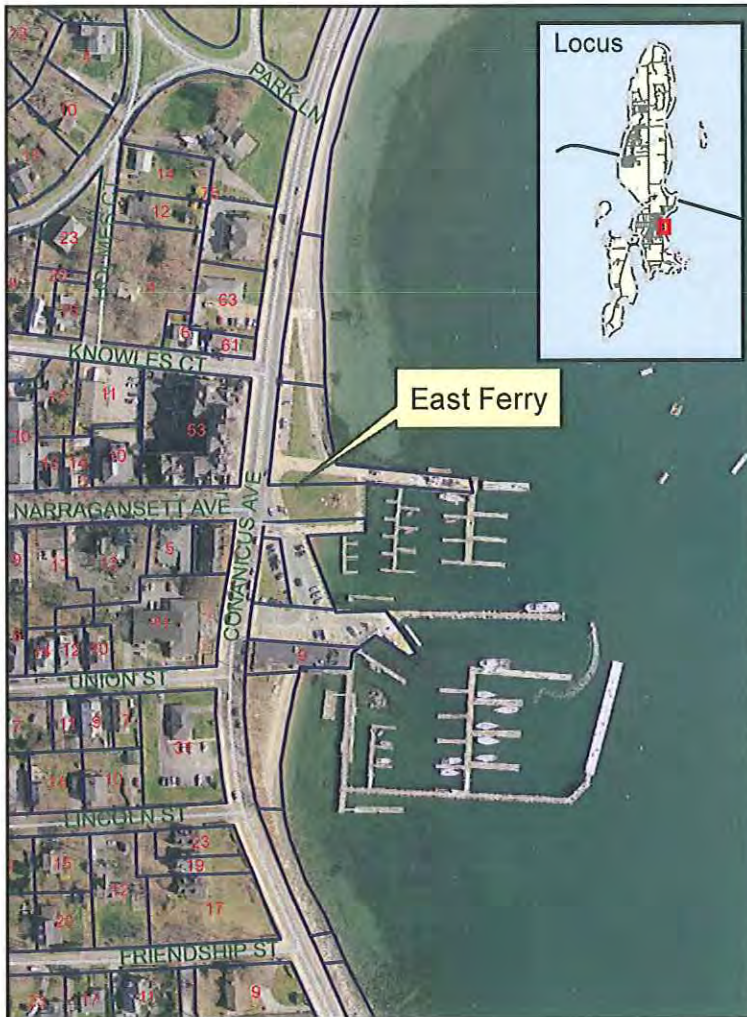
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Site #23: *East Ferry*  
*Public*  
*Plat 9*



Overview



Aerial View

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 piers (the steel pier and the woodpile pier). Restroom facilities are nearby at the town recreation center.

Recommendation from 1999 Report:

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



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*Site #24: High St  
ROW  
Plat 12*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**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 small, narrow footpath to the top of a ledge overlooking a cobble and rocky shoreline. The drop is approx. 20' to the shore.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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 Extension) this ROW is given a priority rating of 3.



*Site #24: High St Right-of-Way*



*View from High St.*



*Overgrown Path on left, possible encroachment on right.*



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*Westerly View from Shoreline*



