



TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RE-WRITE

_INTERFACE STUDIO

June 10, 2015

HERE'S WHAT WE'VE LEARNED
DATA

First, a **POP QUIZ!**

Work with your neighbor to test your knowledge of North Kingstown:

1 How many jobs are there at Quonset?

- (a)** ~3,000
- (b)** ~5,000
- (c)** ~10,000

2 How many residents and businesses are in the flood zone?

- (a)** ~1,000
- (b)** ~3,000
- (c)** ~5,000

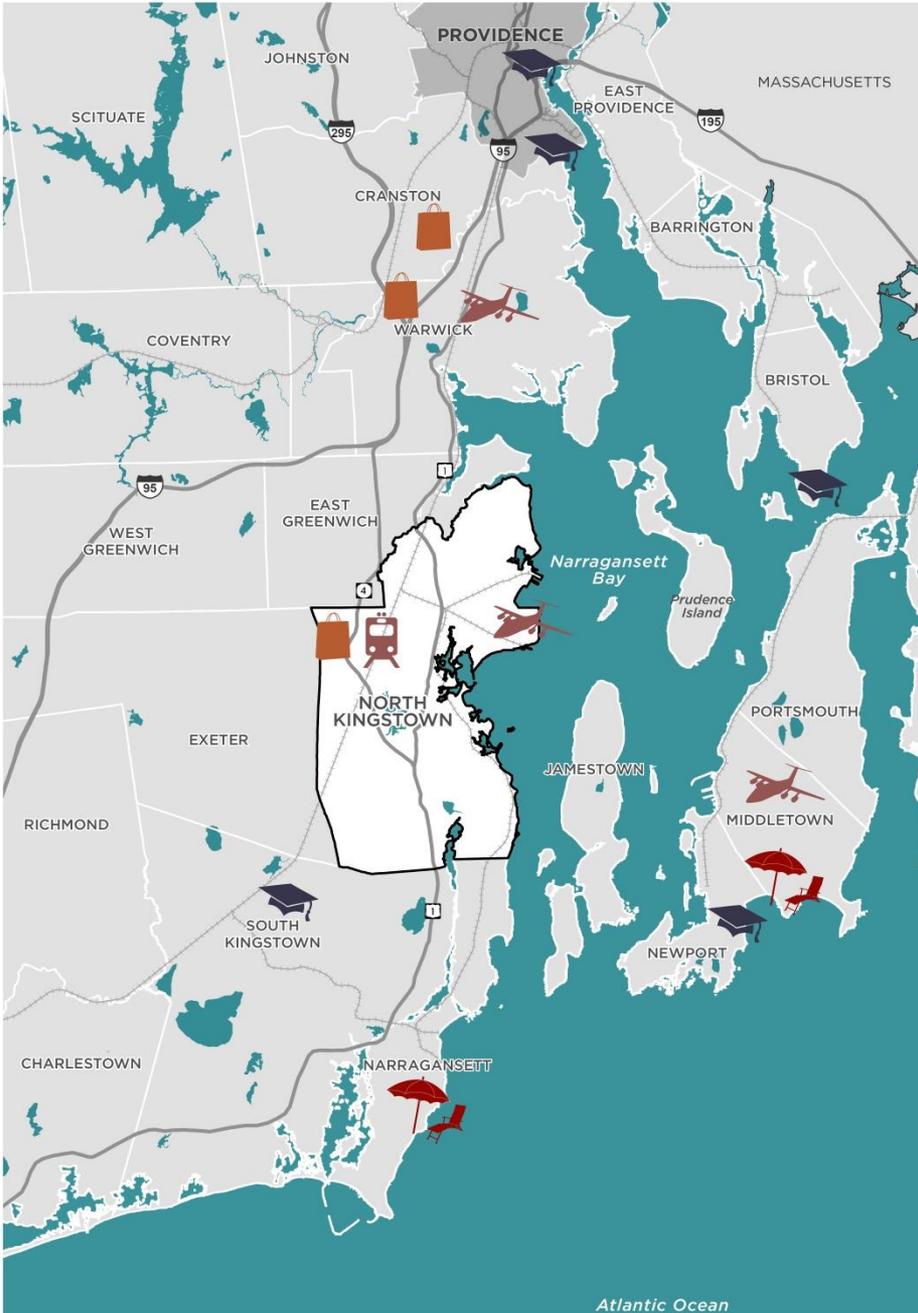
3 Which household type is most common?

- (a)** Single person households
- (b)** Families with children
- (c)** Families without children

REGIONAL DESTINATIONS

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

“North Kingstown is far enough
away but also close enough.
It has rural character and quaint
restaurants, but also access
everywhere.”



