

A scenic view of a waterfront town. In the foreground, a white boat is docked at a wooden pier. The water is calm and blue. In the background, there are several houses, including a prominent white house with a tall, pointed steeple. The sky is clear and blue.

PUBLIC KICKOFF

TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RE-WRITE

_INTERFACE STUDIO

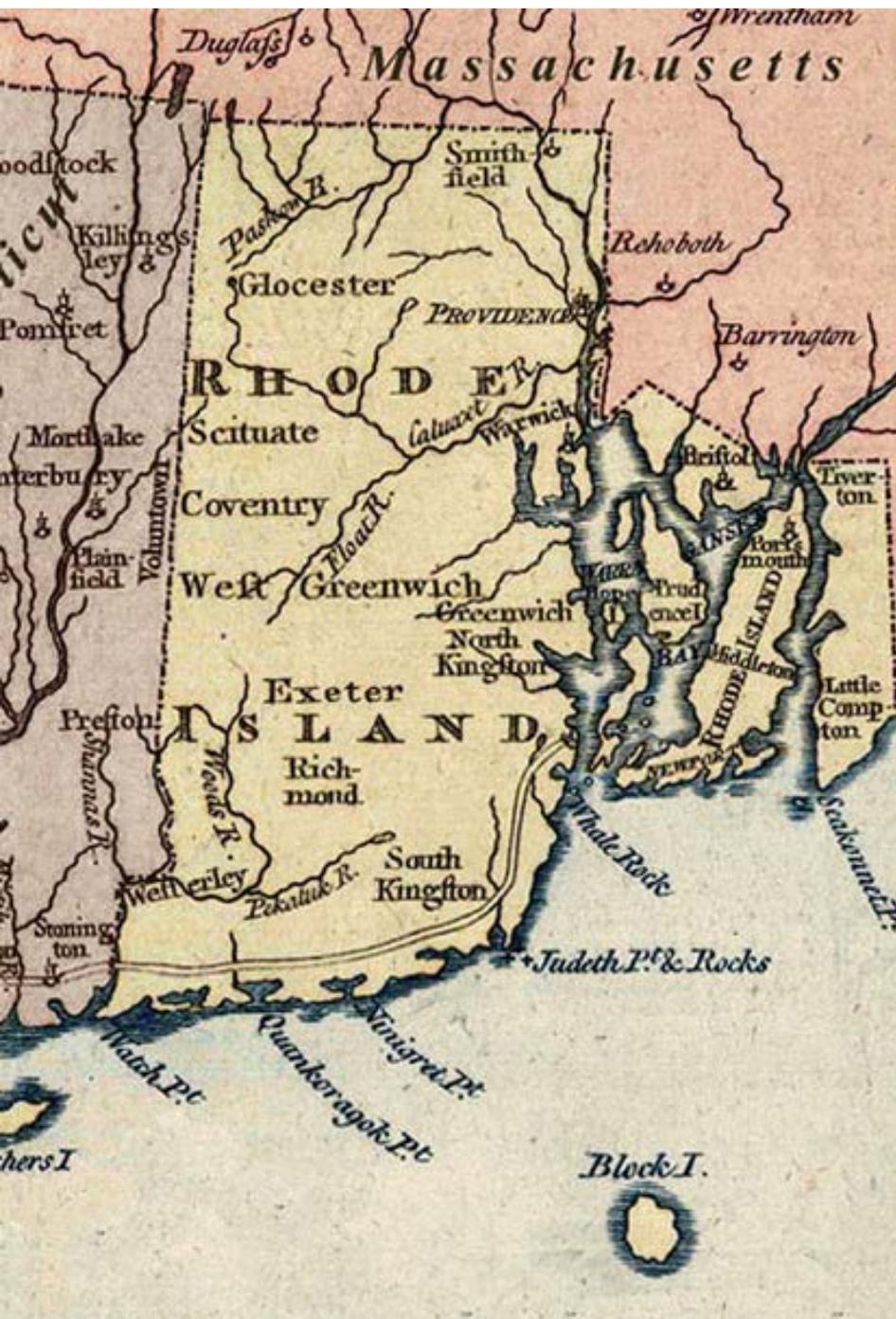
July 16, 2015

SPREAD THE WORD

ONLINE AND OFFLINE

- Postings at Town Hall, library, senior center & businesses
- Newspapers (Patch, Independent)
- Events (Art Fest)
- Email listservs (school, boards, commissions, tour participants)
- Steering committee distribution
- Chamber of Commerce
- Facebook
- Town website





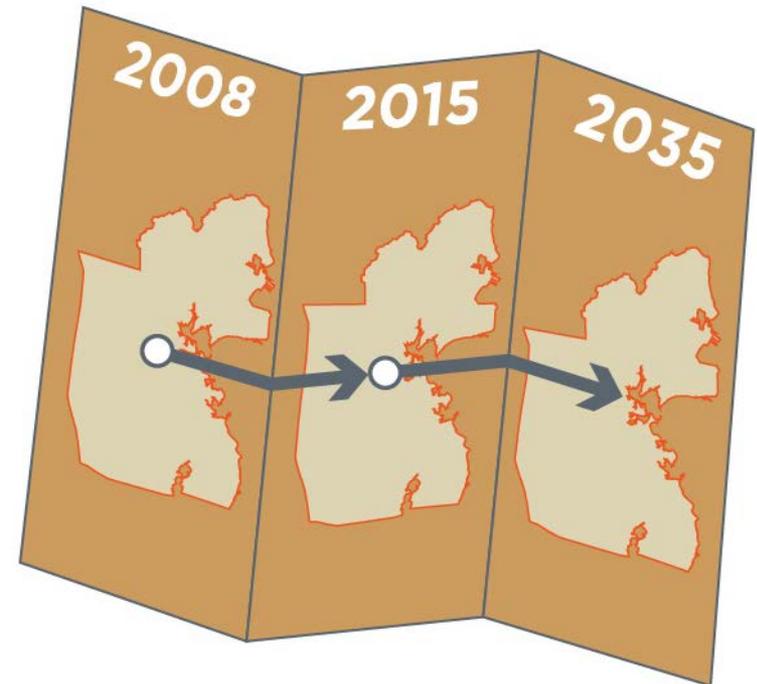
WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

This Plan is a collaboration between the Town and each one of you. It will translate the vision, hopes, and dreams of our community members into actionable priorities that will guide our Town in policy and budgeting decisions. An up to date comprehensive plan is necessary to apply for grants and other funds to make local improvements. Make sure your voice is heard.

THIS MATTERS TO YOU BECAUSE...

- YOUR VOICE CAN HELP TO MAINTAIN A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. YOU MAY WANT:
 - Good services & schools
 - Access to what makes the Town unique like the waterfront
 - To have restaurant and shopping options close by
 - Recreational opportunities (parks, trails, etc)
 - To preserve the rural, small-town character

A comprehensive plan provides a guide to what improvements should happen where and when



WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

COMMUNITY INPUT

- INTERVIEWS
- TOURS
- SURVEY
- COLLABORATIVE MAP
- FOCUS GROUPS
- PUBLIC FORUMS

DATA ANALYSIS

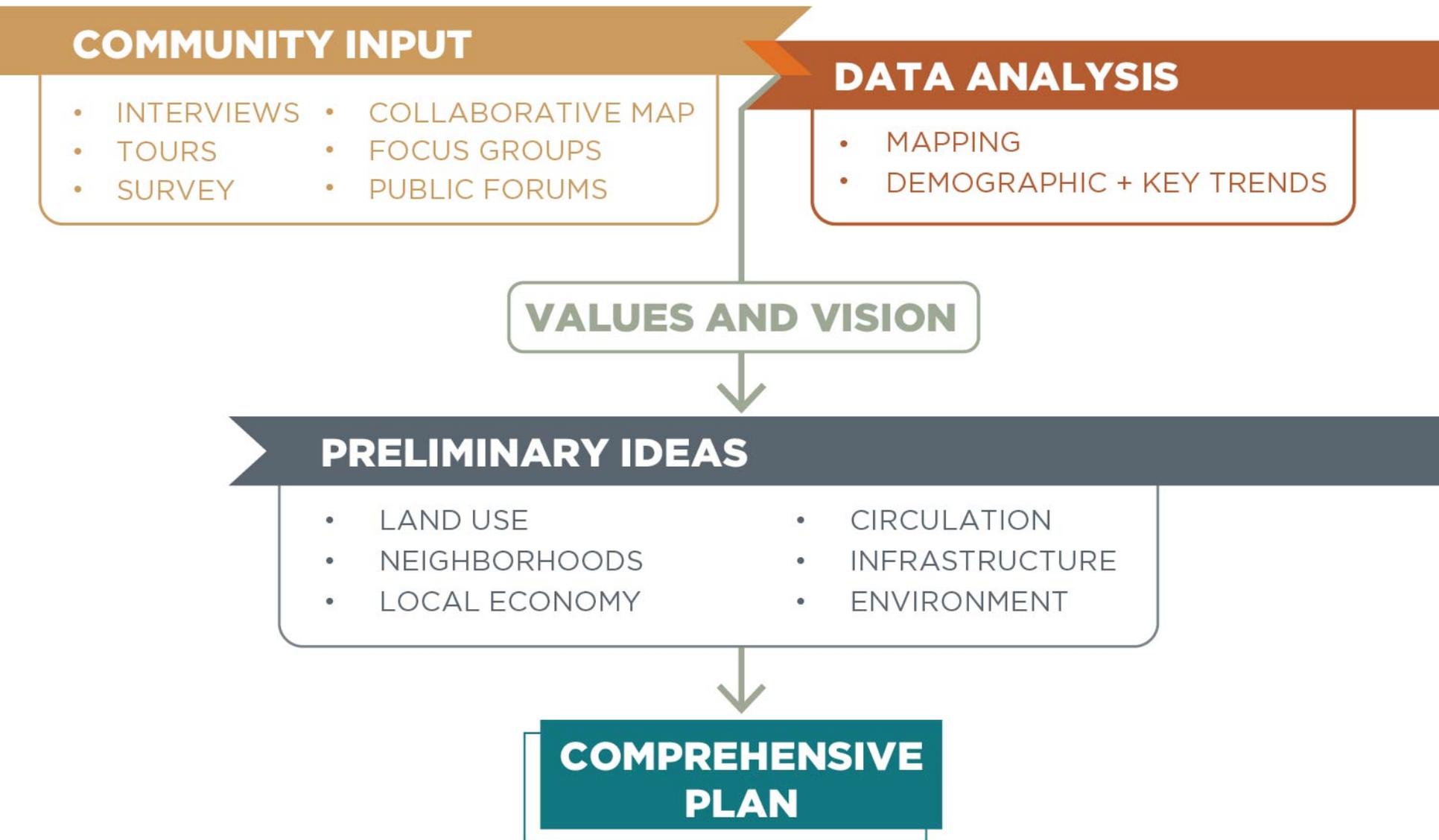
- MAPPING
- DEMOGRAPHIC + KEY TRENDS

VALUES AND VISION

PRELIMINARY IDEAS

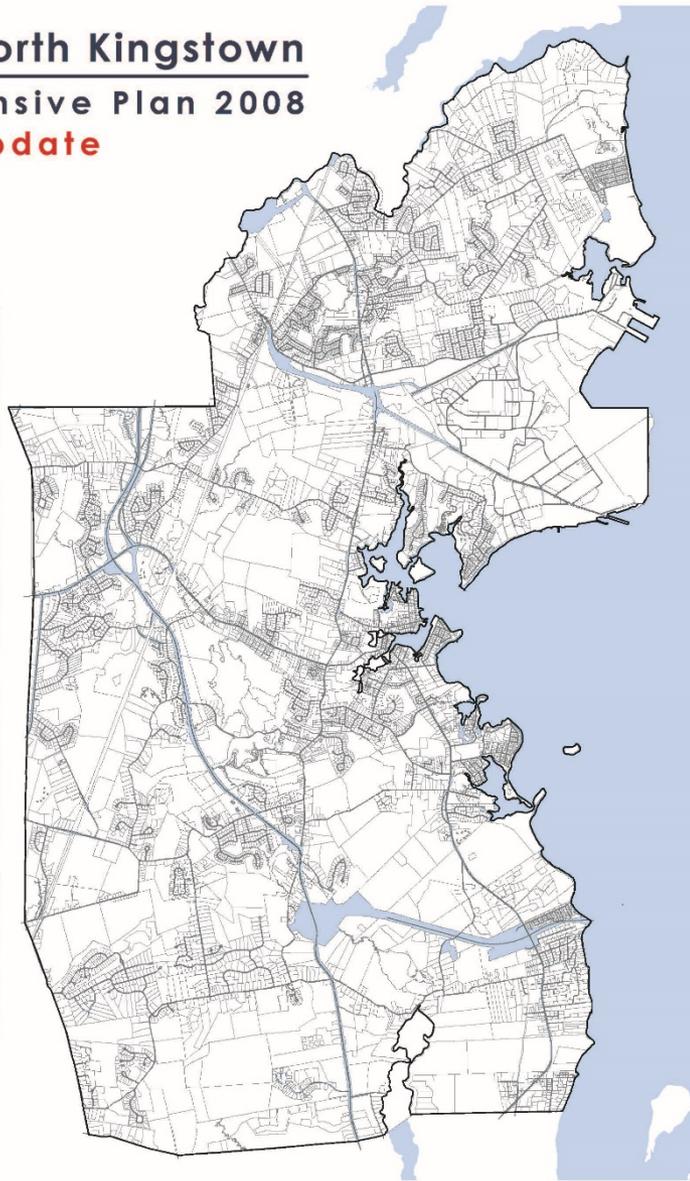
- LAND USE
- NEIGHBORHOODS
- LOCAL ECONOMY
- CIRCULATION
- INFRASTRUCTURE
- ENVIRONMENT

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



Town of North Kingstown
Comprehensive Plan 2008
5 - Year Update

WHAT DID THE LAST PLAN HELP ACHIEVE?