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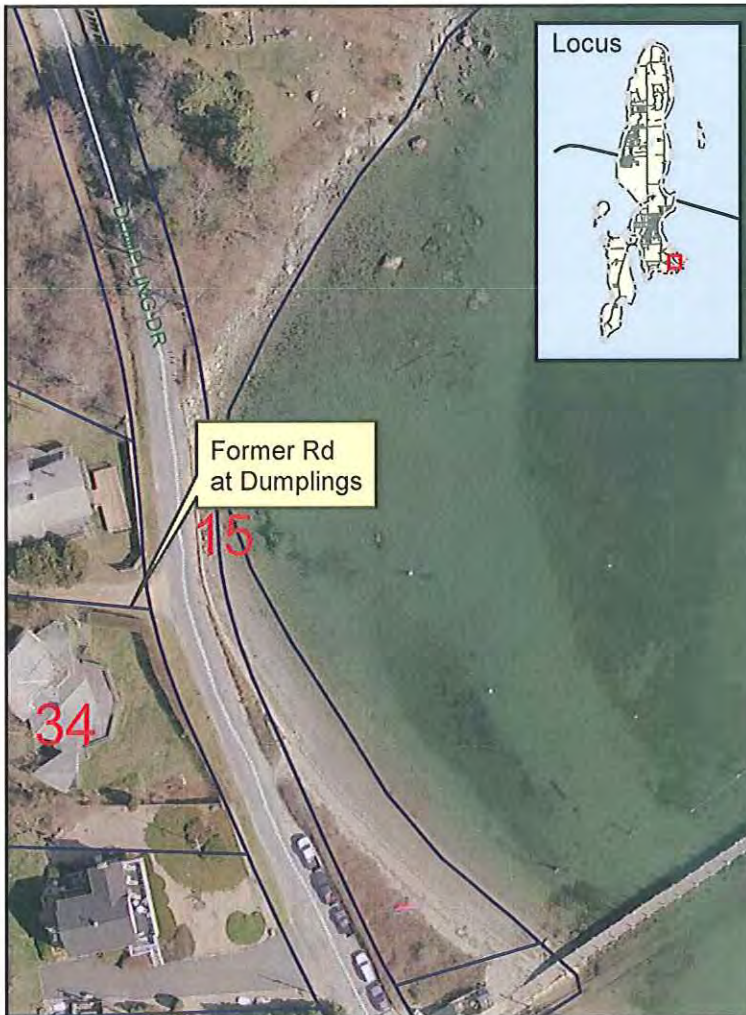
**Site #25:**  
*Former Rd at Dumplings  
Private Road  
Plat 10*



Overview



Aerial View



Aerial View

**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.

**2013 Update:**

The Town has learned that this road is private.



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*Site #26:  
Fort Wetherill Extension  
Town  
Plat 10*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**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 from 1999 Report:**

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.



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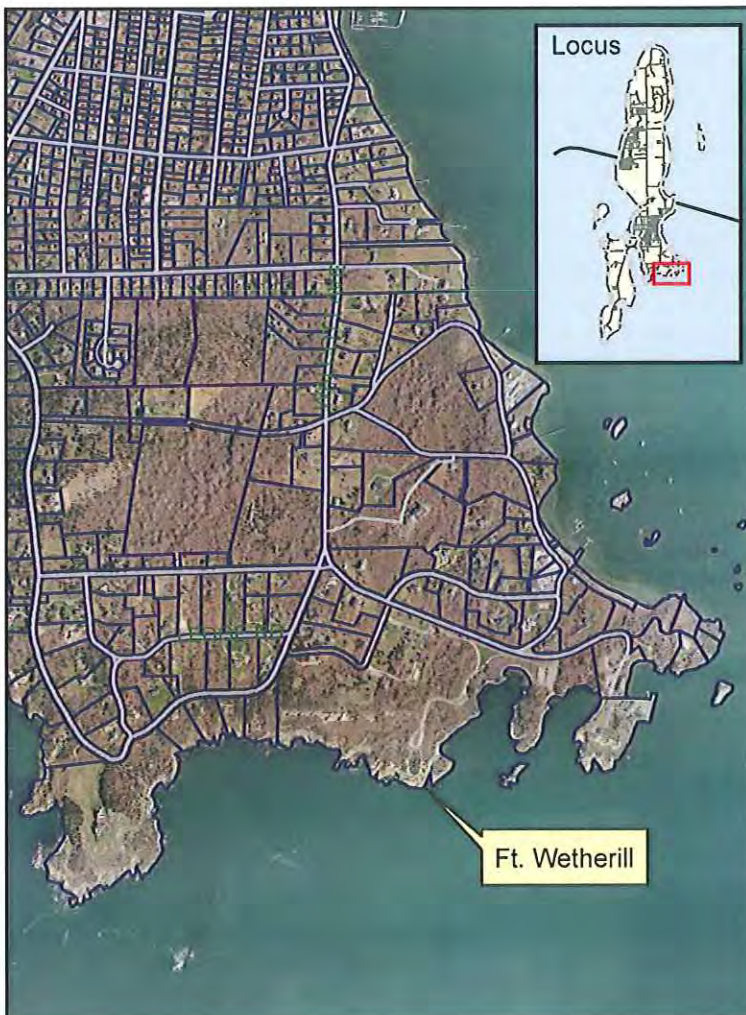
Site #27: Fort Wetherill  
State Park  
Plat 10



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

### 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.

### Recommendation from 1999 Report:

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.