DESTINATIONS

-  Shopping
-  University
-  Beach
-  Airport
-  Train station

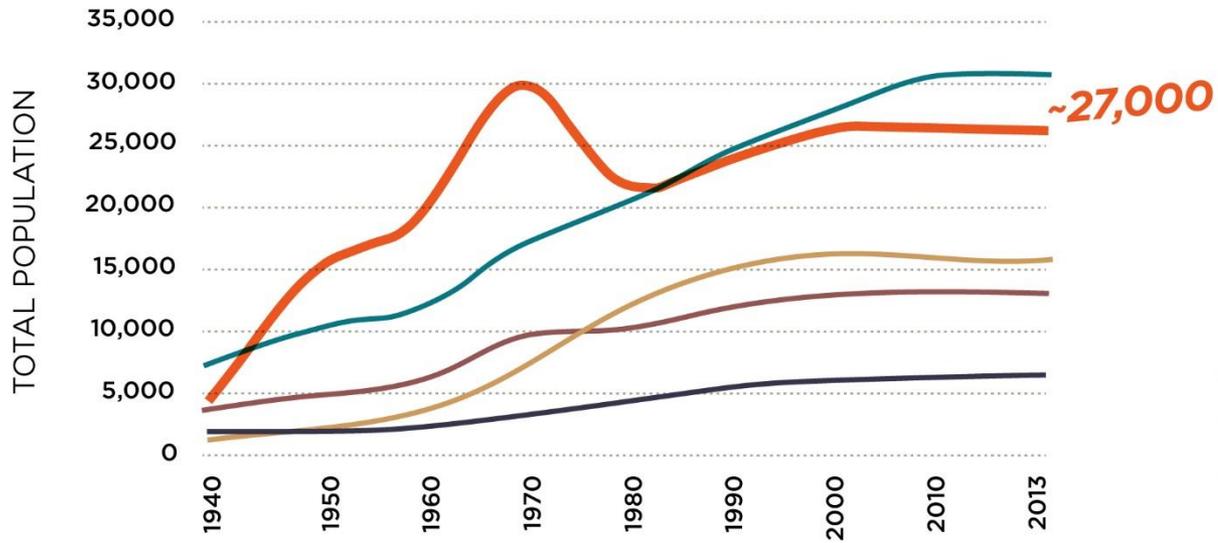
FEATURES

-  Highways
-  Roads
-  Rail
-  Water

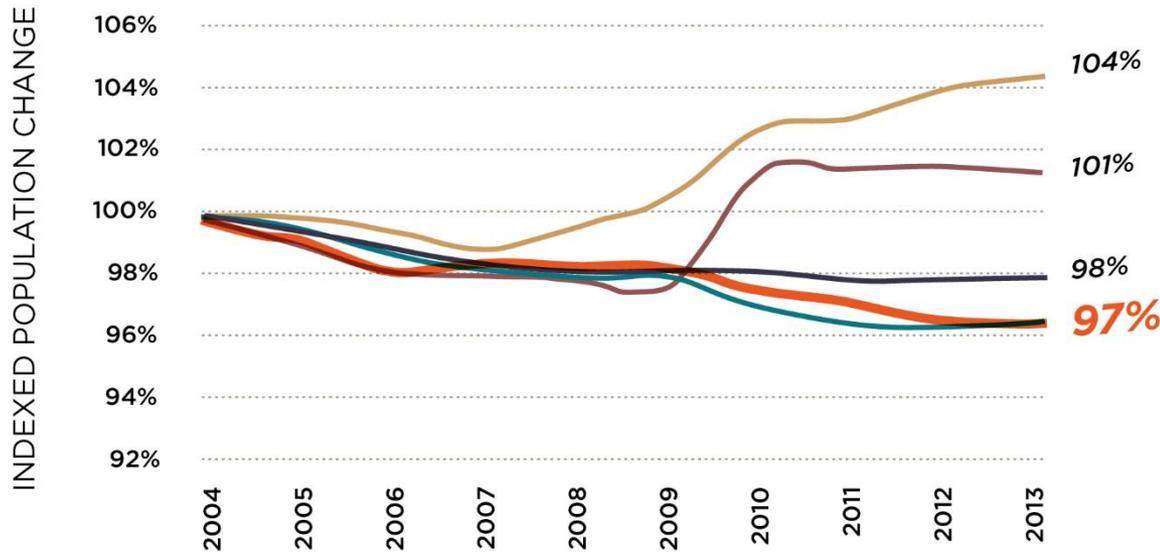
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-  North Kingstown
-  RI Municipal
-  Other States

POPULATION GROWTH & CHANGE



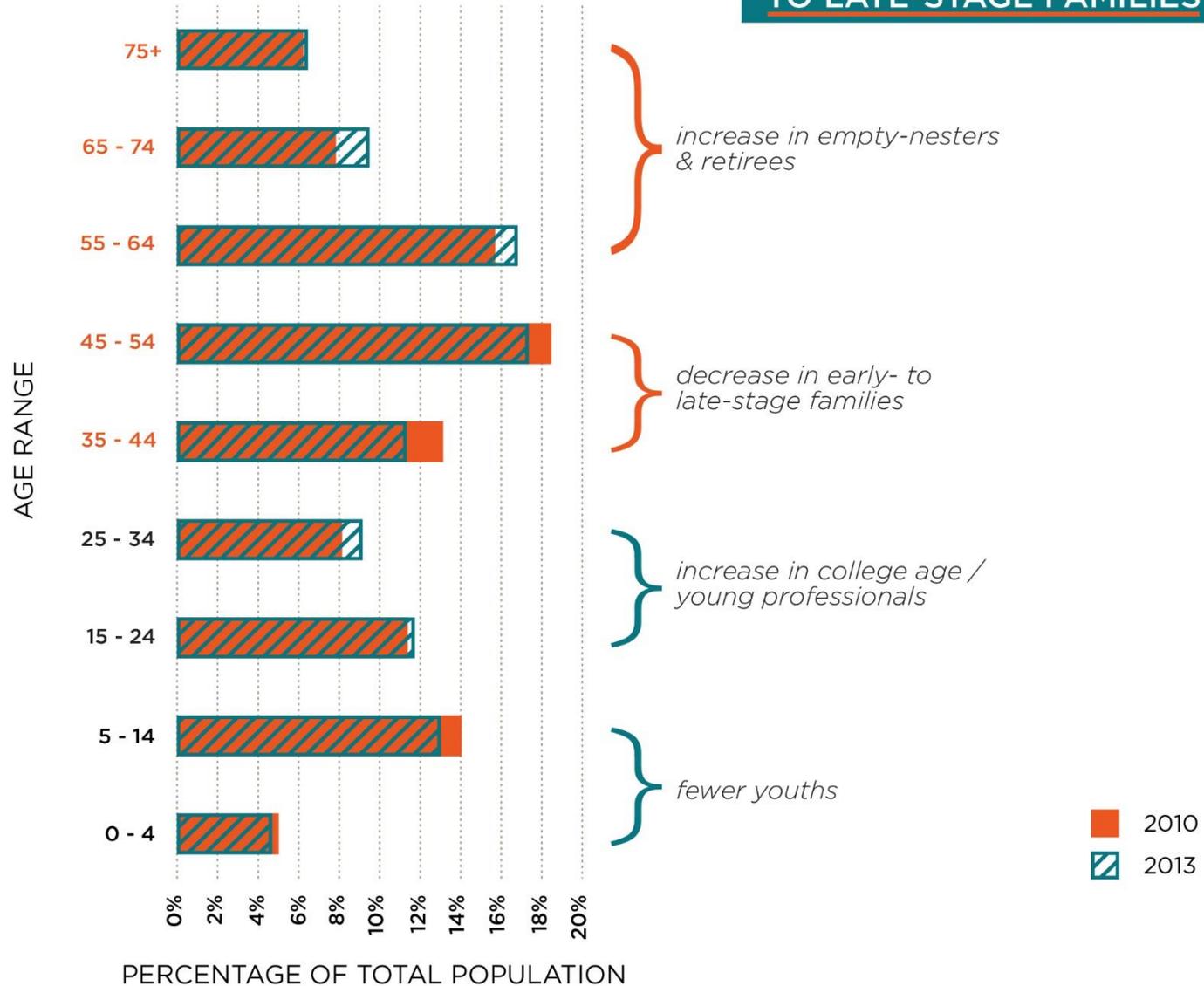
N. KINGSTOWN HAS A LARGER POPULATION THAN MOST OF ITS NEIGHBORS



ITS GROWTH RATE IS SLOWER THAN THE STATE & NEARBY BIG CITIES BUT ON PAR WITH NEARBY TOWNS

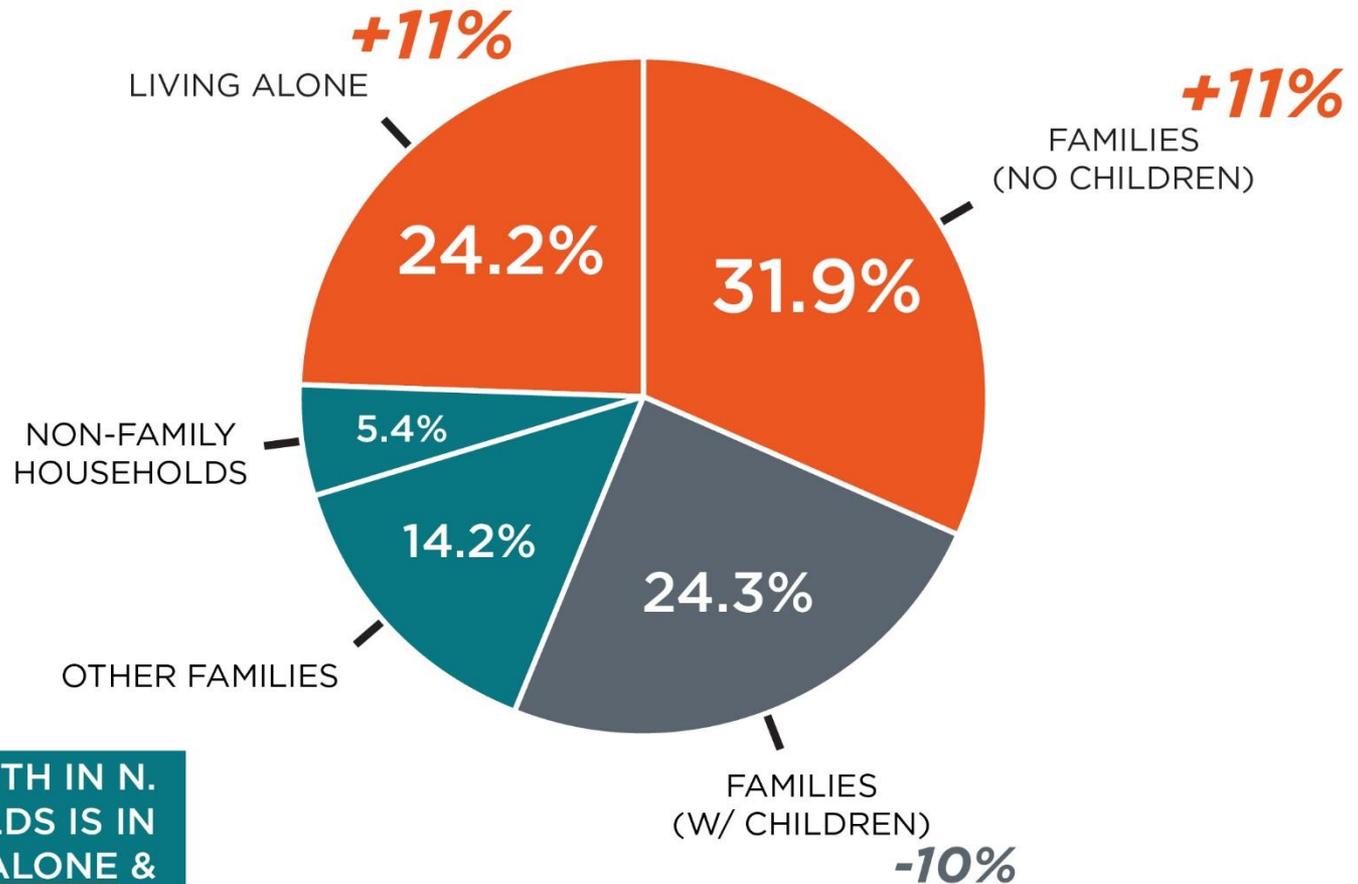
AGE DISTRIBUTION

N. KINGSTOWN HAS SEEN A RECENT INCREASE IN EMPTY-NESTERS / RETIREES & A DECREASE IN EARLY- TO LATE-STAGE FAMILIES



HOUSEHOLD TYPES

with percent change 2000-2010



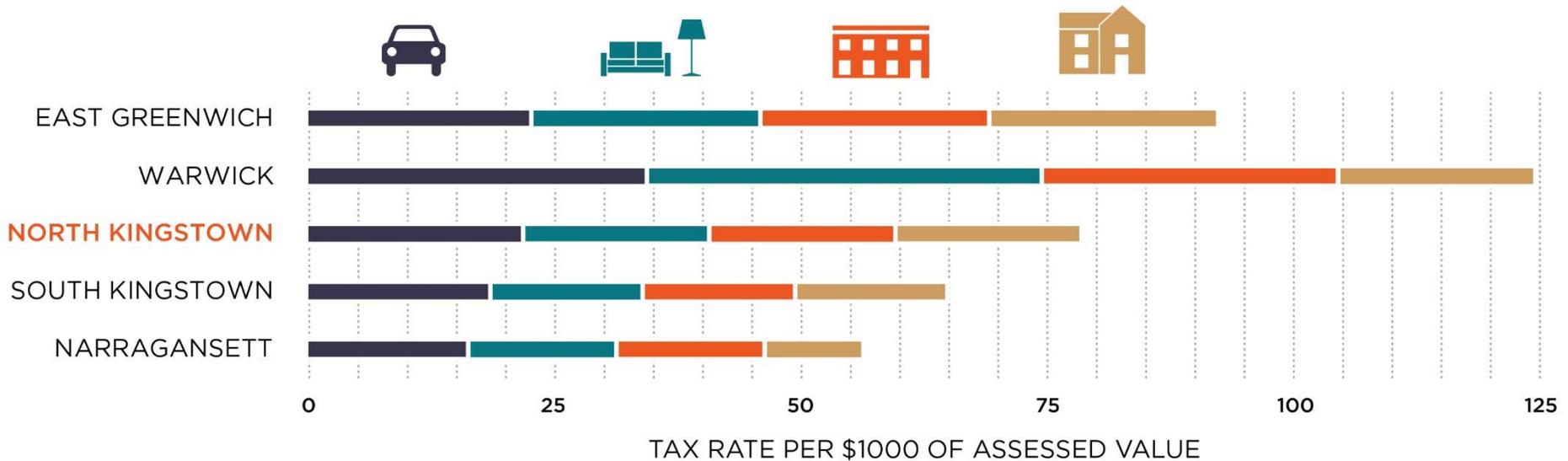
ALL OF THE GROWTH IN N. KINGSTOWN HOUSEHOLDS IS IN INDIVIDUALS LIVING ALONE & IN FAMILIES WITHOUT CHILDREN UNDER 18.

THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN DECLINED BY 379.

INCOME & TAXATION

FY 2015 tax rates

TAX RATES IN N. KINGSTOWN FALL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RANGE COMPARED TO ITS NEIGHBORS

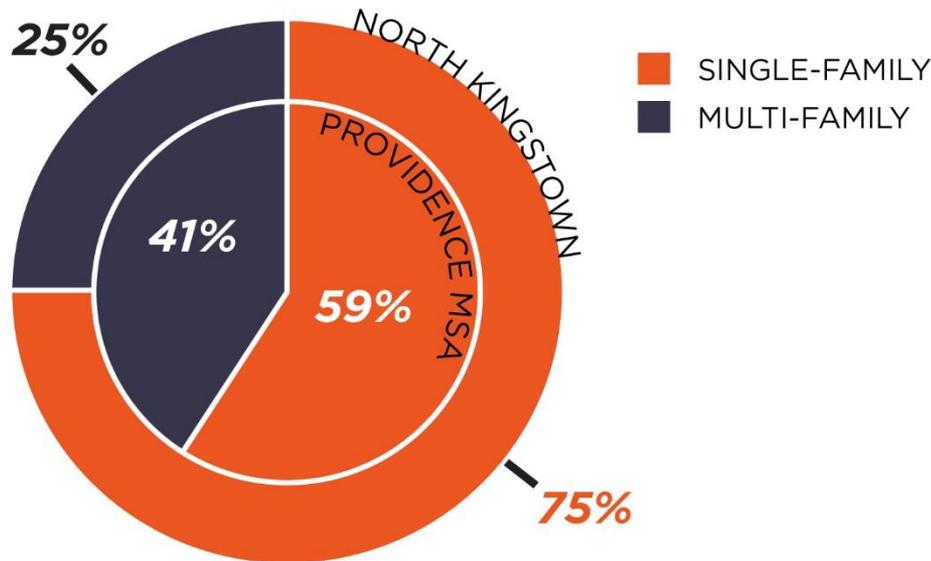
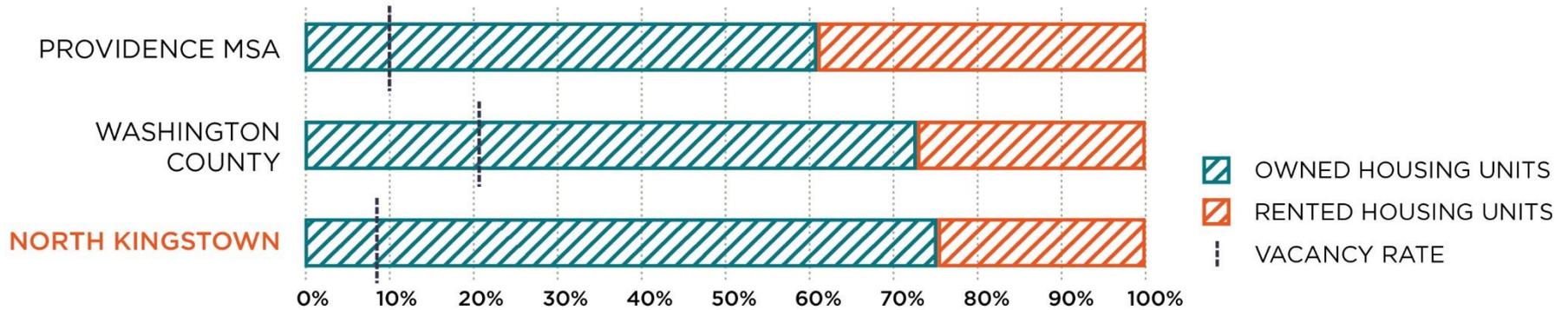


