

## **RI WATER RESOURCES BOARD WANTS INPUT ON PLANS FOR FUTURE OF STATE'S WATER SUPPLY**

The RI Water Resource Board has convened an interdisciplinary workgroup to devise a water allocation strategy for the state. The group is exploring various facets of water supply, including water and sewer rate structures, priority uses during drought, water use reporting, regional growth planning, education and technical assistance for users. The goal is to create a future plan for Rhode Island's water resources that will maximize efficient water use for citizens and businesses, while conserving what is an increasingly valuable and shrinking commodity. Fresh water is a key factor in the daily life of all Rhode Islanders, and how it is used impacts everything from human health to the productivity of Narragansett Bay.

The Water Resources Board invites interested individuals and organizations to become involved in the decision-making process. The perspective of municipal officials, local planners, solicitors, major water users, private well owners and citizens groups is needed to create a comprehensive and balanced plan for the state's water supply. Meetings are typically held on the last Thursday of the month in various locations around the state.

For more information, contact the RI Water Resources Board at (401) 222-2217 or view the agency's website at [www.wrb.state.ri.us](http://www.wrb.state.ri.us).