

To our valued Providence County farmers, growers, and forest managers:

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Providence County Team and Northern Rhode Island Conservation District (NRICD) are both in periods of unprecedented growth and change. Many of our longtime conservation planners are moving on to new opportunities, promotions, and new careers, causing us to welcome new members to our planning team. At the same time, record amounts of federal conservation funding were received in the 2024 fiscal year. It remains our goal to get as much of this funding as we can to YOU our conservation-minded producers.

In the coming weeks, you may receive a call from a new planner, or realize that your previous planner has moved on to a new role. The Providence County leadership team remains unchanged, however, and we encourage you to reach out to us if you have a question and are unsure who to contact. Customer service is a priority for us, and we want you to receive timely answers to all questions you may have about your conservation work, applications, and contracts. Please feel free to contact:

**Kate Bousquet, USDA NRCS District Conservationist for Northern Rhode Island**

**Best contact for USDA NRCS contracts and applications**

**401-822-8814**

[kate.bousquet@usda.gov](mailto:kate.bousquet@usda.gov)

**OR**

**Molly Allard, NRICD District Manager**

**Best contact for Farm, Forest, and Open Space program and farm conservation plans as well as general questions**

**401-934-0840 ext. 2 (number cannot receive text)**

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Rhode Island's natural resources are a huge part of what makes it a great place to live, and we could not steward them without your help. We are grateful for our partner landowners and will continue to work to give you a positive customer service experience when you work with our offices. Thank you for being our partners in caring for our working lands.

Regards,

The Providence County Team