



Petition to Bury Waterfront Power Lines: 1,000 Signatures from All 39 RI Cities & Towns

More than 1,000 people have signed the petition at www.friendsofindiapointpark.org to bury the high-voltage power lines on the Providence-East Providence waterfront. The petition calls on Governor Chafee, Providence Mayor Taveras, and East Providence Mayor Briden to “make every effort to complete the project” of burying the wires that “has been delayed far too long,” because “Both the Cities and the State need the economic and environmental benefits it will bring to the Capital Region for generations to come.”

STATEWIDE SUPPORT: Petition signers in every town in Rhode Island, representing a broad socio-economic spectrum, from Little Compton to Burrilville, have submitted 229 comments with the recurring themes that this project will improve the quality of life by beautifying public space on the waterfront for many generations of residents and visitors, increase property values, encourage economic development, reduce the risk of outages from storms, and foster tourism by upgrading the gateway to the City for travelers passing by on I-195.

Economic Benefits

- “This project will have a return on investment far beyond its costs. Not spending this money is penny wise and pound foolish....Time for Rhode Island to think big.” -- Donald B, Providence
- “This is a high profile area that should be used to its greatest potential as a welcome to Providence and scenic area that cannot be matched anywhere in the city.” -- Liz D, Providence
- “What a tremendous difference to the city of Annapolis once the power lines were buried. I wish the same for the residents of Rhode Island!” -- Mary Jane M, Dedham, MA
- “It is in these subtle ways that we improve property values and increase revenues. Burying lines is becoming more the norm so the existing ones are becoming even more apparent and ugly.” -- Sarah L, Cranston
- “Because this project makes sense. It has been funded, so what’s the problem?” -- Peter P, Cranston
- “Duh...” -- Pamela H, Pawtucket

Civic Benefits

- “Rhode Island has such amazing water views...they renew the spirit. Wherever possible, we need to keep the view clear...burying the lines will help.” -- Carol F, Portsmouth
- “Our city’s most scenic section should not look like an industrial area!” -- Rick R, Providence
- “This is a no-brainer. I can’t believe it is even a point of discussion. On the waterfront?! Come on!” -- Mary C, Providence
- “We only get to do this once. Let’s do it right! For now...and for the future generations.” -- Stephen B, Providence
- “If you promise something, follow through with it!” -- Kim D, North Providence
- “How we choose to construct the environments that we work, live, and socialize in says something very important about who we are as a community.” -- Jeff K, Providence

*For fact sheets, photos, a map, lists of supporters, & the petition, go to www.friendsofindiapointpark.org.
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Pie chart of petition signers by location on back.

The breakdown by location for 1,007 signatures as of mid-December, 2013:

