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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**  
**DIVISION OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**  
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TO: RI Municipalities

RE: 2016 Rhode Island Recreation Acquisition & Development Grants

I am pleased to announce that the Department of Environmental Management will be accepting applications for Rhode Island Recreation Acquisition and Development Grants beginning February 19, 2016. Grants will provide up to 80% funding to municipalities to acquire, develop or renovate outdoor recreation facilities. Three grant programs will be available for application:

- 1.) Large Recreation Land Acquisition Grants: \$100,000 to \$400,000  
Requires a minimum 50% match;
- 2.) Large Recreation Development Grants: \$100,001 to \$400,000  
Requires a minimum 20% match which can be 100% In-kind services;
- 3.) Small Recreation Development Grants: Up to \$100,000  
Requires a minimum 20% match which can be 100% In-Kind services;

The application period for grant submissions will be from February 19, 2016 to May 27, 2016. The grant awards will be announced in summer 2016. All grant applications will be reviewed and scored by the Rhode Island Recreation Resources Review Committee (RRRC) according to the Rules and Regulations for the program. The highest scoring grant applications will be forwarded to the Director of the Department of Environmental Management for review and approval. The grants will be awarded from the Rhode Island Open Space Bond Authorizations of 2014.

Grant applications, rules and regulations and the application processes are available online at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bpoladm/plandev/grants.htm>. If you need additional information or assistance please contact me or Lisa McGreavy at 222-2776, Ext. 7611 or [lisa.mcgreavy@dem.ri.gov](mailto:lisa.mcgreavy@dem.ri.gov).

I am looking forward to working with you on improving and expanding recreation opportunities in your communities that can be enjoyed by all Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,

Lisa Primiano, Chief  
Division of Planning and Development