N. KINGSTOWN RANKS 7TH AMONG RHODE ISLAND'S 39 CITIES & TOWNS IN BACHELOR'S DEGREE ATTAINMENT

IT HAS A HIGHER MEDIAN INCOME (\$78,934) THAN THE COUNTY & MSA

- MOTOR VEHICLES
- PERSONAL PROPERTY
- COMMERCIAL
- RESIDENTIAL

TENURE + HOUSING TYPE



33% OF HOUSEHOLDS ARE COST-BURDENED IN N. KINGSTOWN

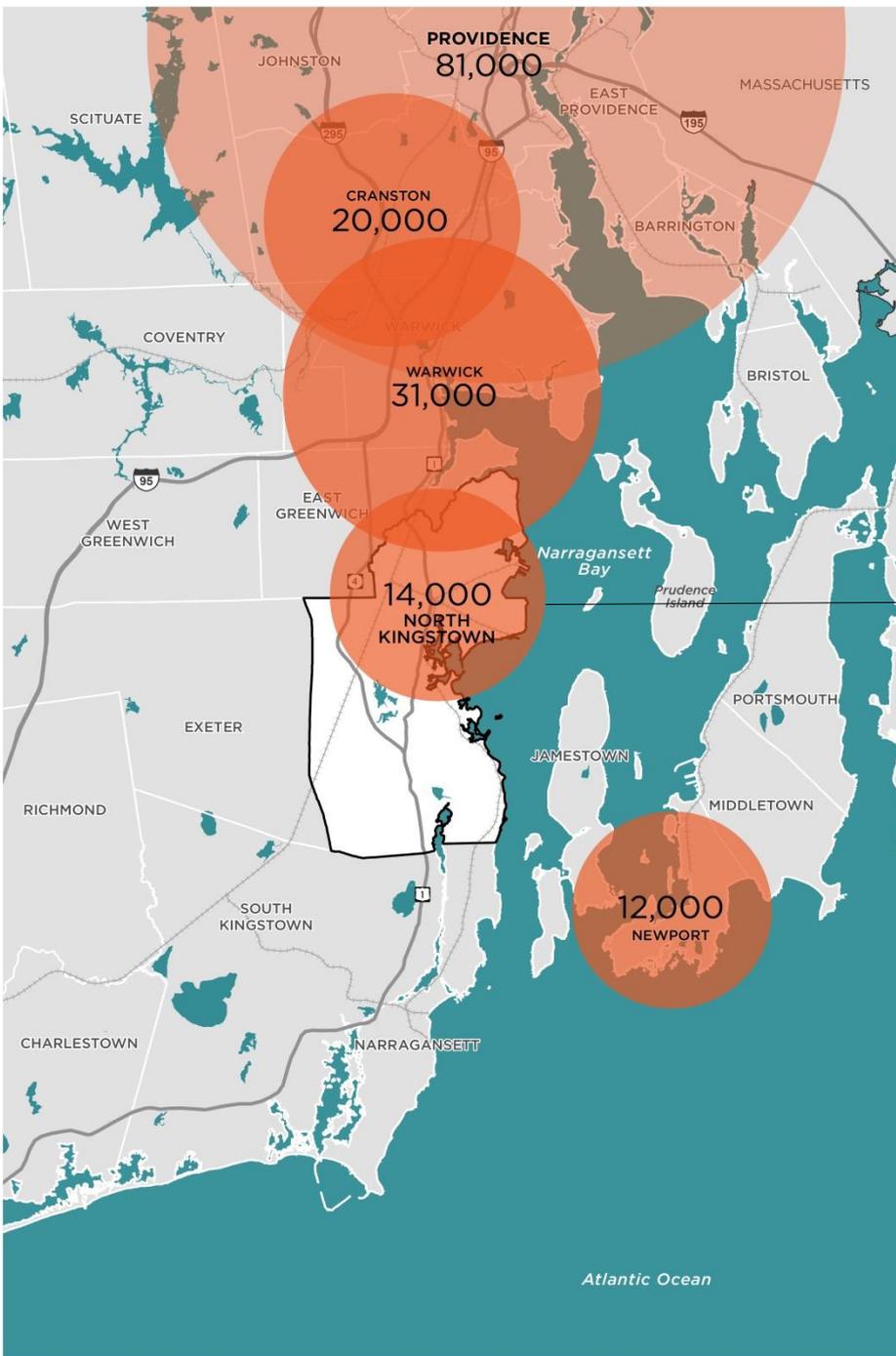
TOP EMPLOYMENT CENTERS BY ZIP CODE

Source: OnTheMap

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

[RI Labor Market Information, 2013]