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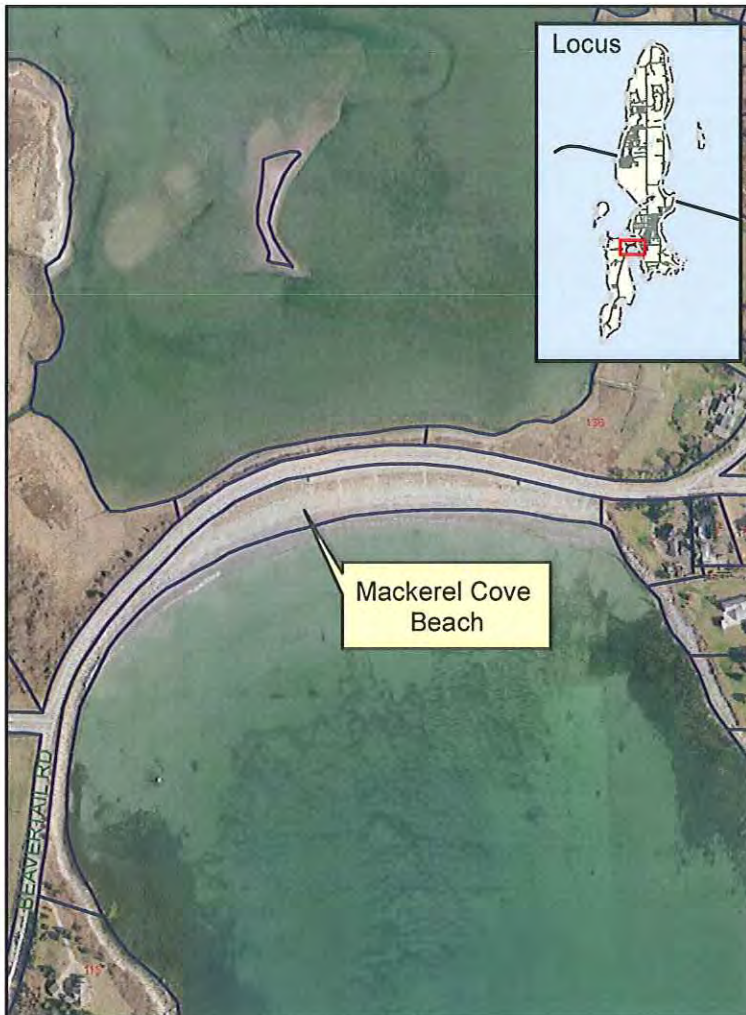
*Site #28:  
Mackerel Cove Beach  
Public Shore  
Plat 11*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**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. A resident sticker or daily beach pass is required.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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.



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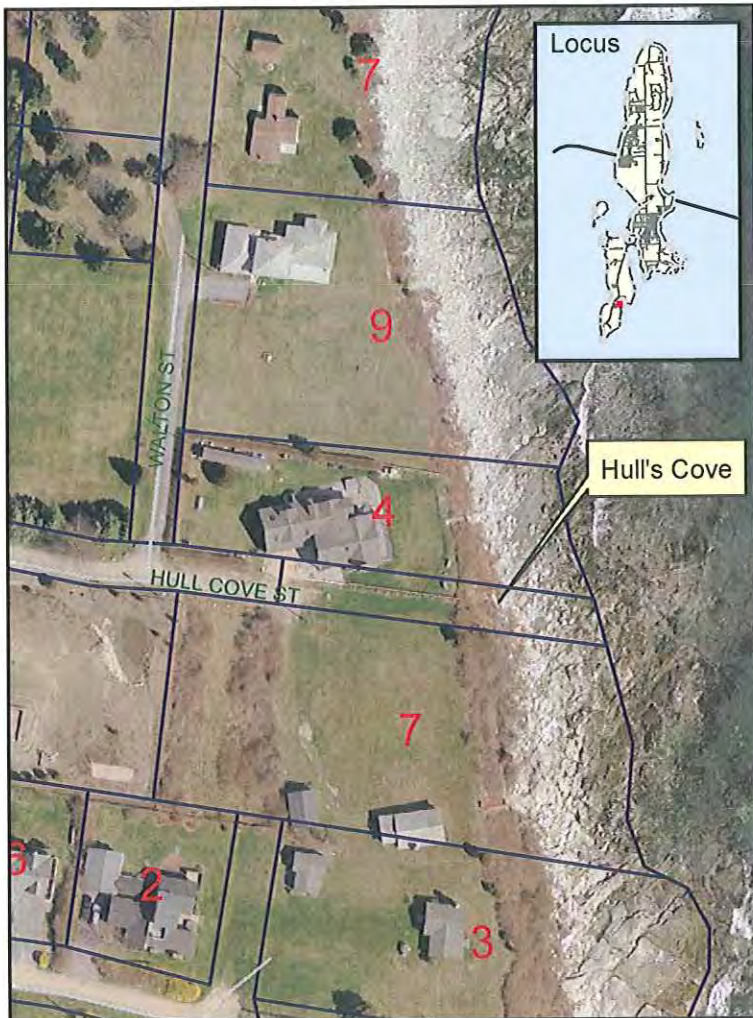
*Site #29: Hull's Cove  
 ROW  
 Plat 12*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**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 from 1999 Report:**