WHAT DID THE LAST PLAN HELP ACHIEVE?

- OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION



WHAT DID THE LAST PLAN HELP ACHIEVE?

- FOCUSED DEVELOPMENT IN GROWTH CENTERS



WHAT DID THE LAST PLAN HELP ACHIEVE?

- WICKFORDJUNCTION STATION AND GARAGE



WHAT DID THE LAST PLAN HELP ACHIEVE?

- PARKS AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS



WHAT DID THE LAST PLAN HELP ACHIEVE?

- PHASED SEWER CONSTRUCTION



WHAT DID THE LAST PLAN HELP ACHIEVE?

- SEA LEVEL RISE STUDY



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WHAT DID THE LAST PLAN HELP ACHIEVE?

- UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH QDC



WHAT DID THE LAST PLAN HELP ACHIEVE?

- EXPANDED HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR A RANGE OF INCOMES AND FAMILIES

A LITTLE
HISTORY

TIMELINE

Trading post established near Cocumscussoc

1632



Colonial government founds Kings Towne

1674

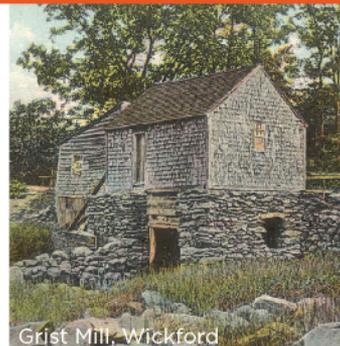


1709

Wickford platted

North Kingstown and surrounding towns split

mid 1700s

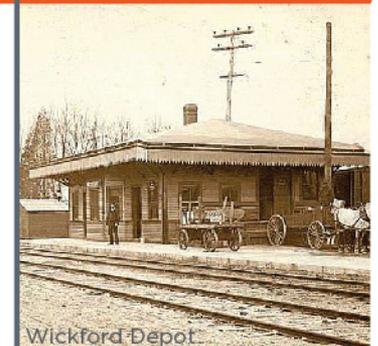


1800s

Mill villages grow along local waterways

Rail and trolley lines arrive in North Kingstown

mid/late 1800s



**Quonset/Davisville
military complex
established**

Great Hurricane of 1938

1938



1941-1942

**Quonset Point Naval
Air Station and Navy
Construction
Battalion Center at
Davisville established**

Summer resort communities
grow and North Kingstown
shifts to **mainly residential
community**

1930s to 50s



**Quonset Point
Naval Air Station
decommissioned**

1974



1994

**Navy
Construction
Battalion Center at
Davisville closed**

**Quonset Development
Corporation created**

2005



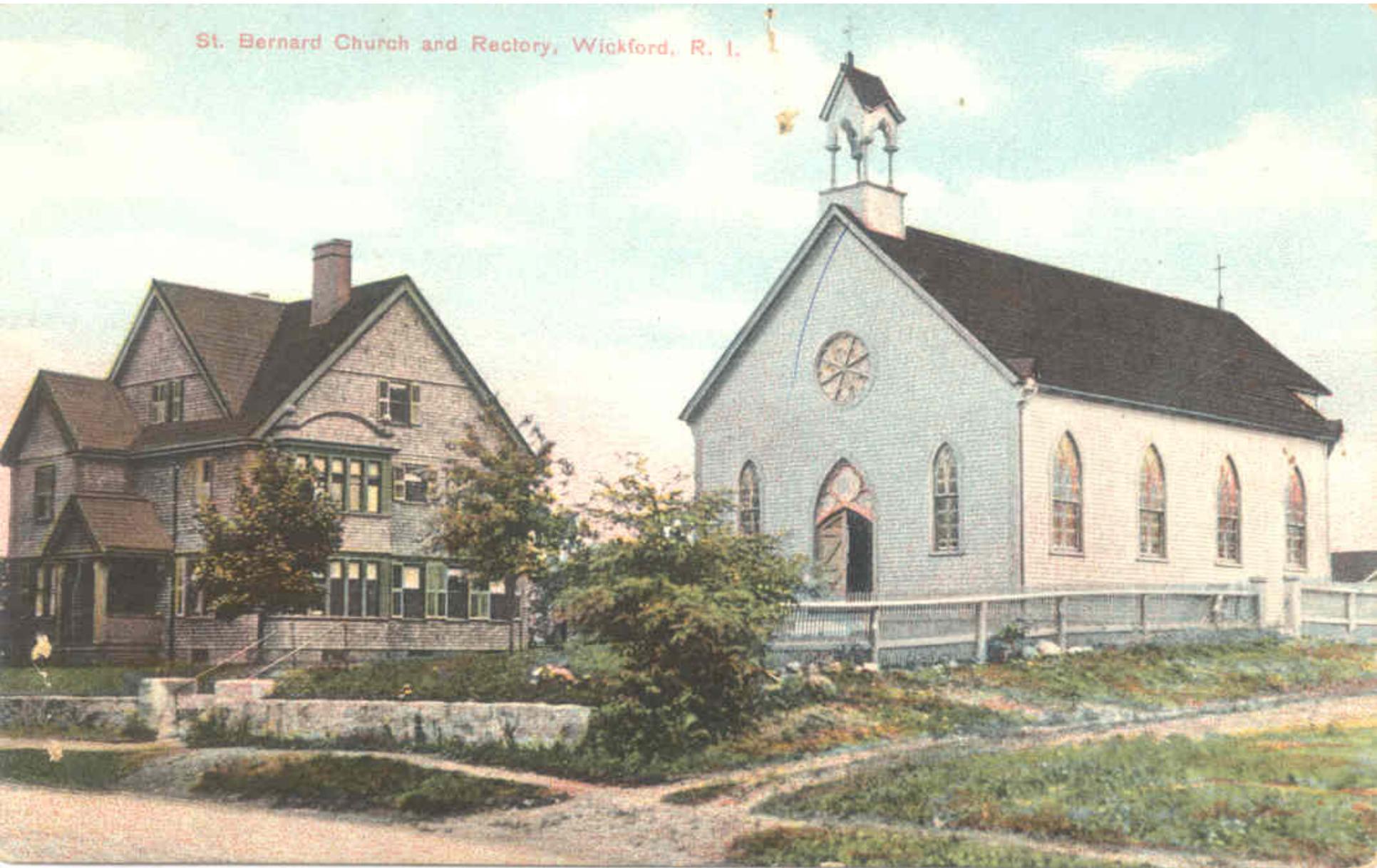


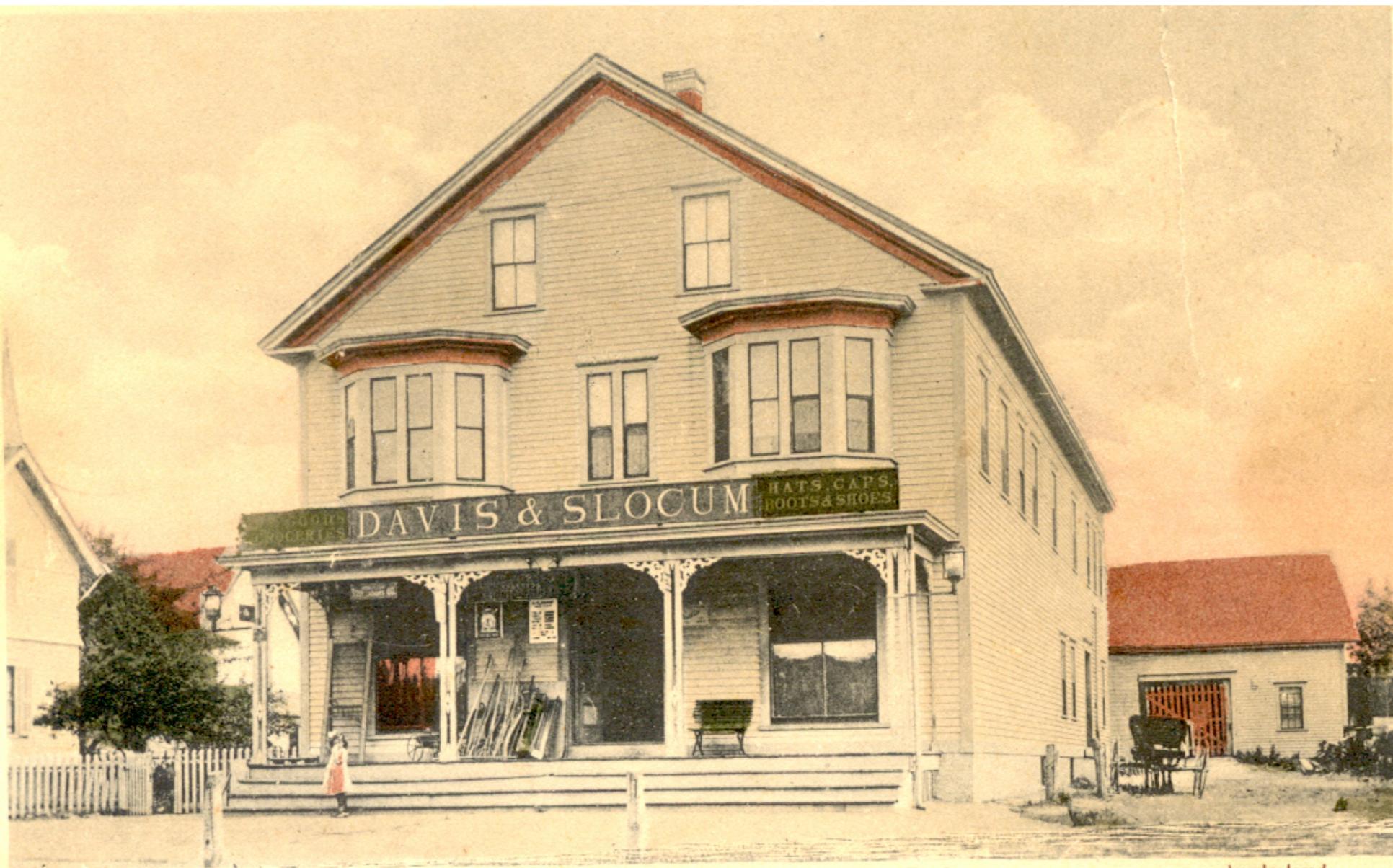
ORIGINAL BRIDGE STREET,
WICKFORD, R.I.

Old Poplar Point Light, Wickford, R. I.



St. Bernard Church and Rectory, Wickford, R. I.





Store and Post Office LaFayette, R. I.