10,000 jobs are in Quonset



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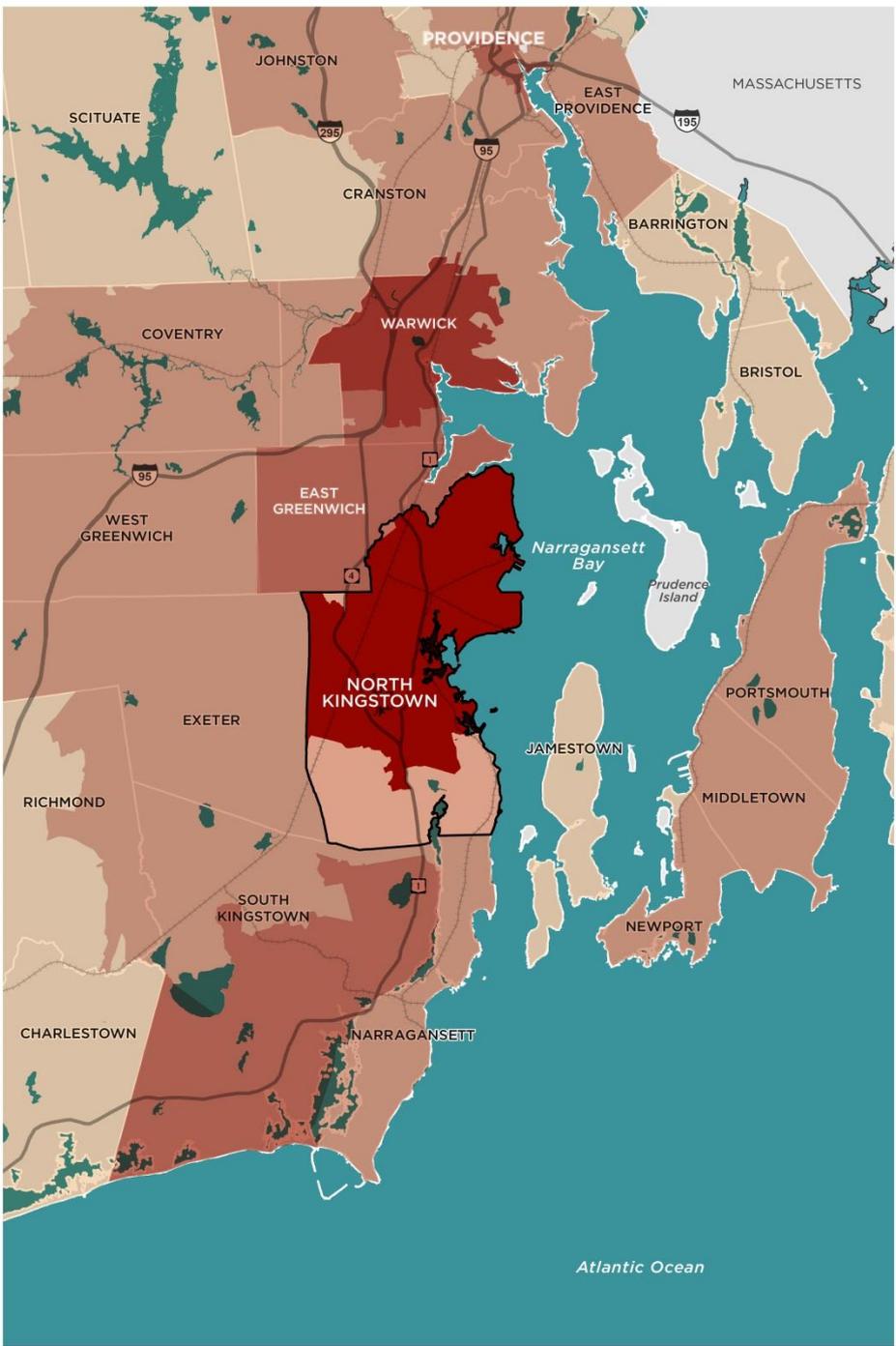
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TOP EMPLOYMENT DESTINATIONS BY ZIP CODE

Source: OnTheMap

About 80% of North Kingstown residents who work do so outside their hometown.



NUMBER OF NORTH KINGSTOWN EMPLOYEES

- 3 - 100
- 101 - 500
- 501 - 1000
- 1001 - 2000
- 2001 - 3000

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TRANSPORTATION

Source: RIGIS

Only 2% of commuters use public transit which is almost double the last census

[ACS, 2013]

But there is no connection between Wickford Junction and Wickford Village or Quonset



TRANSPORTATION

- MBTA
- RIPTA
- Bike path
- Bike route

FEATURES

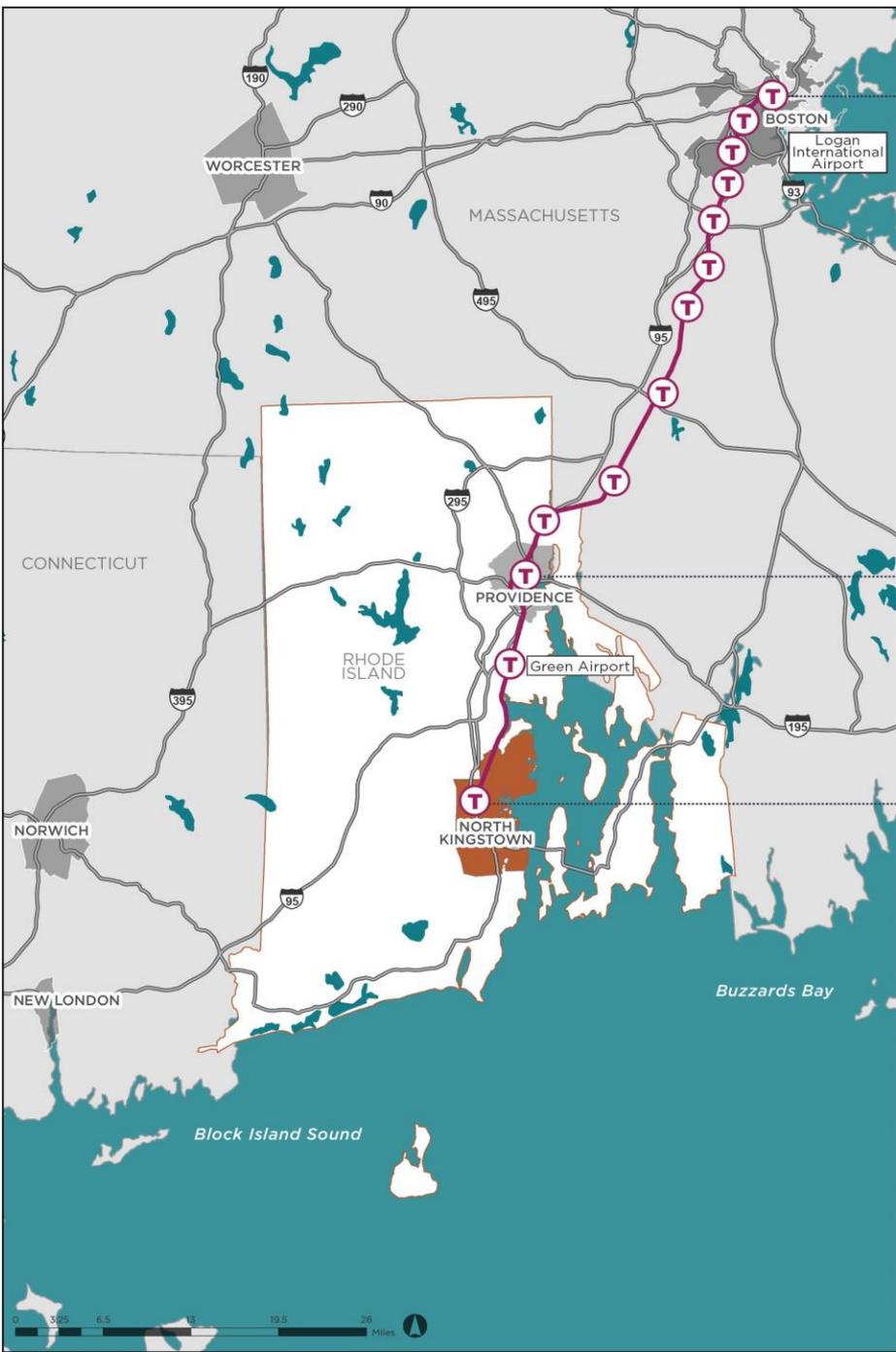
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Source: RIGIS