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.



*Site #29 Hull's Cove Right-of-Way*



*View from Beavertail Rd Parking Area*



*Full Accessible ROW*



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*The Cove is surrounded by rock outcroppings and consists of a sand and cobble beach*





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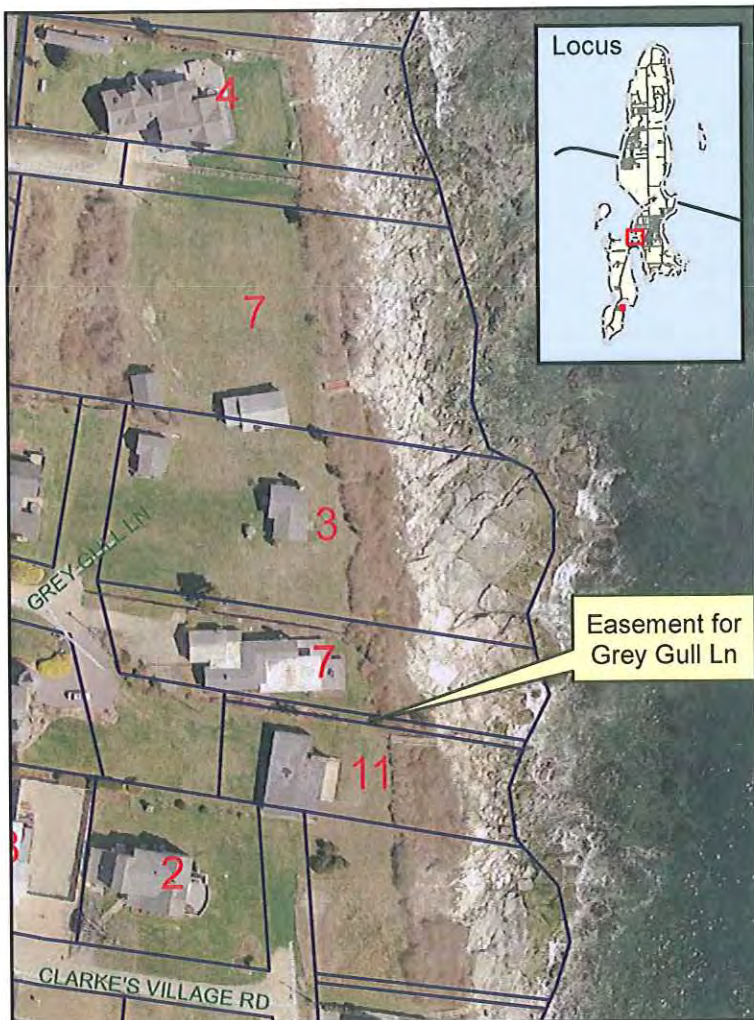
*Site #30: Grey Gull Ln  
Easement  
Plat 12*



Shoreline View



Street View



Aerial View

**Description:**

The shoreline is down a short grassy strip to a newly constructed staircase which is roughly 50' to the rocky shore below.

**2013 Update:**

This was originally listed as a potential ROW in the 1999 Report. After review of the deed, we have clarified that this is not in fact a Public ROW easement. The deed grants shoreline access to residents of Grey Gull village. This easement is maintained by residents of Grey Gull Ln.