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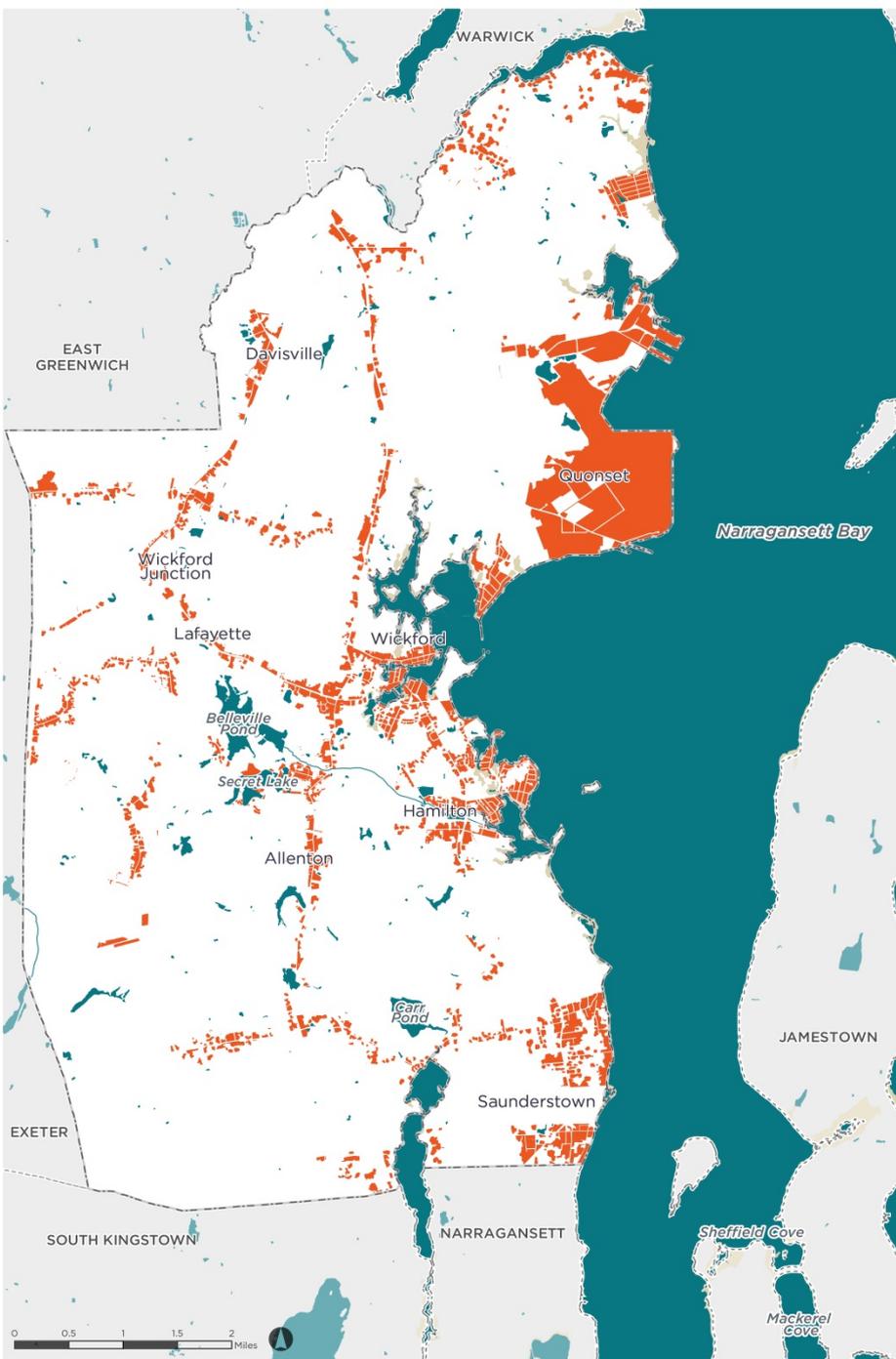


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DEVELOPMENT OVER TIME

Pre-1950s



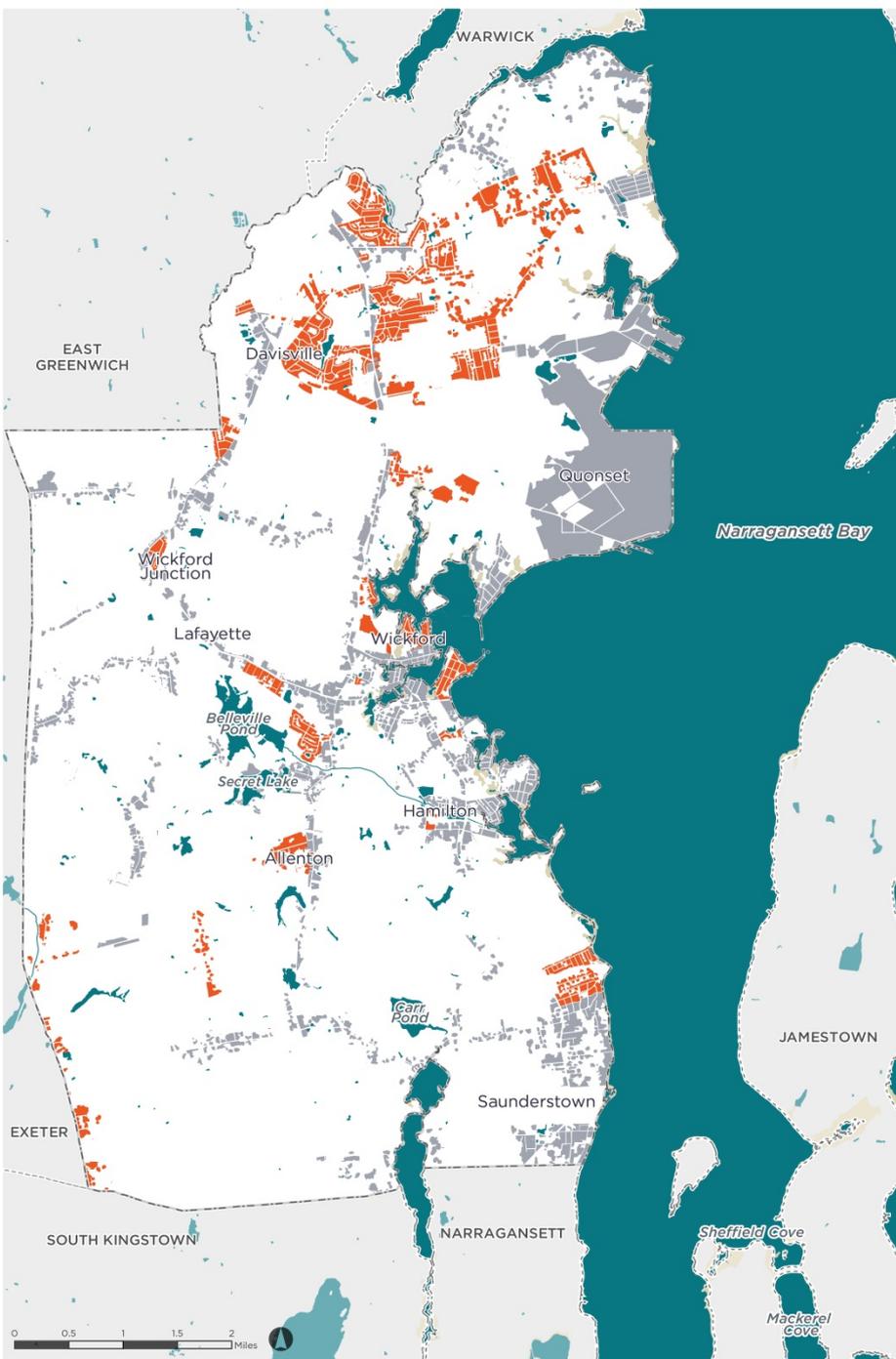
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1950s and 1960s



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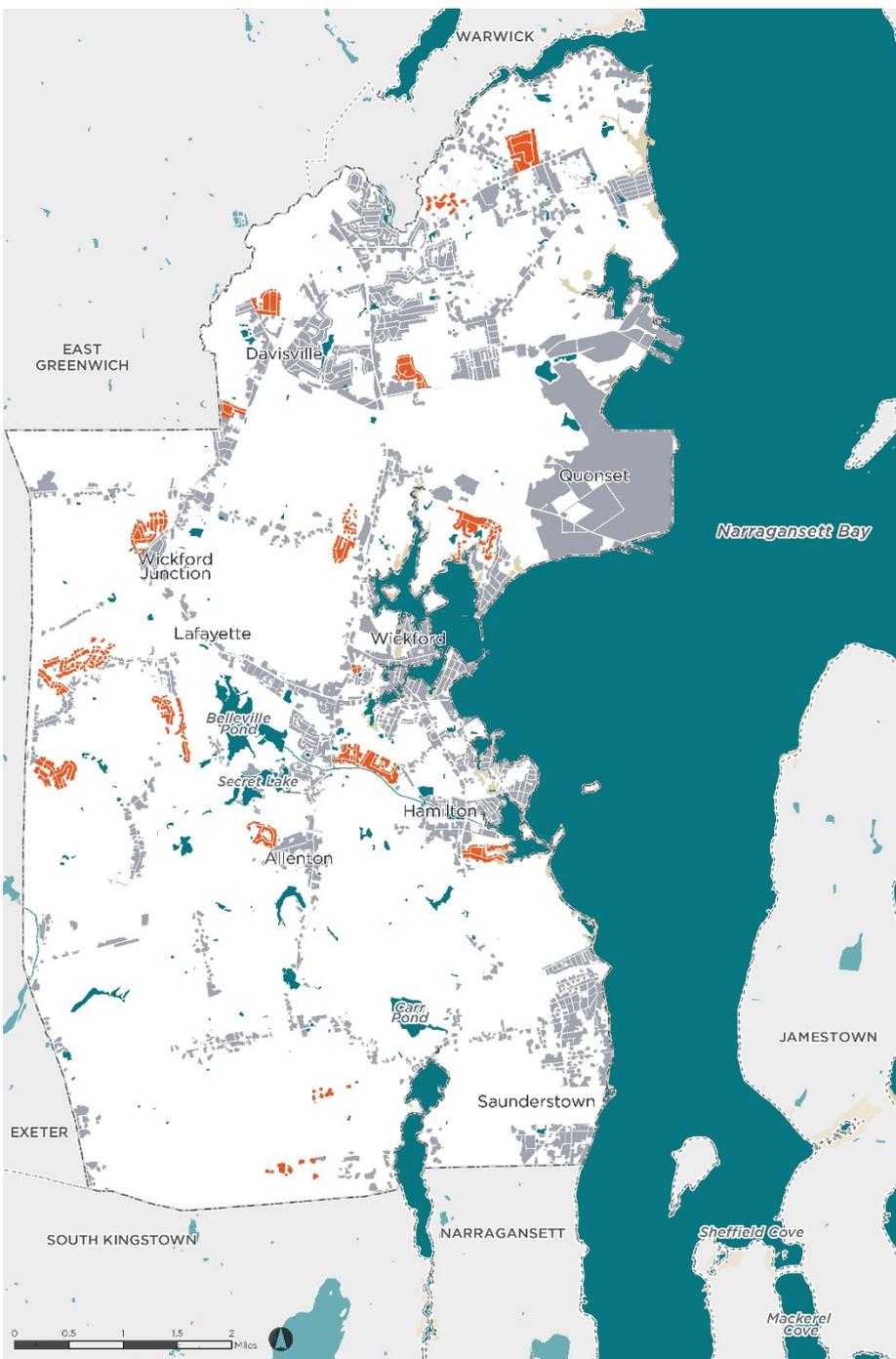
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DEVELOPMENT OVER TIME