30 MINUTES
to Providence

1 HOUR 40 MINUTES
to Boston

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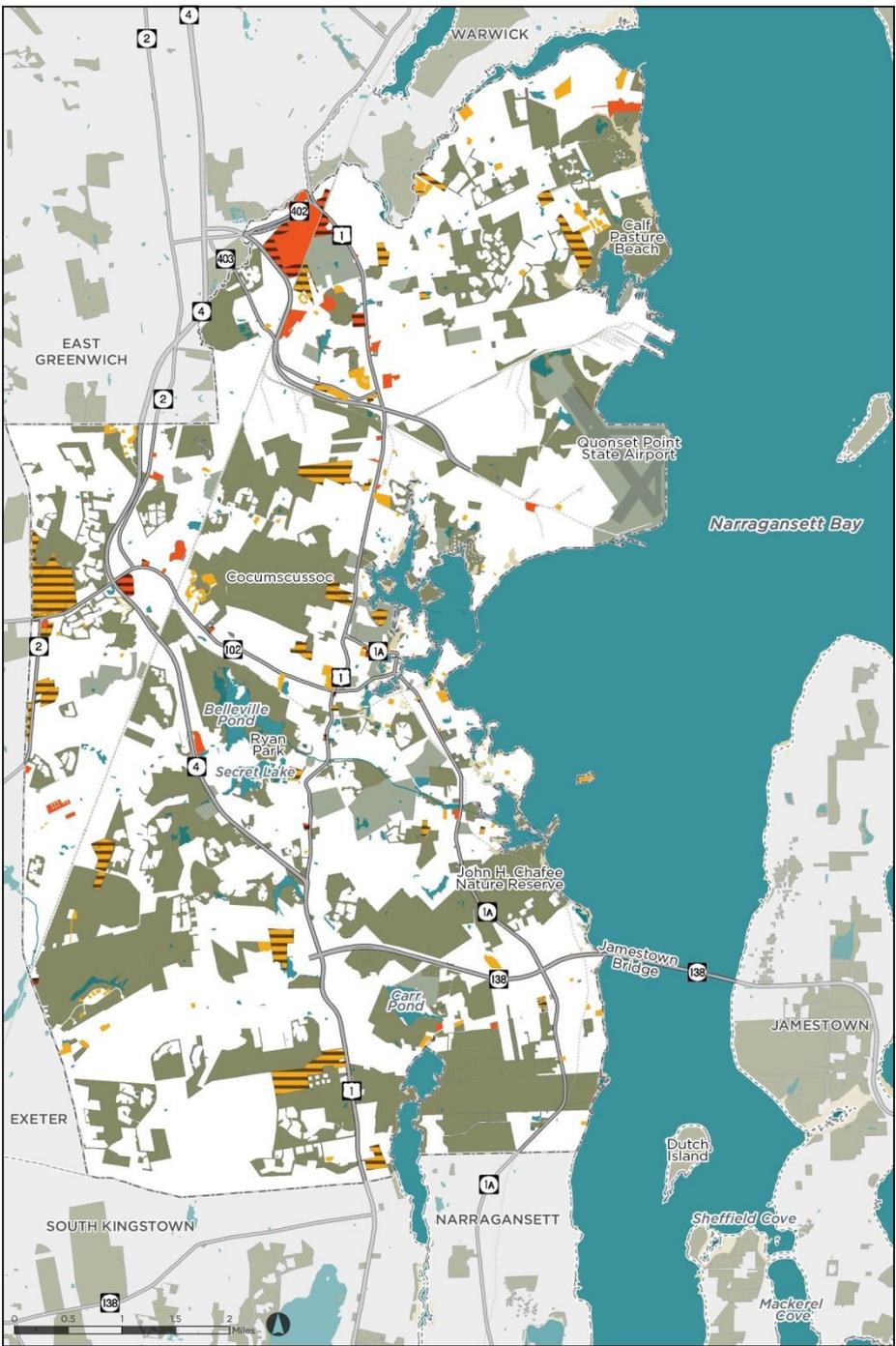
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- Rhode Island
- Other States



DEVELOPMENT & OPEN SPACE

Source: Town of North Kingstown

The Town is preserving open space particularly within groundwater overlay districts



DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

- Projects in progress
- Residential
- Non-residential

OPEN SPACE

- Public land
- Open space

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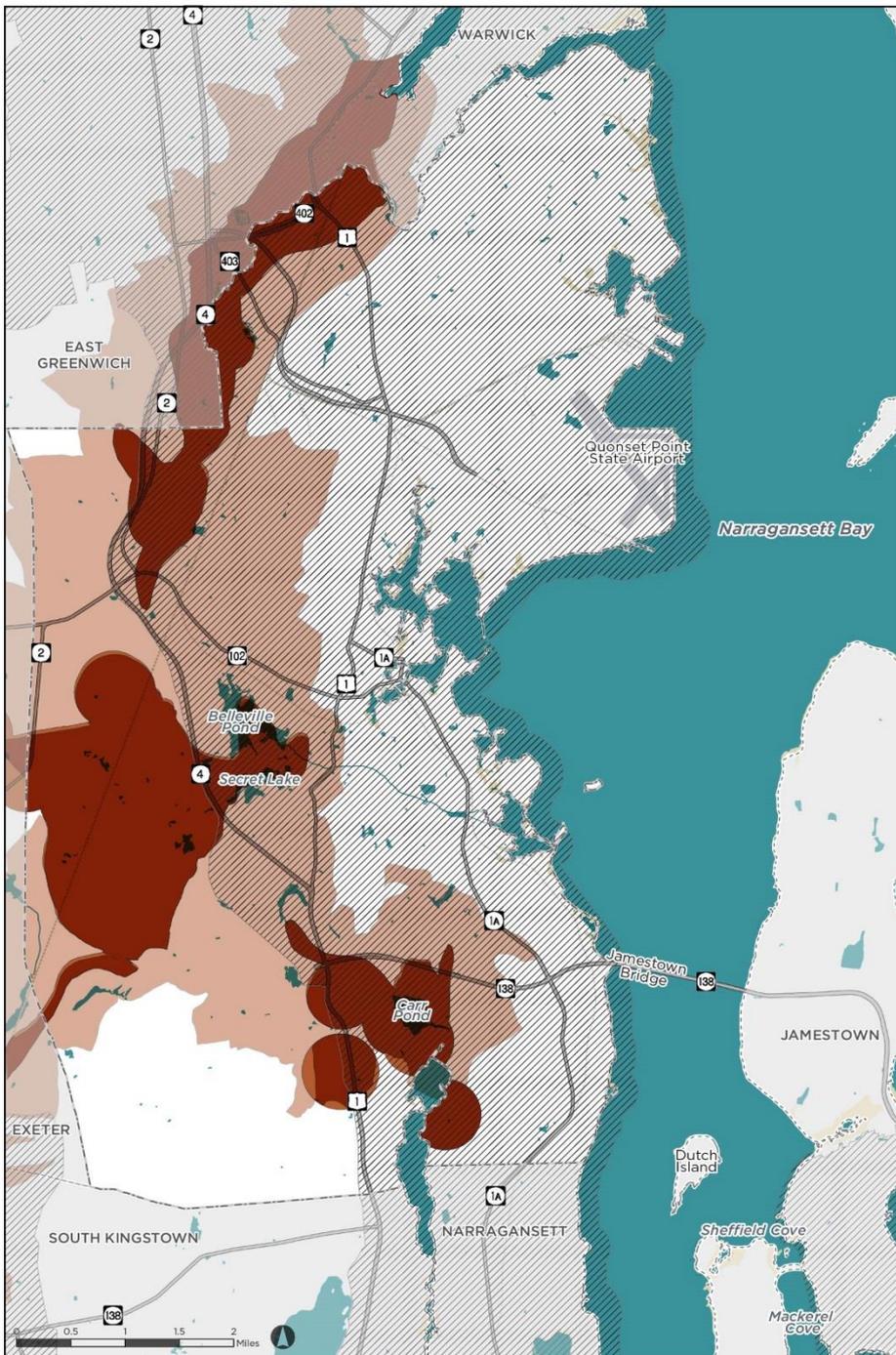
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OVERLAYS

Source: RIGIS, Town of North Kingstown

North Kingstown's groundwater supplies are finite, irreplaceable and highly vulnerable to contamination.