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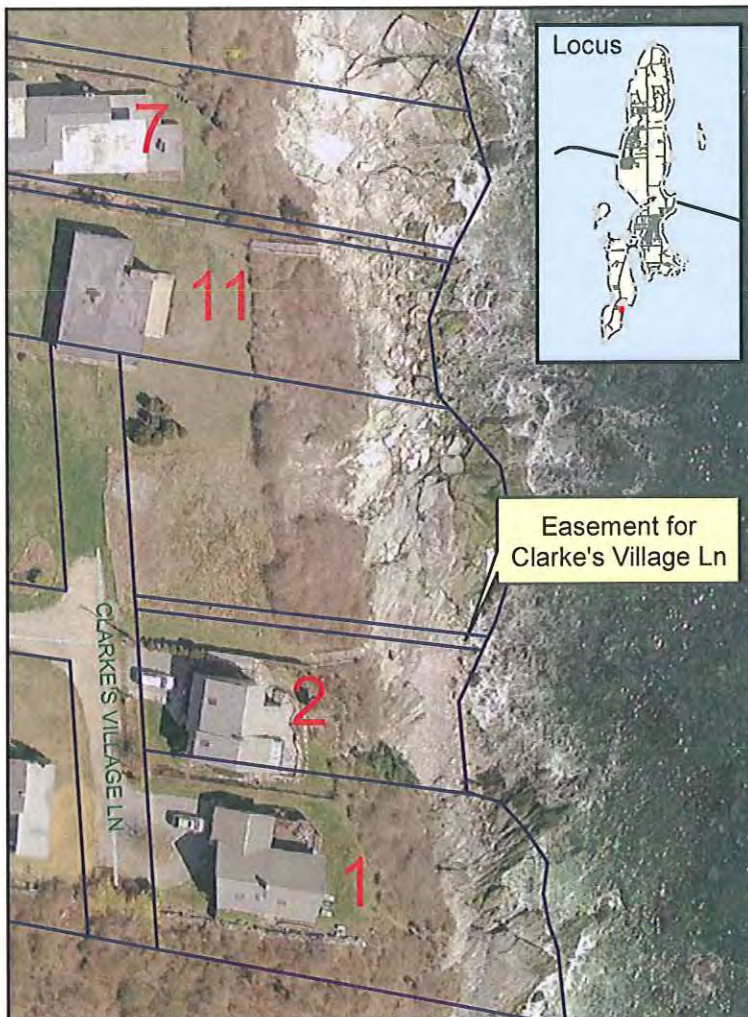
*Site #31:  
Clarke's Village Ln  
Easement  
Plat 12*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**Description:**

The shoreline is down a short grassy strip to a staircase which is roughly 50' to the rocky shore below.

**2013 Update:**

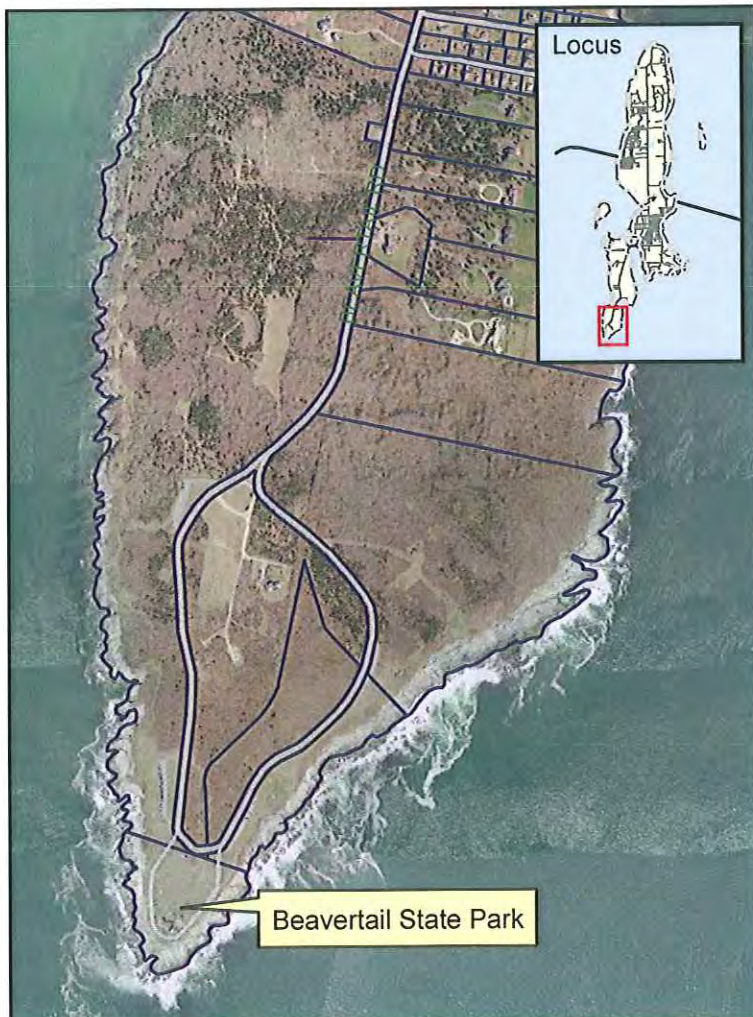
This was originally listed as a potential ROW in the 1999 Report. After review of the deed, we have clarified that this is not in fact a Public ROW easement. The deed grants shoreline access to residents of Clarke's Village. This easement is maintained by residents of Clarke's Village Ln.