1970s



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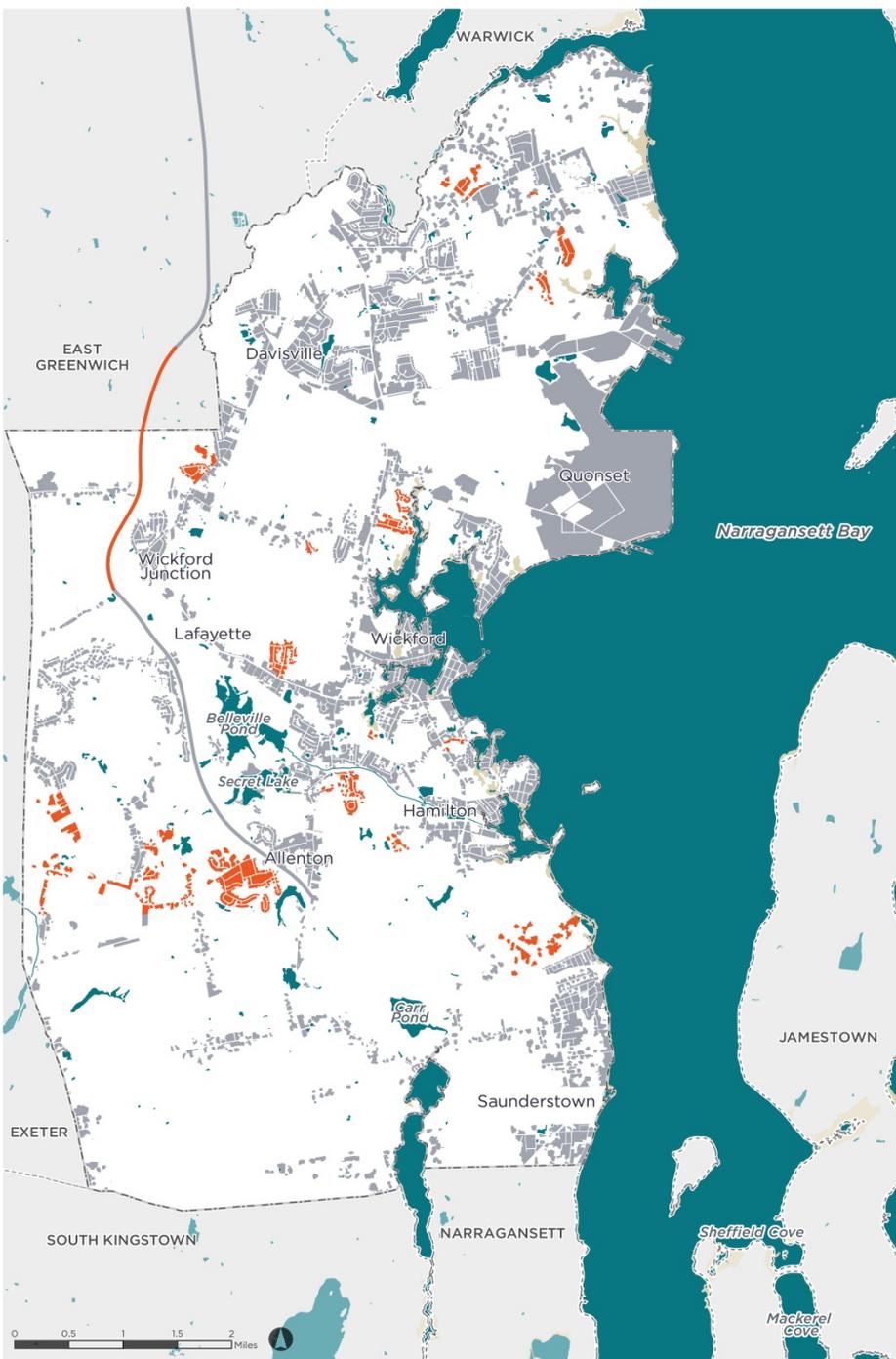
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DEVELOPMENT OVER TIME

1980s



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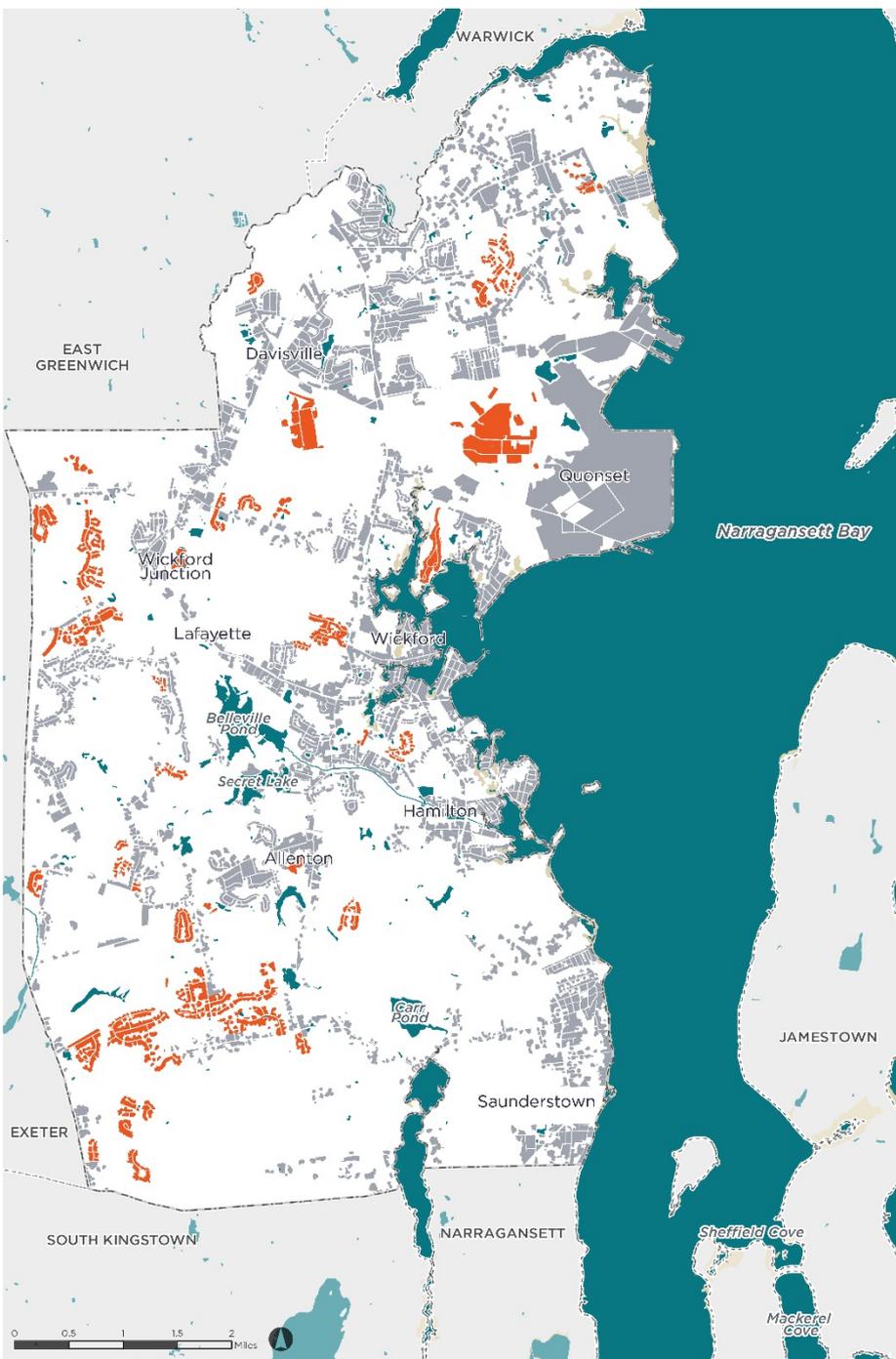
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DEVELOPMENT OVER TIME

1990s



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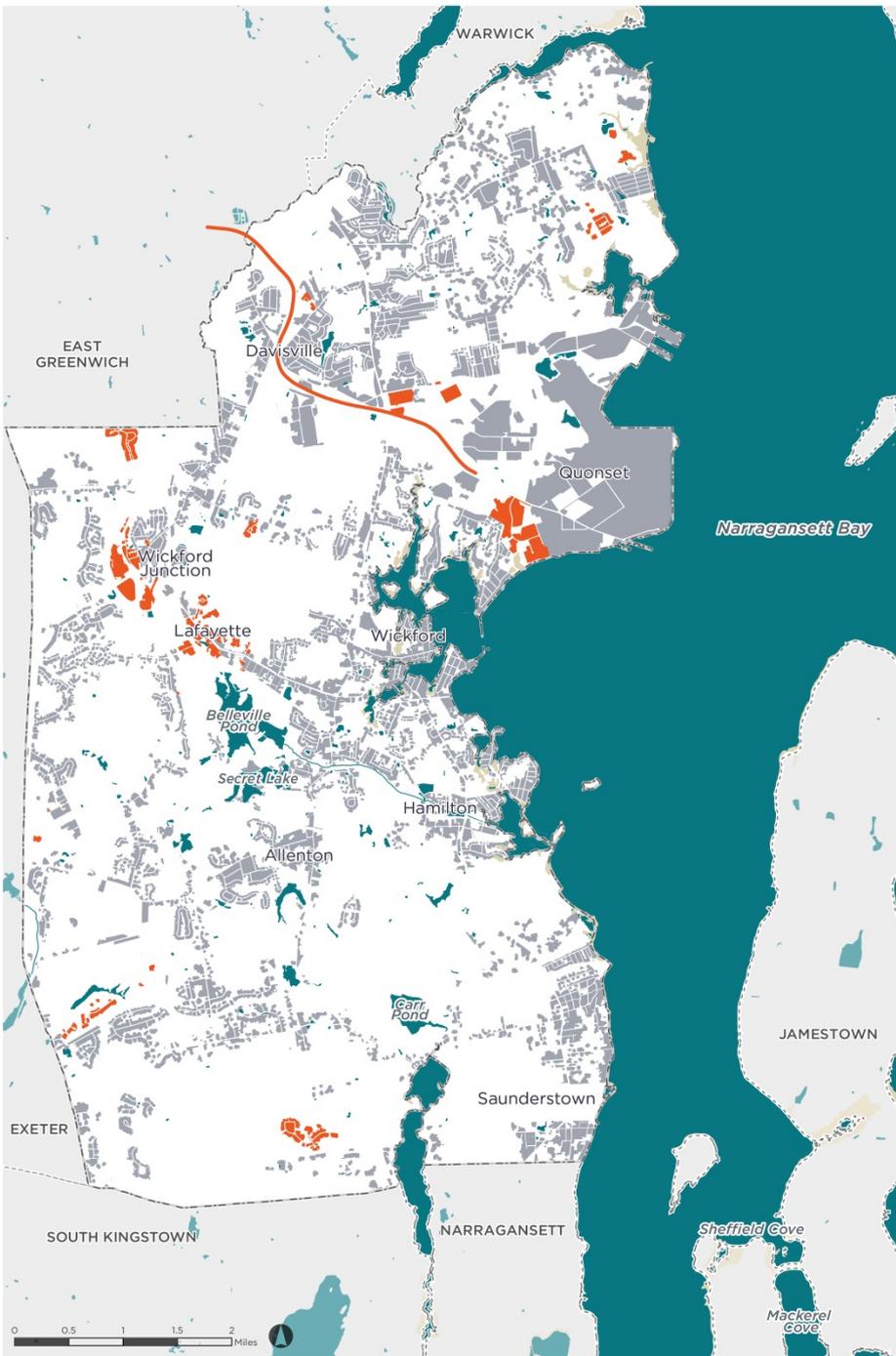
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DEVELOPMENT OVER TIME

2000s



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HERE'S WHAT WE'VE LEARNED
DATA

STUDY AREA CONTEXT

North Kingstown is within a 30 minute drive of many regional destinations.