[RI Dept of Health Drinking Water Assessment, 2003]



OVERLAYS

- Urban services boundary
- Groundwater overlay 1
- Groundwater overlay 2

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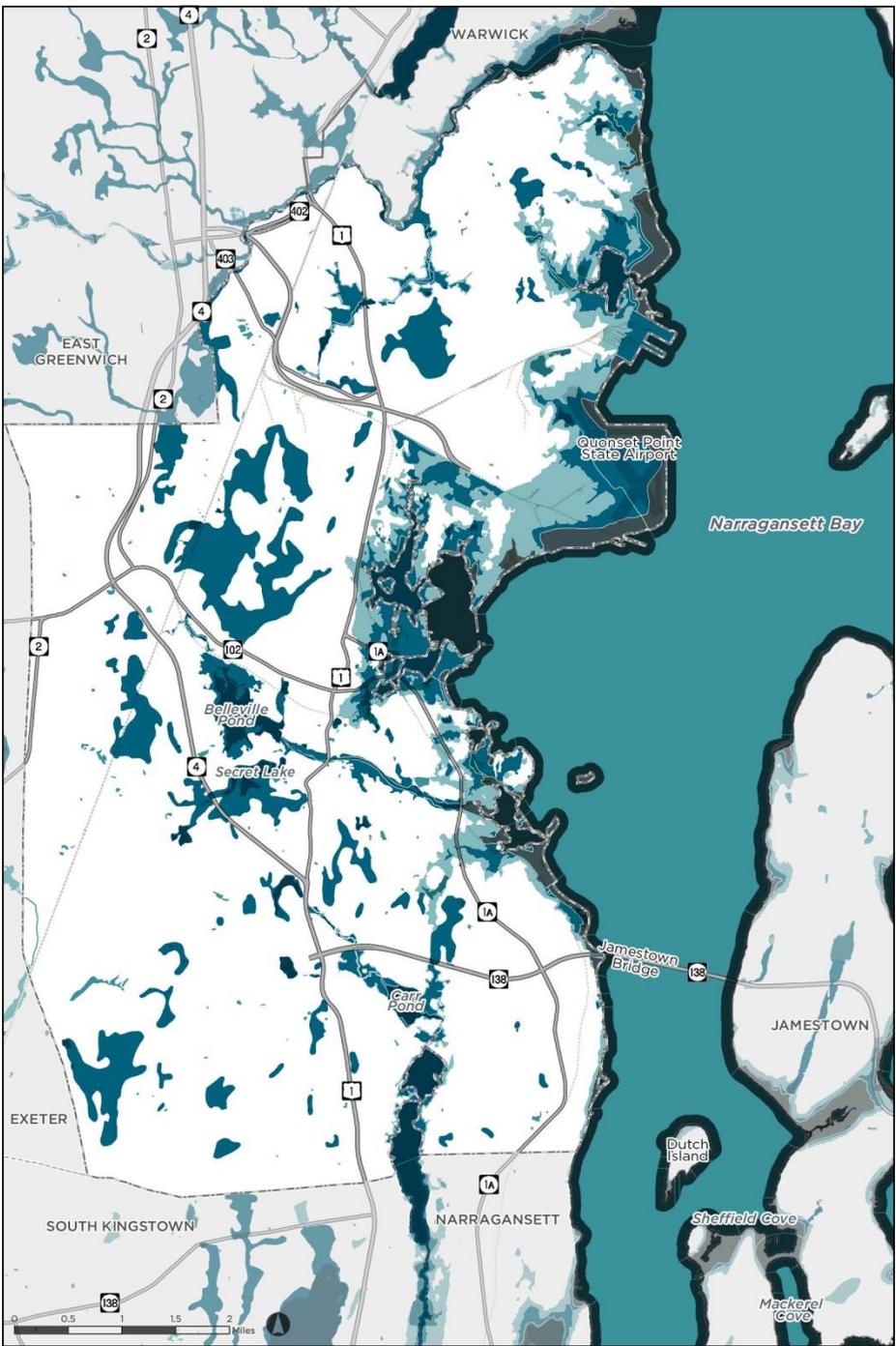
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FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

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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HERE'S WHAT WE HEARD:
**INTERVIEW
THEMES**



HERE'S WHAT WE HEARD

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT NORTH KINGSTOWN?

“Small town and rural character”

“Quality of life”

“Open space and the Bay”

“Schools and recreational programs”

“Historic character”

Wickford Village

Legend

- Public Service
 - Cultural Centers
 - Library
 - Parks
 - Police/Fire
 - Restrooms
 - Schools
 - Town Buildings
- Private Service
 - Banks
 - Churches
 - Funeral Homes
 - Gas Stations
 - Lodging
 - Medical Services
 - Pharmacies
 - Professional Services
- Food
 - Cafes
 - Groceries
 - Restaurants
- Boating Services
 - Gas Docks
 - Marinas & Marine Supplies
- Retail
 - Antiques
 - Arts & Crafts
 - Clothing Stores
 - Gift Shops
 - Hardware/Paint Stores
 - Lumber Yards
- Walking Tour

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 WAL-MART
 HOME DEPOT
 STAPLES
 ANTIQUES
 RETAIL / FOOD
 TO RT 4 / RT 95



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 NARRAGANSETT
 JAMESTOWN





HERE'S WHAT WE HEARD

WHAT ARE WE?

Narragansett and South County towns are for beaches and tourism. The bay is one of North Kingstown's greatest assets but it isn't living up to its potential.

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

“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.”

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

HERE'S WHAT WE HEARD

WHAT ARE WE?

There isn't really a town center; there are fragmented smaller centers but most choose Wickford as the center.

“It's the beating heart of the town. Even if it's not the economic heart of the town, it's the philosophical and cultural center. If it's healthy, it bodes well for the rest of North Kingstown.”