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*Site #32:  
Beavertail State Park  
State Park  
Plat 13*



Aerial View

**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.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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.



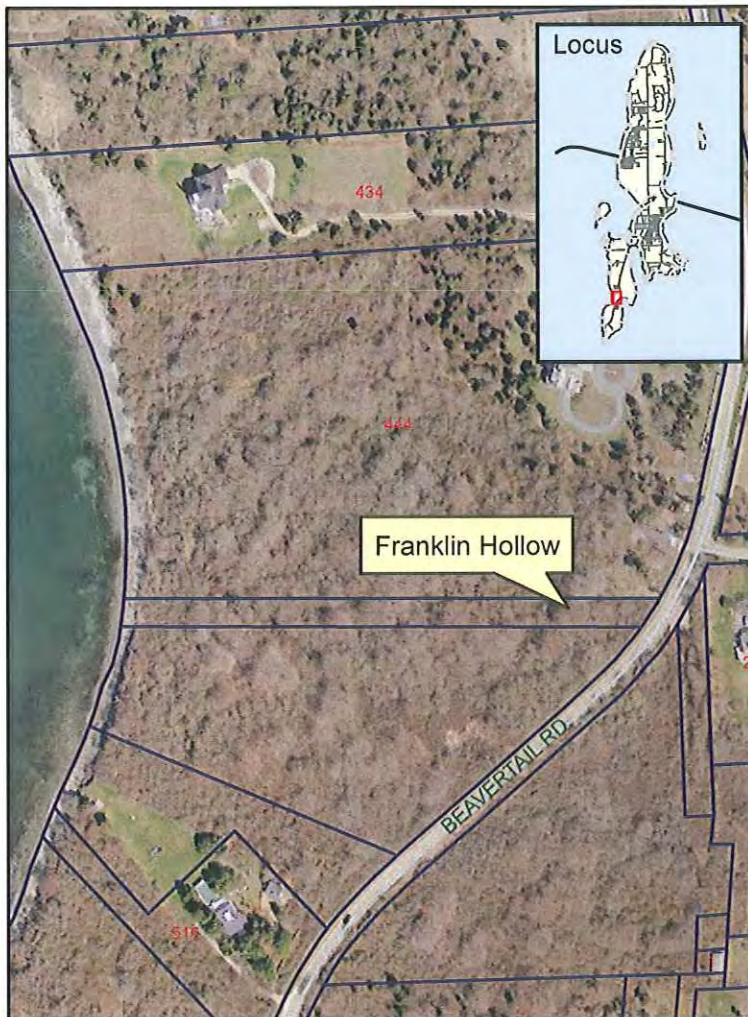
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*Site #33:  
Franklin Hollow  
Potential ROW  
Plat 12*



Overview



Aerial View

**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.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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