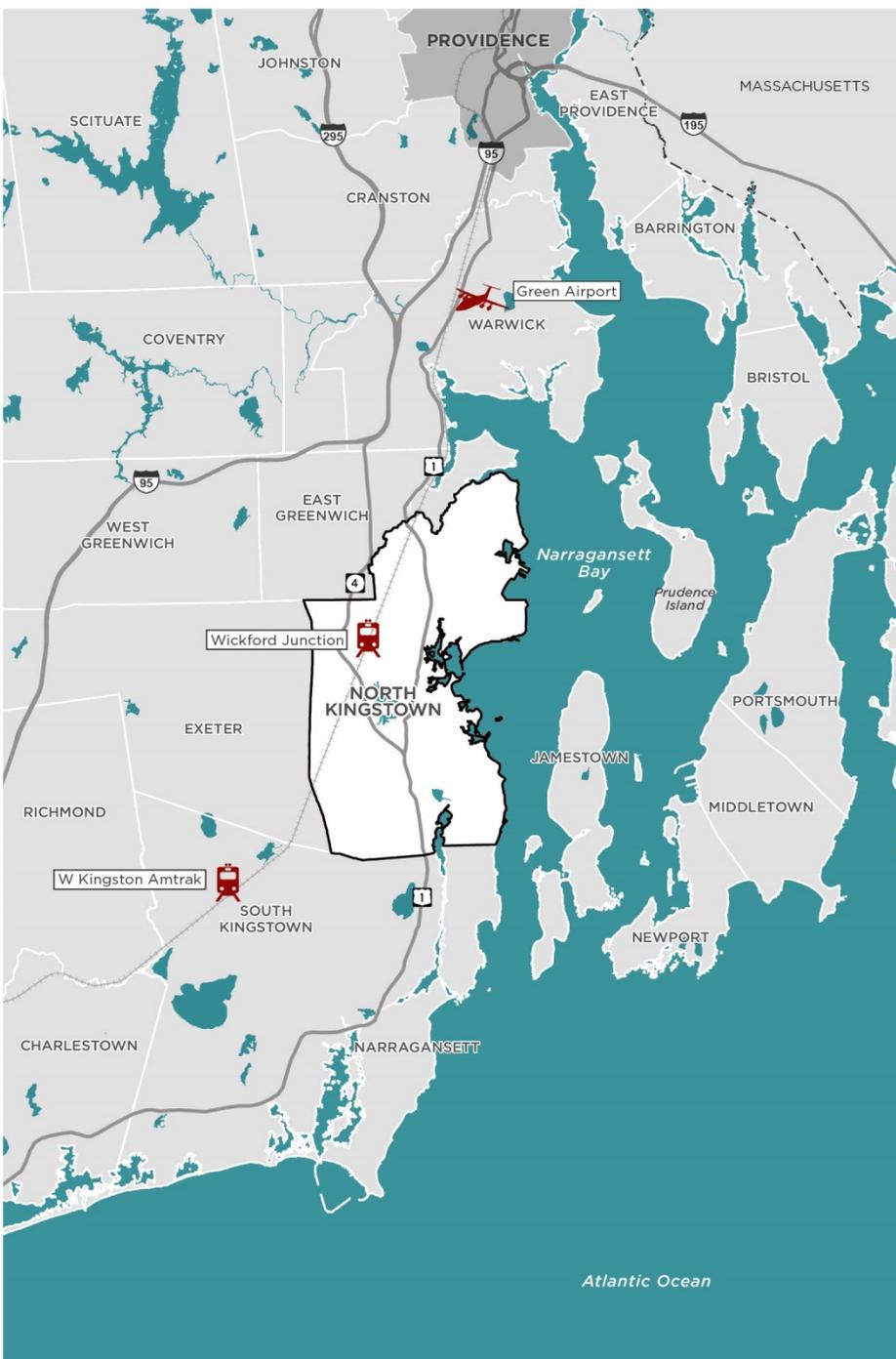


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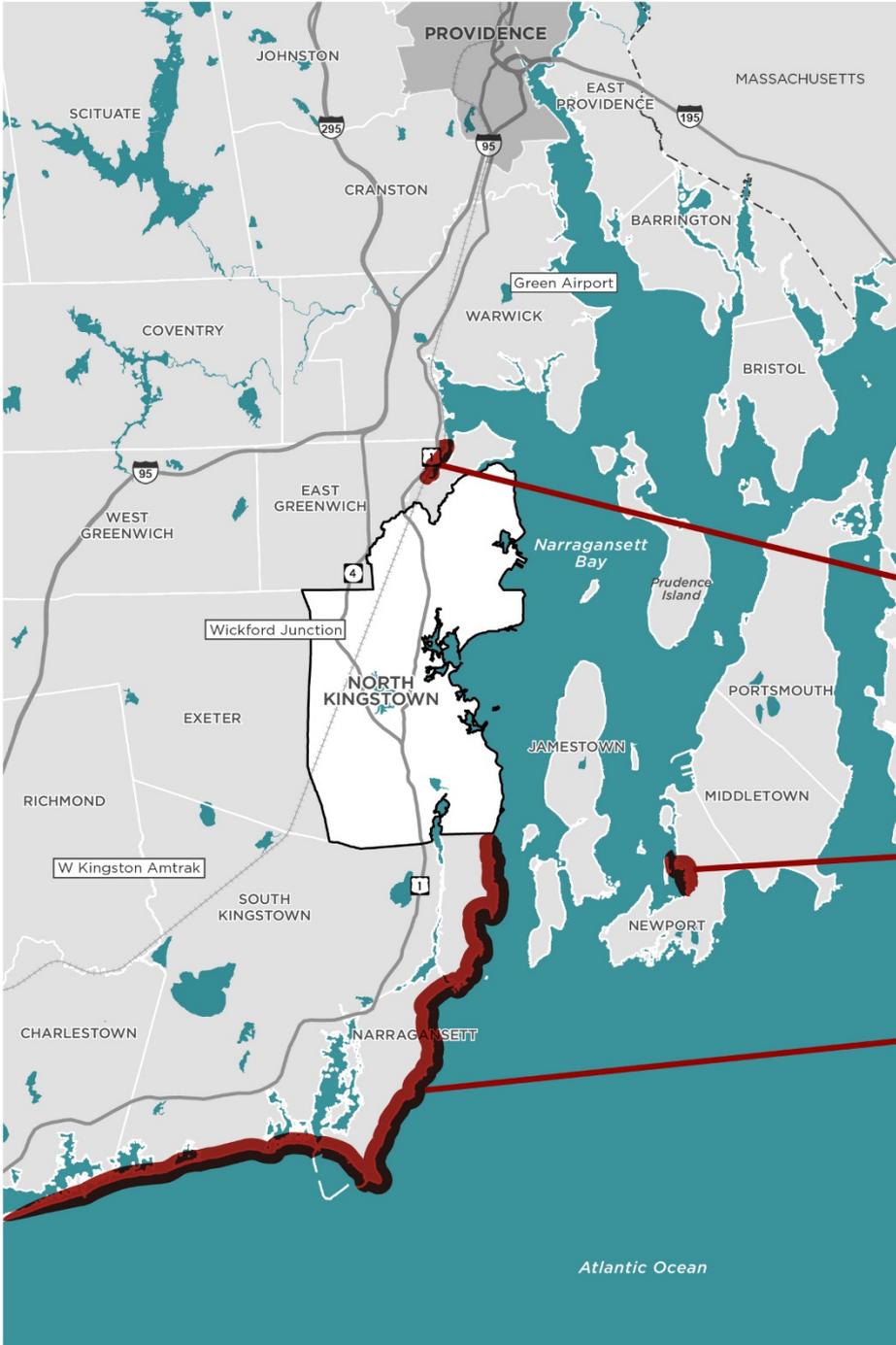
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STUDY AREA CONTEXT

But there are strong competitors around North Kingstown.



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TOP EMPLOYMENT CENTERS BY ZIP CODE

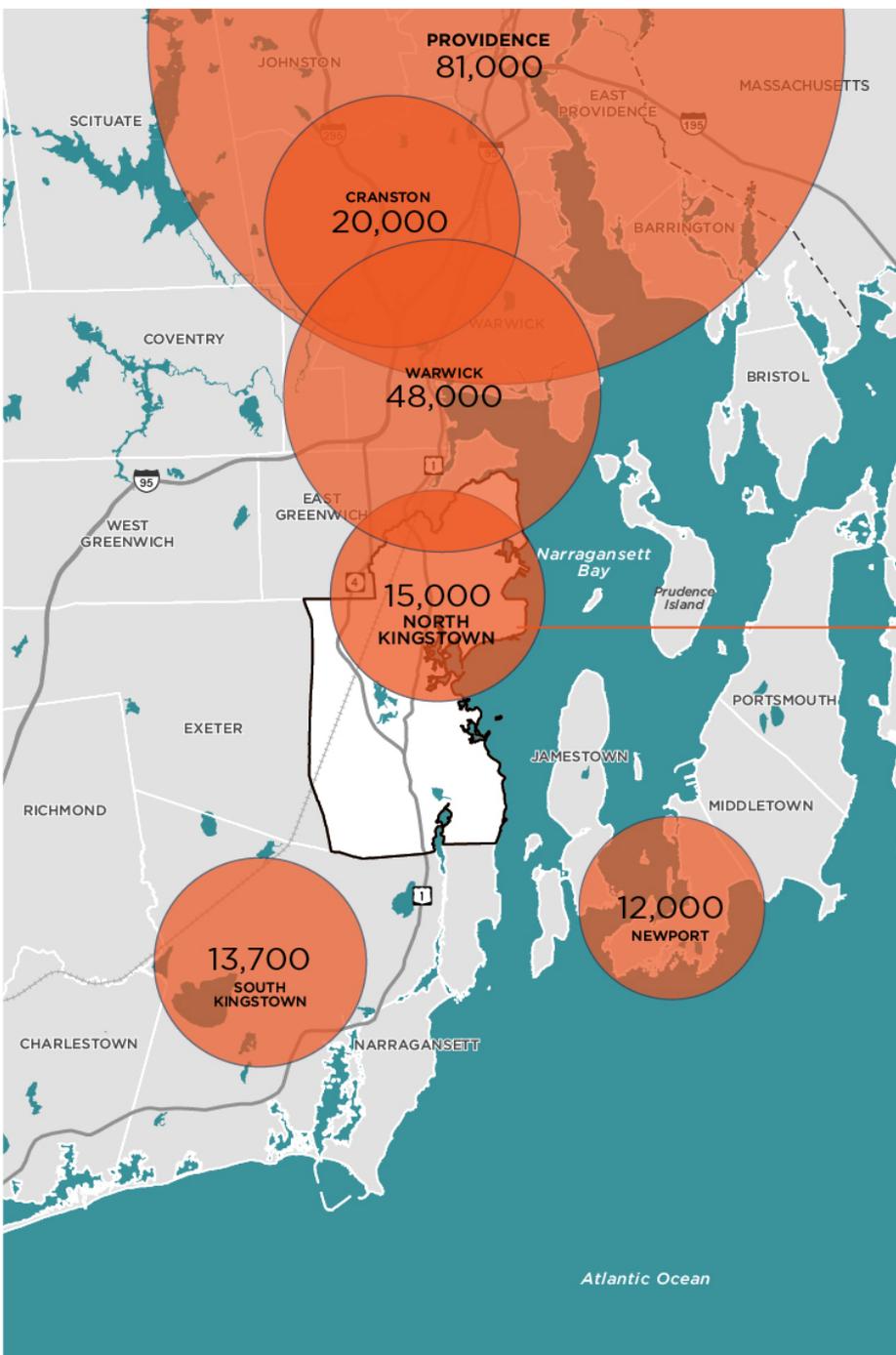
Source: OnTheMap, RI LMI

North Kingstown is a job center with nearly a 1:1 ratio of jobs to working residents.

Since 2002, North Kingstown has seen 16% job growth.

[RI Labor Market Information, 2013]

10,000 jobs are in Quonset



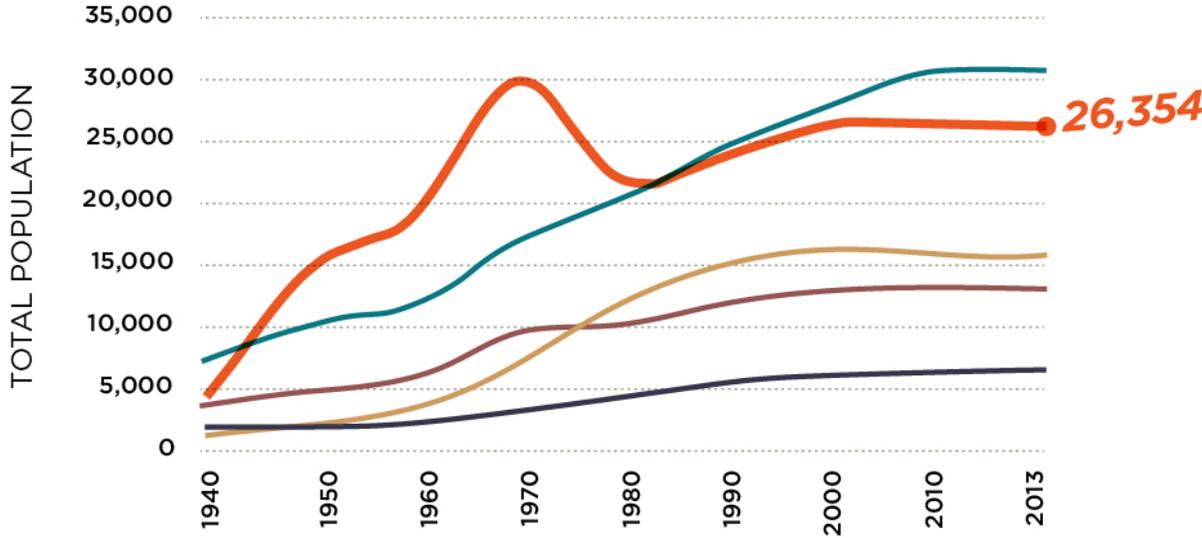
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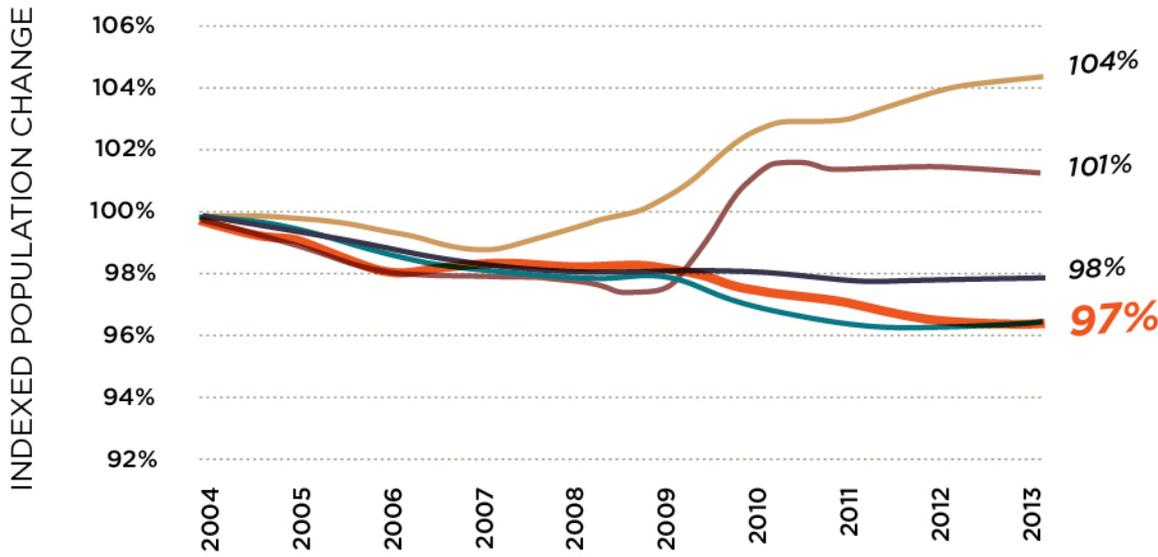
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POPULATION GROWTH & CHANGE



