The value of Rhode Island’s network of historic parks, bikeways and other recreational facilities goes beyond providing beautiful places and scenic greenways for public enjoyment. This network is an important contributor to the state’s economy and ability to attract new people and businesses to Rhode Island. Each year, our parks generate jobs and revenue that support both state and local economies. Researchers at the University of Rhode Island collaborated with the R.I. Department of Environmental Management to conduct a study examining the economic impact of the 22 major recreational facilities under its management.

2016 SNAPSHOT:

- **9.4 MILLION VISITS**
- **$311.9 MILLION CONSUMER SPENDING**
- **$38.8 MILLION TAX REVENUE**
- **3,709 JOBS ANNUALLY**