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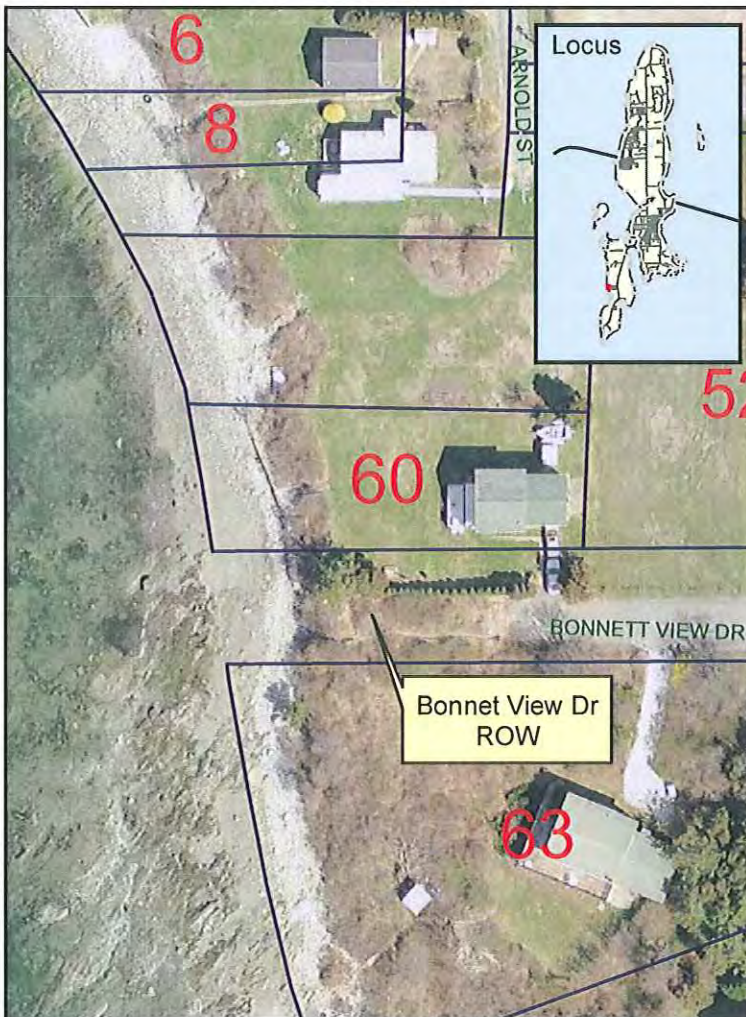
*Site #34:  
Bonnet View Dr  
Potential ROW  
Plat 13*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

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 broken stairs remain.

Recommendation from 1999 Report:

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.



**Site #35: Bonnet View Drive**



*View from Bonnet View Drive*



*Existing foot path with steep slope to shore*



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*Westerly View*



*Easterly View from Shoreline*



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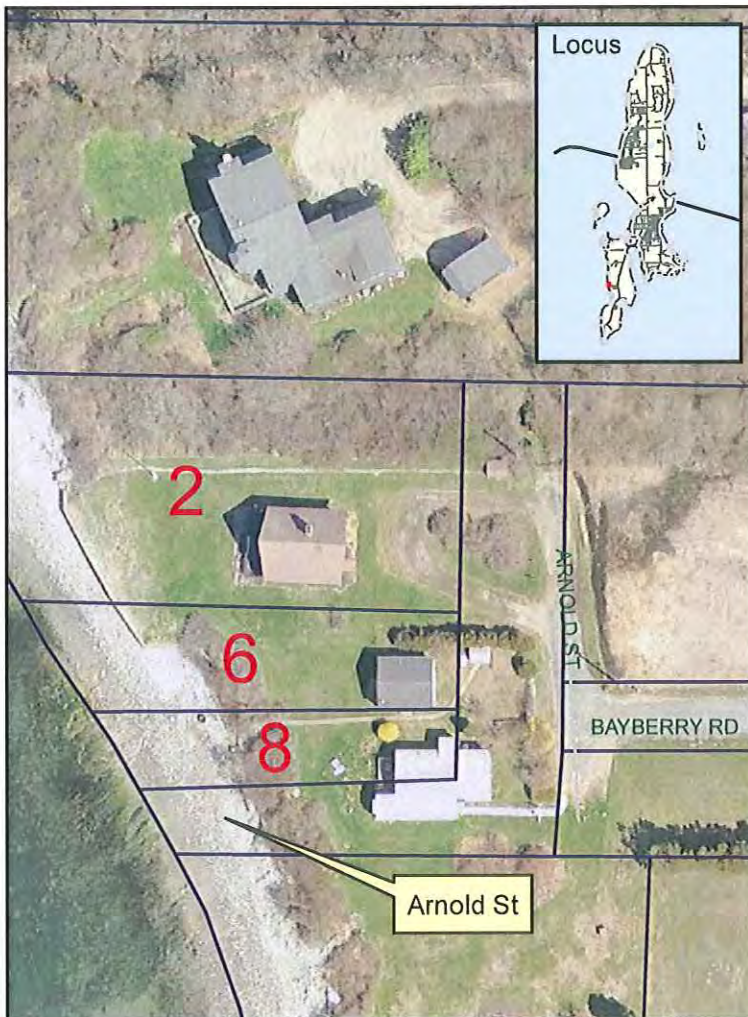
*Site #35: Arnold St  
 Potential ROW  
 Plat 12*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**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 Rd or Arnold St.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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