N. KINGSTOWN HAS A LARGER POPULATION THAN MOST OF ITS NEIGHBORS

- SOUTH KINGSTOWN
- NORTH KINGSTOWN
- NARRAGANSETT
- EAST GREENWICH
- EXETER

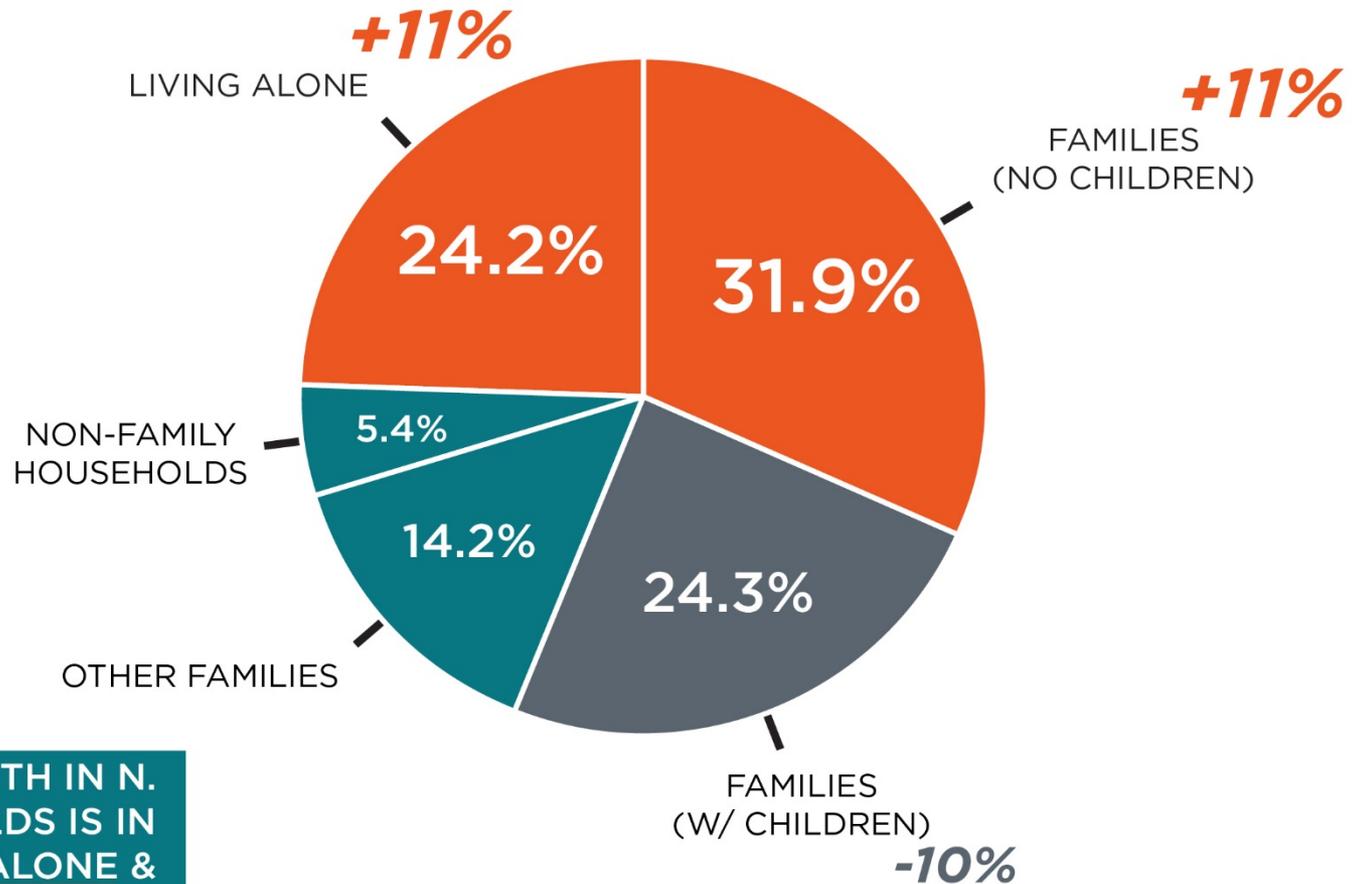


THE GROWTH RATE IS ON PAR WITH THE STATE AND ITS NEARBY TOWNS. HOWEVER, RHODE ISLAND IS ONE OF THE SLOWEST GROWING STATES.

- WARWICK
- PROVIDENCE
- RHODE ISLAND
- NORTH KINGSTOWN
- OTHER NEARBY TOWNS

HOUSEHOLD TYPES

with percent change 2000-2010



ALL OF THE GROWTH IN N. KINGSTOWN HOUSEHOLDS IS IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING ALONE & IN FAMILIES WITHOUT CHILDREN UNDER 18.

THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN DECLINED BY 379.

Families with children contribute to the economy through **spending on local businesses and services**, which impact **local jobs, income, and tax revenue**.



A **decrease** in the number of **families with children** may result in...

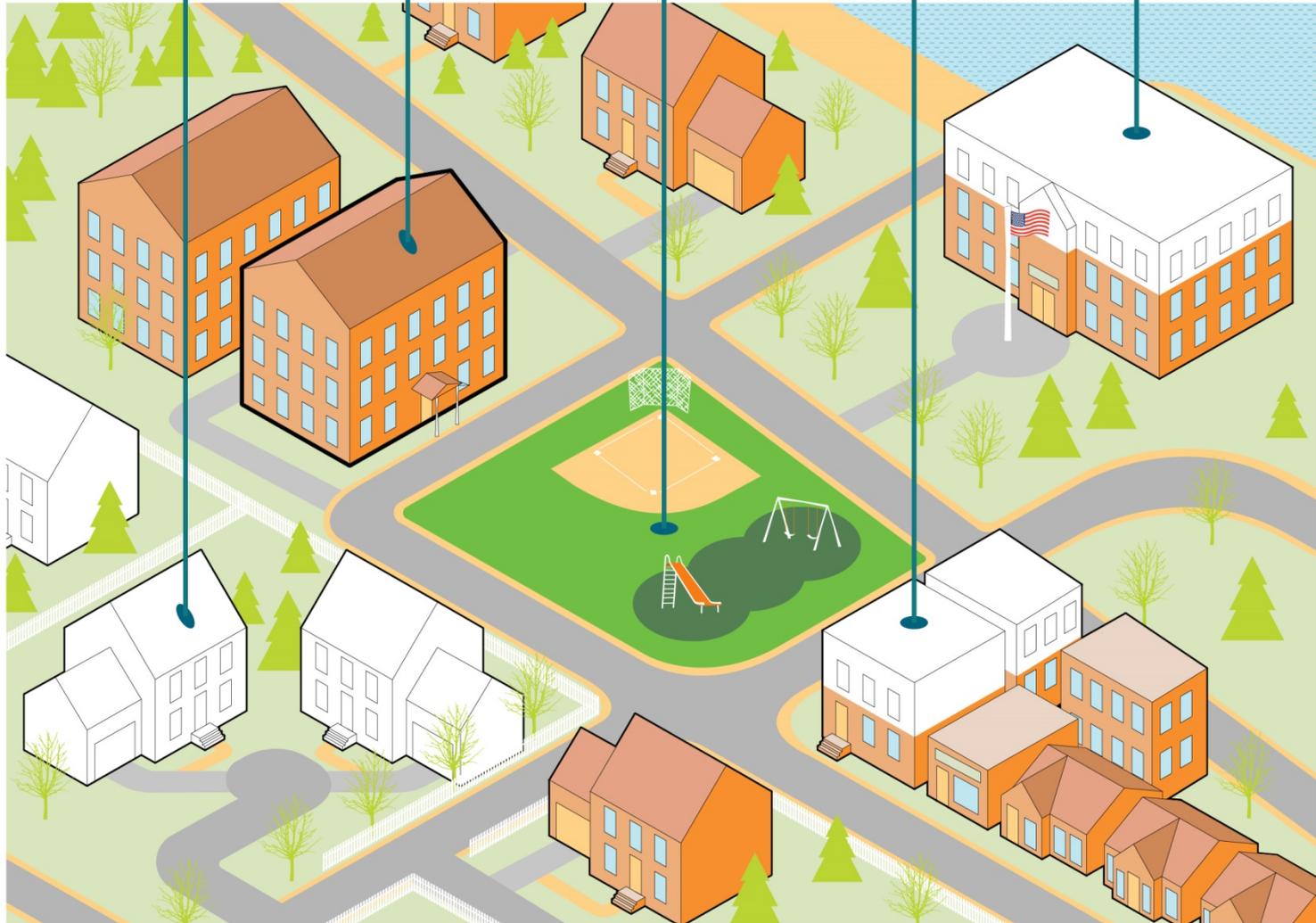
Less demand for single-family homes

More demand for apartments and condominiums

Changing recreational needs

Reduced spending at local businesses

Increased cost per student at schools



HERE'S WHAT WE'VE HEARD:
THEMES

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT NORTH KINGSTOWN?



“Small town and rural character”

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT NORTH KINGSTOWN?



“Quality of life”
“Historic character”

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT NORTH KINGSTOWN?



“Open space and the Bay”

WATERFRONT

“I don’t know that we maximize the coast in terms of public access... This is a gold mine here.”