There also needs to be a vision and clear hierarchy for centers like Post Road and Wickford Junction:

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

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

HERE'S WHAT WE HEARD

EMERGING PRIORITIES

More commercial development

Improve Post Road

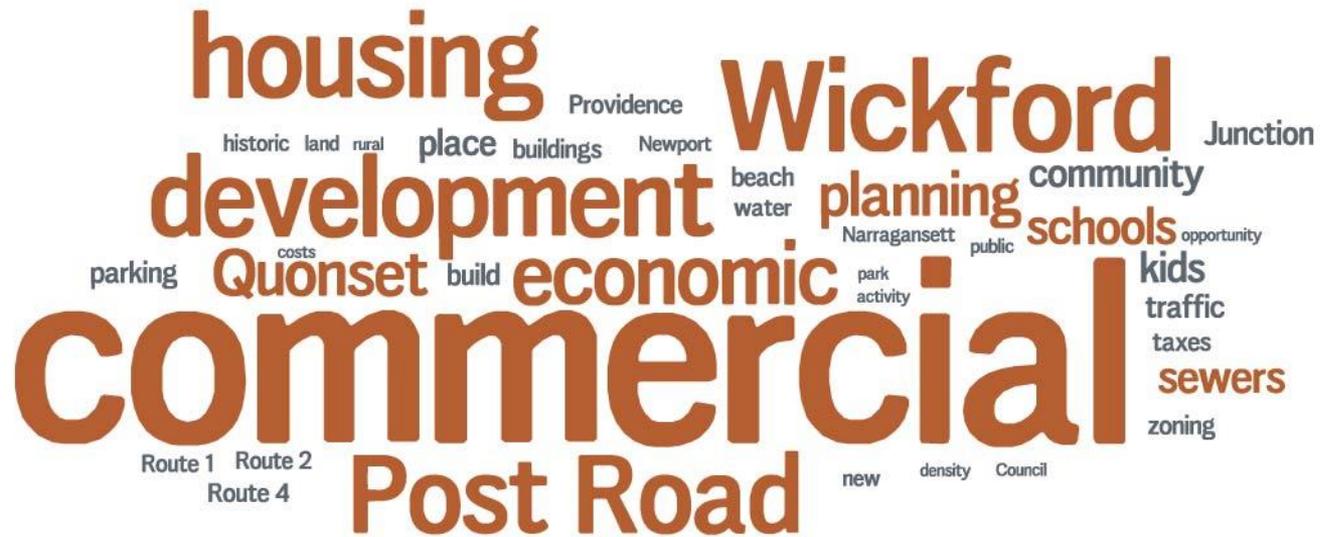
Extend sewers

Concentrate development & balance with conservation

Tackle cumbersome regulations and politics

Improve waterfront access and activity

Address flooding and sea level rise





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Post Rd

HERE'S WHAT WE HEARD

EMERGING PRIORITIES

COMMERCIAL

The demographics don't support the type of retail and restaurants people want. Where commercial development should go is also a concern; many want it on Post Road.

“Not sure there's even critical mass to attract business.”

“Let [growth] take its course instead of redirecting business to Quonset, Wickford Junction and Post Road.”

“[Post Road] is a stigma and eyesore that everyone travels through. People define North Kingstown by Wickford and Post Road.”

“There used to be a reason to go through Post Road with the Navy and before Route 4, but now it's a ghost road.”





LEACH ROSE
CAFE

WELCOME
Cafe & Bakery
GALLERY & PRINTING

MARY KAY
empowering women's lives

688-0429



HERE'S WHAT WE HEARD

EMERGING PRIORITIES

DEVELOPMENT

People agree we should develop in existing centers but regulations are cumbersome and contradictory

“We tend to zone through non-zoning regulation.”

“Transfer of development rights looks good to a planner but not to a businessman.”

and politics are an issue though things have been improving...

“This town is NO Kingstown.”

BUILDING SUPPORT & CONSENSUS

ELEMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN

- ✓ INTERVIEWS (April-May)
- ✓ NEIGHBORHOOD TOURS (June)
- ✓ RESIDENT SURVEY (June-August)
 - PUBLIC KICKOFF (July)
 - COLLABORATIVE MAP (July-August)
 - PUBLIC FORUM (September)
 - FOCUS GROUPS (October)
 - PUBLIC FORUM (December)
 - SOCIAL MEDIA (ongoing)

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



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!

PUBLIC KICK OFF & COLLABORATIVE MAP

**BLUEPRINT
BINGHAMTON**
FORWARD TOGETHER

GOT AN IDEA?

add it to the online Collaborative Map

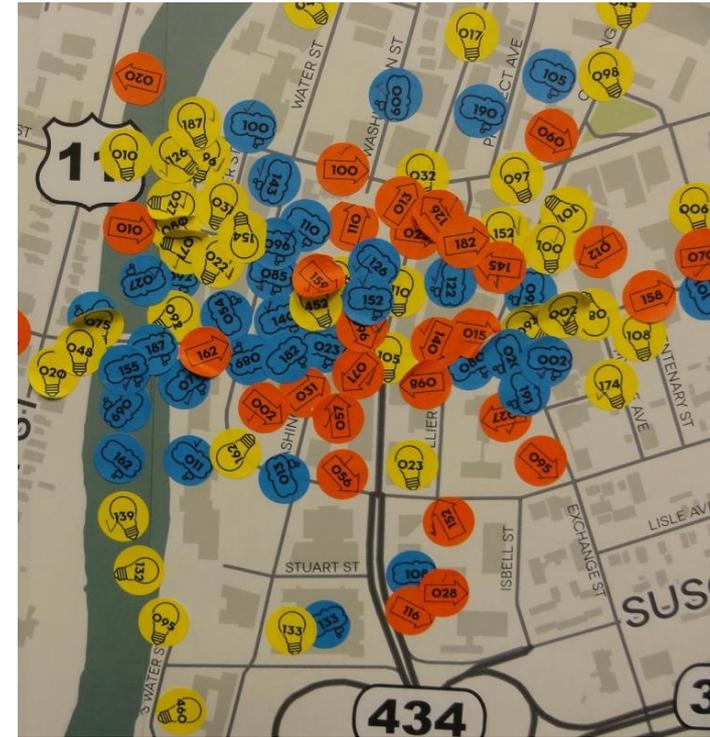
COLLABORATIVE MAP

DO YOU HAVE AN INSIGHT OR IDEA FOR A SPECIFIC PLACE IN BINGHAMTON?
TELL US WHAT IT IS AND SHOW US ON THE MAP!

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW MAPPING INSTRUCTIONS](#)



AND SEE WHAT
YOUR NEIGHBORS
ARE SAYING



The screenshot shows the Facebook page for 'North Kingstown Comprehensive Plan'. The page header includes the name and navigation options like 'Page', 'Messages', 'Notifications', and 'Publishing Tools'. The main content area features a cover photo of a waterfront scene and a post titled 'NEIGHBORHOOD TOURS' with a list of dates and locations: Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 5 PM (7366 Post Road), Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 1 PM (1007 Ten Rod Road), and Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 5 PM (55 Brown Street). The left sidebar shows a '100 Likes' milestone and an 'ABOUT' section with a post from the Town of North Kingstown.

The graphic design features a large stylized 'K' logo with 'NORTH' and 'KINGSTOWN' written diagonally across it. Below the logo, the text 'COMPREHENSIVE PLAN' is displayed. The design includes a background of wavy lines and a photograph of a waterfront. At the bottom, there are three horizontal bars with the following text: 'LIKE US ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES' with the URL 'www.facebook.com/NorthKingstownPlan', 'TAKE OUR RESIDENT SURVEY' with the URL 'http://bit.do/NKSurvey', and 'TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!'.

SPREAD THE WORD

POSTCARD > announcing the resident survey and web resources

FLYERS > announcing the public kick off, web resources, and major events

FACEBOOK PAGE > plan updates and peer to peer dialogue



THANK YOU!