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*Site #36: The Battery &  
Dar Memorial  
Public  
Plat 11*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**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.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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



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Site #37:  
Ft. Getty Town Park  
Town Park  
Plat 11



Aerial View

### Description:

Ft. Getty includes 25 tent sites, 100 trailer sites, trash receptacles, restrooms and a shower facility, beaches, outhauls, a 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. A resident sticker or daily pass is required for entrance into the park.

### Recommendation from 1999 Report:

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.



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*Site #38: Maple Ave  
 ROW  
 Plat 9*



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

**Description:**

This ROW is a gravel road ending at the shoreline leading into lower Dutch Harbor. The road travels along Sheffield Cove. The shoreline is characterized by eroding mud bogs and beach grass, along with some patches of sandy beach. Kayak and boat storage is allowed with a Jamestown sticker. 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. Signage is not clearly marked.

**Recommendation from 1999 Report:**

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 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.



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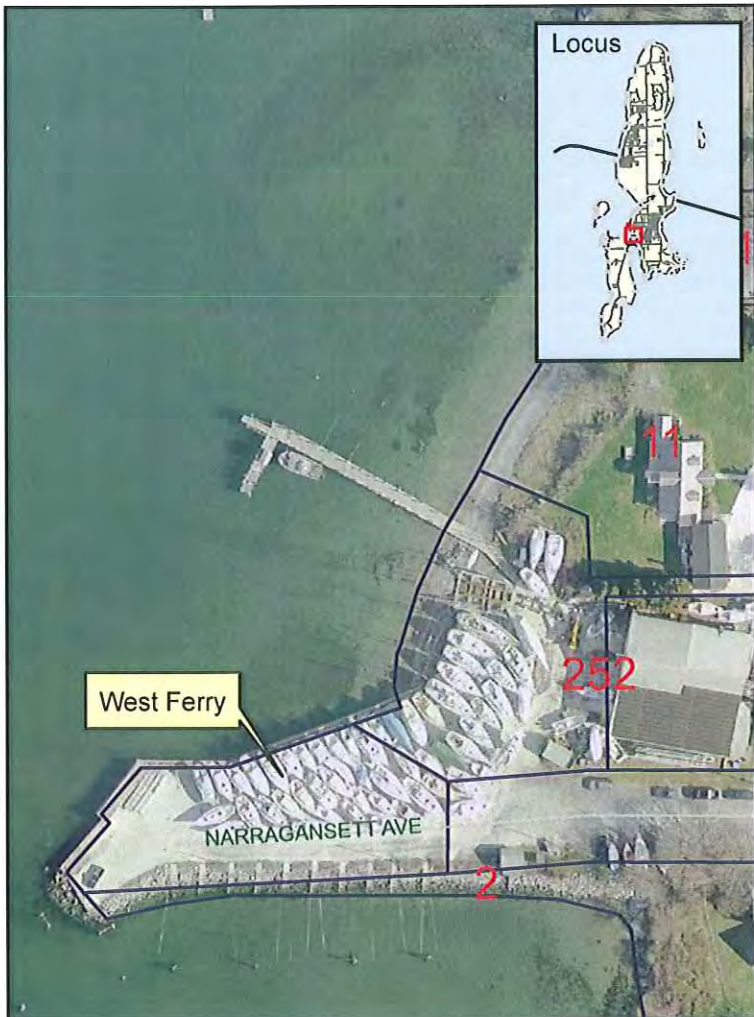
Site #39: West Ferry  
Public ROW  
Plat 9



Street View



Shoreline View



Aerial View

### Description:

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

### Recommendation from 1999 Report:

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