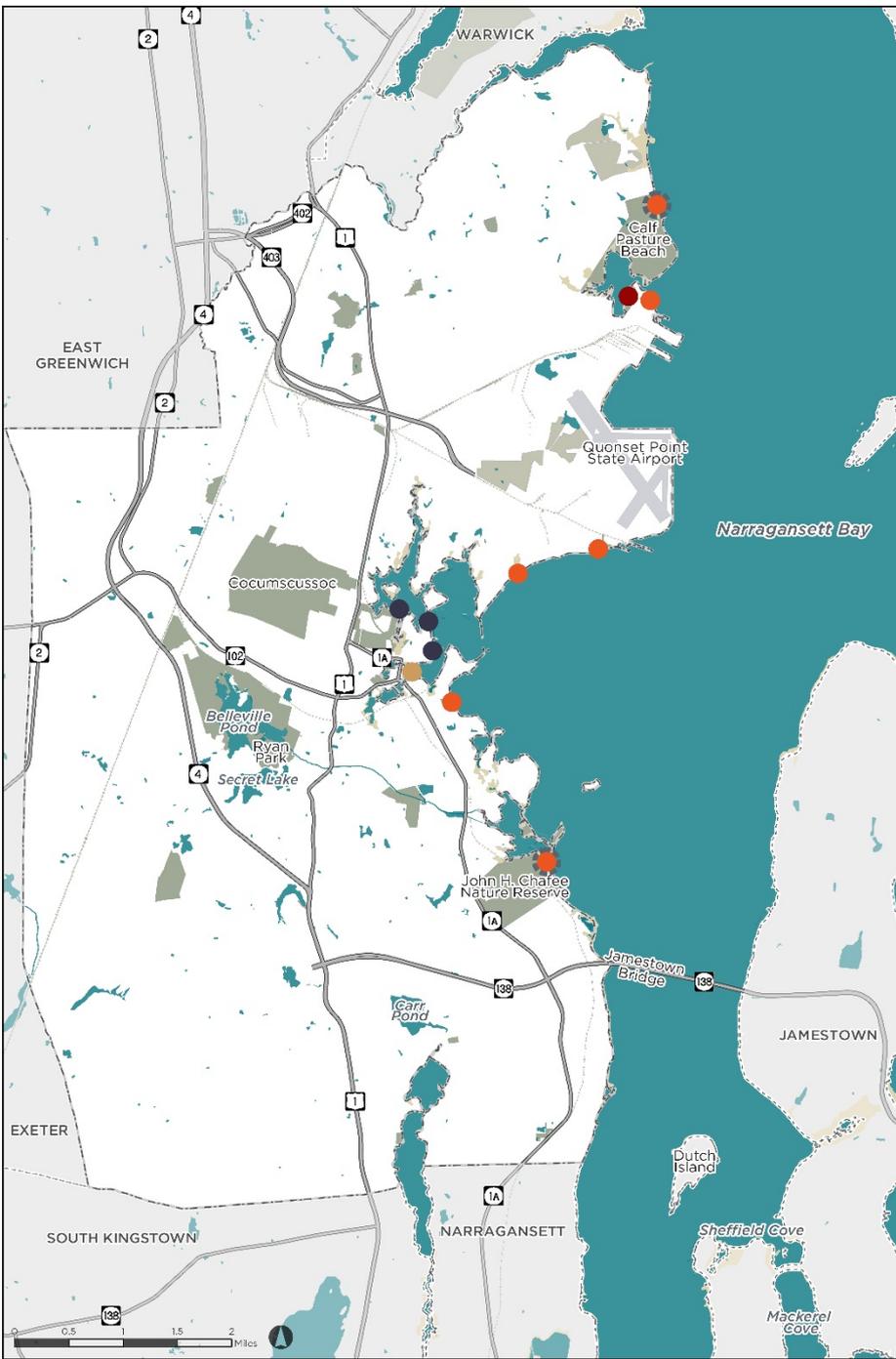
PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE BAY



COMPASS ROSE BEACH



TOWN BEACH



FEATURES

- Beach
- Boat Launch
- Marina
- Park
- No Parking

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WATERFRONT



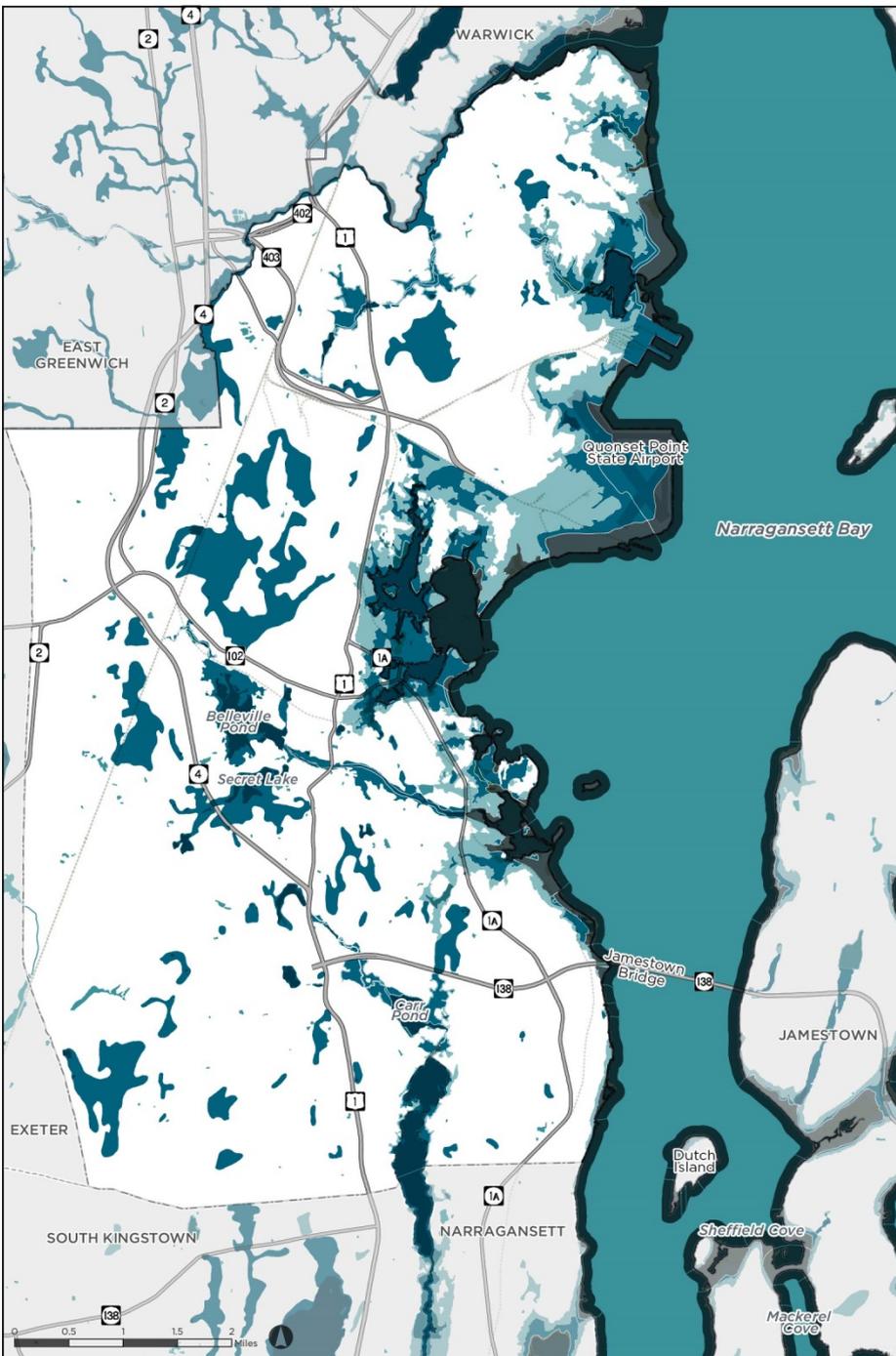
“Water issues will be a big concern, maybe not in our lifetime but in our kids’ lifetime. There’s no getting around that.”

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

Source: RIGIS, FEMA

*There are more than **3,000** homes and businesses in coastal and riverfront areas within the coastal flood or storm surge areas*

[Hazard Mitigation Plan]



HIGH RISK COASTAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA

■ Zone VE: Coastal areas with a 1% or greater chance of annual flooding and an additional hazard associated with storm waves. These areas have a 26% chance of flooding over the life of 30-year mortgage.

HIGH RISK FLOOD HAZARD AREA

■ Zone A/AE: Areas with a 1% annual chance of flooding and a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage. Also referred to as the 100-year flood.

MODERATE FLOOD HAZARD AREA

■ 0.2% annual chance of flooding. Also referred to as the 500-year flood.

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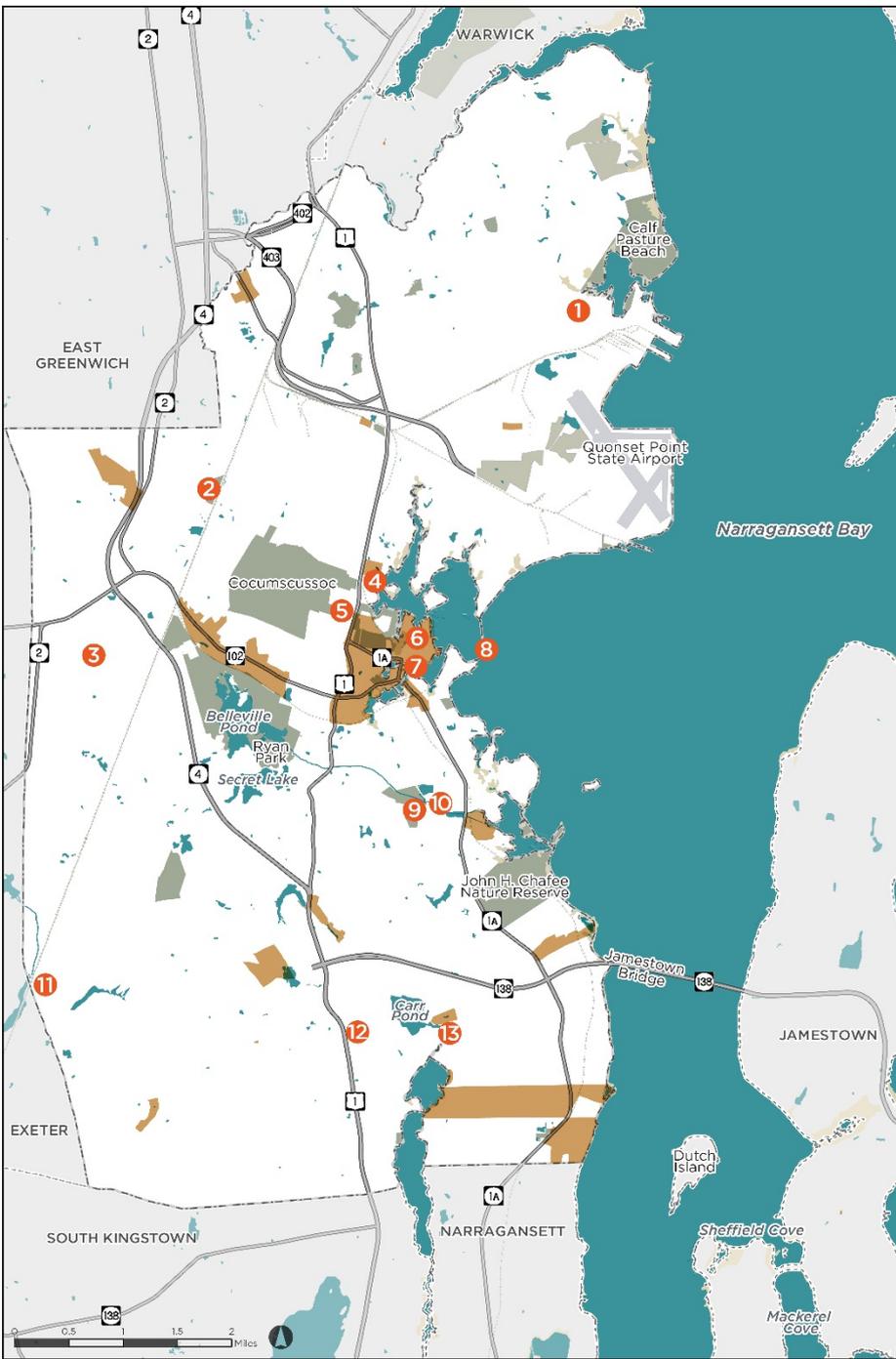
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HISTORIC RESOURCES

Source: RIGIS



AREAS OF INTEREST

National Historic Register District

- 1 Allen-Madison House
- 2 Old Baptist Meeting House
- 3 Rathbun House
- 4 Smiths Castle
- 5 Palmer-Northrup House
- 6 Old Narragansett Church
- 7 Saint Paul's Church
- 8 Poplar Point Lighthouse
- 9 Northrup House
- 10 Sanford House
- 11 Slocum House
- 12 George Douglas House
- 13 Gilbert Stuart Birthplace

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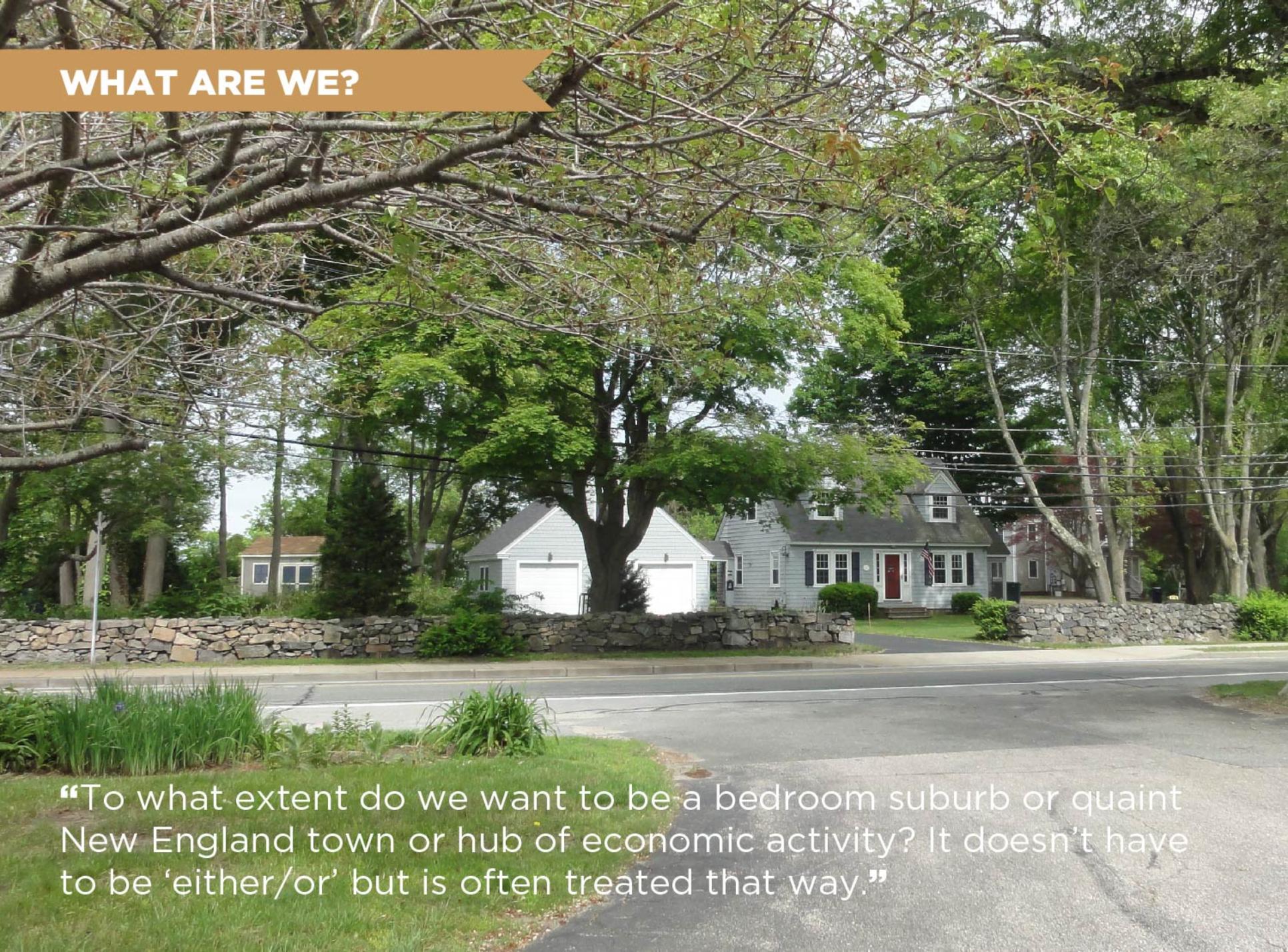
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WHAT ARE WE?



“North Kingstown doesn’t know what it wants to be when it grows up.”

WHAT ARE WE?

A photograph of a suburban street. In the foreground, a large, leafy tree with some bare branches hangs over the scene. Below it is a low stone wall. Behind the wall, a white house with a red door and a small American flag is visible. The house has a grey roof and dark shutters. To the left of the house is a white garage. The street is paved and has a white line. In the background, more trees and a utility pole are visible.

“To what extent do we want to be a bedroom suburb or quaint New England town or hub of economic activity? It doesn’t have to be ‘either/or’ but is often treated that way.”

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TOWN CENTERS

QUONSET GATEWAY



POST ROAD



WICKFORD JUNCTION/ RT. 4 & 102



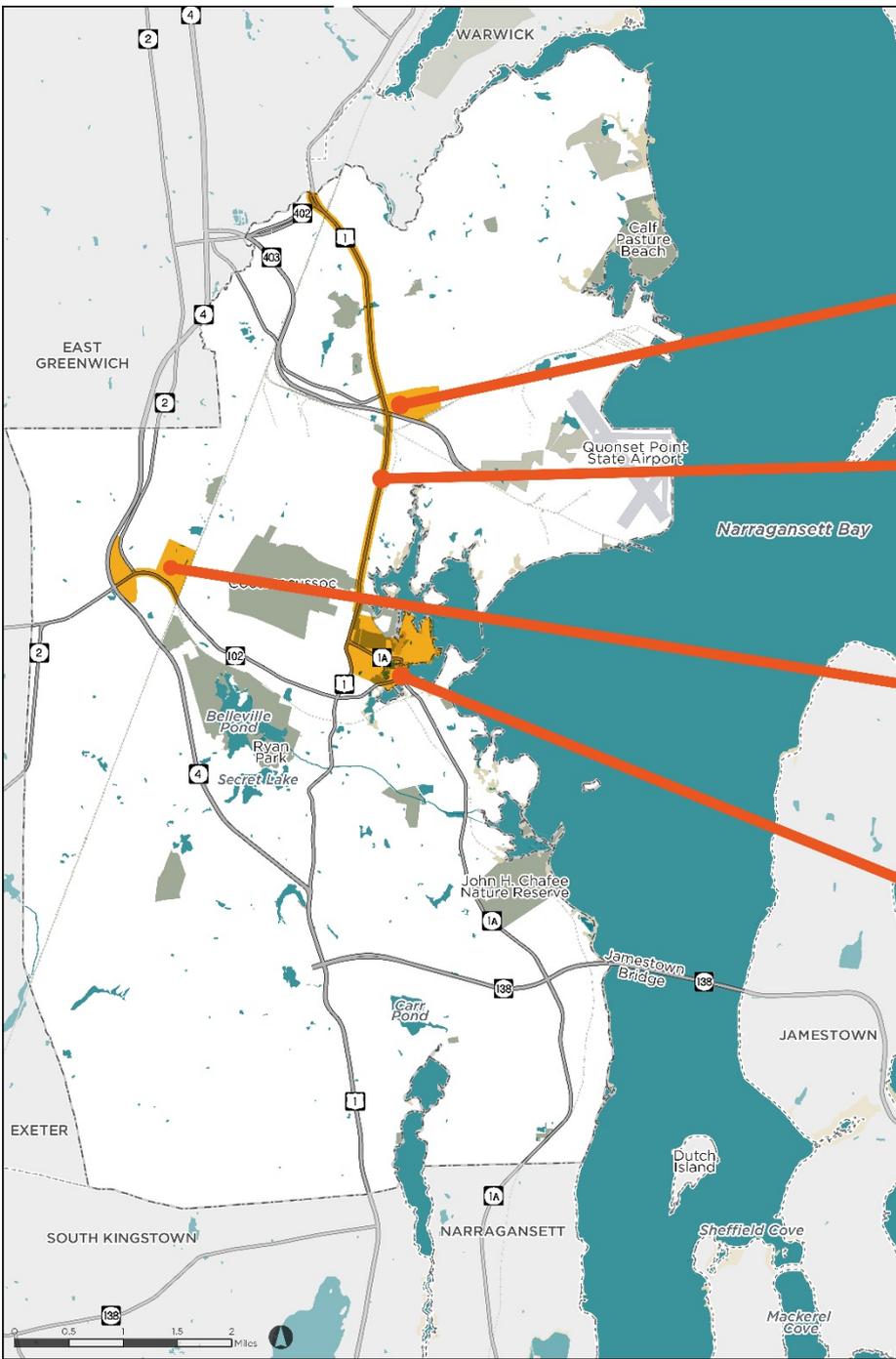
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WICKFORD



“It’s the beating heart of the town...
If it’s healthy, it bodes well for the
rest of North Kingstown.”

POST ROAD

AVAILABLE
Sale / Lease
1 Acre
Drive-Up Permitted
Sewer, Water, Gas
401-741-7624

“There’s so much potential if the town would really have a vision for what [Post Road] ought to be.”

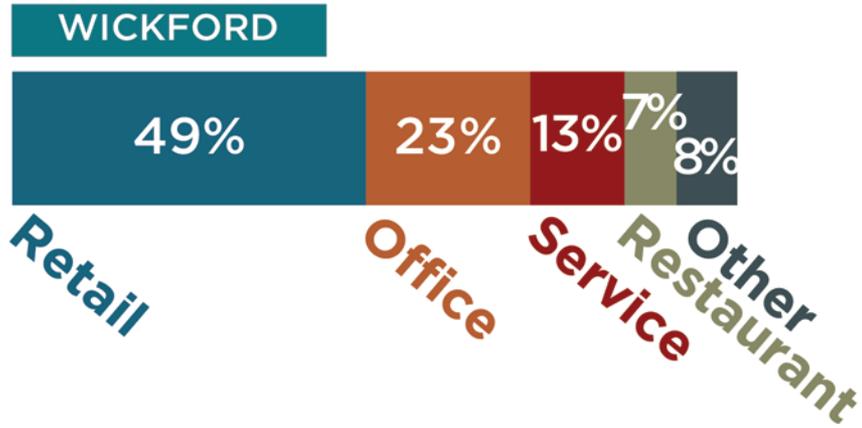
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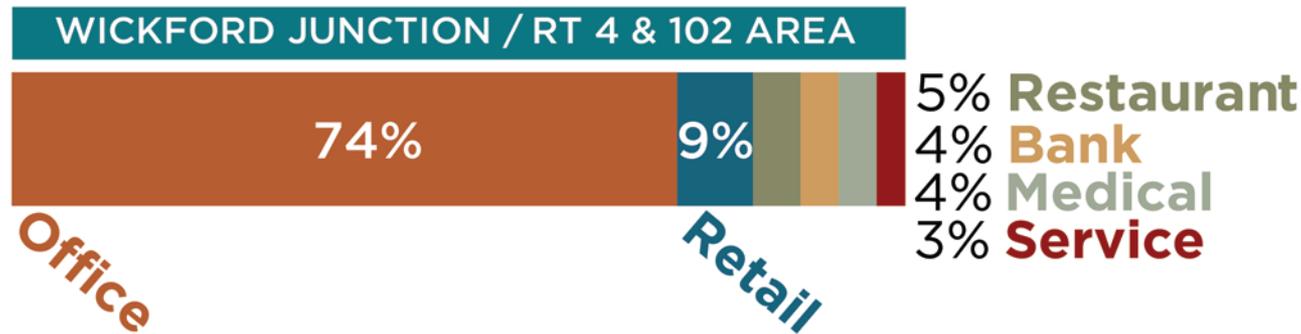
“The main development area is along Route 4 and 102 toward Wickford Junction. That’s the real activity center.”

BUSINESS TYPES

Strip Mall Corridor



Specialty Retail



Highway Shopping Center

BUILDING SUPPORT & CONSENSUS



COME TAKE A
WALK WITH US



NEIGHBORHOOD TOURS

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015 AT 5 PM

7366 POST ROAD - Sonoma Bistro and Wine Bar parking lot

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015 AT 1 PM

1007 TEN ROD ROAD - Staples parking lot

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015 AT 5 PM

55 BROWN STREET - in front of Town Hall Annex



RESIDENT AND BUSINESS SURVEY

ONLINE SURVEY

TAKE OUR RESIDENT AND BUSINESS SURVEY AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TOO

Please complete the survey before July 23, 2015.

<http://bit.do/NKSurvey>

WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!

You can fill out a survey until July 23 – use this link

<http://bit.do/NKSurvey>

to access the survey online or fill out a paper copy here

NORTH KINGSTOWN TODAY AND TOMORROW

In a succinct word or phrase,

FIRST

use a **BLUE STICKY NOTE** to tell us what you think North Kingstown is



THEN

use a **PINK STICKY NOTE** to tell us what you want North Kingstown to be



COLLABORATIVE MAP

STEP 1. ANSWER THREE EASY QUESTIONS ON THE MAP

Q1.  WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

Q2.  WHERE IS A HIDDEN GEM?

Q3.  WHERE WOULD YOU SPEND MONEY FOR IMPROVEMENTS?

STEP 2. TELL US MORE ON THE CARD

PLEASE ELABORATE ON:

Where is a **HIDDEN GEM**?

Where would you spend **MONEY** for improvements?



You can also use this link

<http://interface-studio.com/currently/north-kingstown/>
to access the map online until August 14.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Public Forum (September)
- Focus Groups (October)
- Public Forum (December)

STAY IN TOUCH AND SPREAD THE WORD

Stay tuned for information on additional public forums in the fall and winter through:

1) the Town's website:

<http://www.northkingstown.org/comprehensive-plan-re-write>

2) FaceBook: www.facebook.com/NorthKingstownPlan

3) Updates on the bulletin boards at Town Hall, Town Hall Annex, and the Library.

4) Newspapers

THANK YOU!