

Narrow River Preservation Association

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MAURY LOONTJENS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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Town Of Narragansett
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PROJECT HARLEQUIN

The Harlequin Duck Background

Purpose:

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The board contains the following content:

- Background Section:** A large text box with several paragraphs of text, partially obscured.
- Purpose Section:** A text box with several lines of text.
- Habitat Section:** A text box with several lines of text, accompanied by a small photograph of a duck.
- Section 1:** A text box with several lines of text, accompanied by a photograph of two ducks.
- Section 2:** A text box with several lines of text, accompanied by a photograph of a duck in a pond.
- Section 3:** A text box with several lines of text, accompanied by a photograph of a duck.
- Section 4:** A text box with several lines of text, accompanied by a photograph of a white dog.

A pink folder is hanging on the right side of the board.













Narrow River Watershed
14 square miles bordering Narrow River in Narragansett, North Kingtowns and South Kingtowns



NRPA Mission
To monitor, protect and preserve the quality of the natural environment and recreation within the Narrow River Watershed



Rich bio-diversity of animal and plant life



Narrow River



Education
The Active Watershed Education (AWE) Program is offered in staff in watershed area schools, while NRPA involvement in science fairs promotes environmental awareness of the river to Watershed area students



NRPA Publications
Our guide provides fundamental information on how to preserve and protect Narrow River. And our newsletter offers current environmental, scientific and historical information relevant to Narrow River



www.NarrowRiver.org
Visit the NRPA web site for the latest information about events and issues













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Narrow River Environment

Physiographic and Geologic Features

The physical form of the Narrow River Watershed was created by river and glacial processes primarily during the Tertiary and Quaternary Periods. The pre-glacial bedrock valley underlying much of the watershed is best seen today in the Tower Hill Ridgeline and in bedrock outcrops such as Treaty Rock and Gooseberry Island. Later glacial action deepened the valley and also deposited deep layers of glacial sediment, eventually forming the northern and southern watershed divides. The varied topography and freshwater drainage system in the northern watershed are results of glaciation, as are the upper ponds, in which river sand and gravel were deposited around ice blocks, which later melted to create the unusual depths in those ponds. In the southern watershed, as along much of the Block Island Sound coast of Rhode Island, glacial meltwater deposited large deltas into glacial lakes in the Sound. As the sea rose and entered the valley at the Narrows, a salinity gradient (that is, a progressive dilution of salt water with fresh water) extended into the previously freshwater river from the mouth to the north end of the upper pond, enabling a diverse wetlands and biota system.

Hydrology

The upper ponds have a number of unique physical and hydrologic features that are due to their forty to sixty foot depths. Although most of the Narrow River is too shallow for stratification or layering of salt and fresh water, salinity differentials by depth are apparent in the upper ponds, particularly in the summer. The ponds act as nutrient sinks — the anoxic conditions at the greater depths prevent normal use of or deterioration of the nutrients. In some years, climatic conditions may act to reduce stratification, by creating a turnover of the ponds and releasing nutrients as well as hydrogen sulfide — a cause of bad odor — from the deeper layers of the ponds.



W.E.R. La Farge

W.E.R. La Farge, poet, playwright and environmentalist, was born in New York City on June 24, 1930. In 1978, he began to live year-round at the River Farm, owned by his family since 1908.

preserving watersheds, farmland and public access to recreational and scenic areas. He believed that we are all stewards of the land, inextricably bound to it and to each other.

La Farge Point Park and the U.R.I. Rowing Center were once part of the River Farm. W.E.R. donated these parcels and permanently restricted development on his land through conservation easements. The value of the gift was used as matching funds, allowing the Narrow River Land Trust, with the assistance of The Champlin Foundations and the Nature Conservancy, to preserve additional land on the Upper Pond. In 1988, through the efforts of Senator John Chafee, the lower end of the estuary was designated as the Pettaquamscutt Cove National Wildlife Refuge (renamed the John H. Chafee National Wildlife Refuge in 1999).

W.E.R. died at home on October 27, 1994 and is buried at the River Farm. His poem reprinted here was inspired by the glacial estuary we call "Narrow River."



Earth's Song
 I lie alone
 remembering changes
 how sudden crystals grew
 from water falling
 in a cup in a rock
 surprising forms
 acids in a cup in a rock
 receiving lightning
 a cup in a rock receiving
 lightning
 I am here
 I lie alone
 no one completes me
 after lightning
 I bide my time

I hold my forms beyond
 surprising islands
 I lie alone
 remembering changes
 how grinding ice came down
 the slide of earth
 rub of rivers
 knuckles of trees cracking
 rocks
 receiving ice surprising
 cracking rocks receiving ice
 a tree of rivers sprang inside
 me

I am here
 I lie alone
 no one completes me
 after water
 I bide my time
 I hold my face beyond
 surprising rains
 by W.E.R. La Farge (1971)

La Farge Point Park

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NARROW RIVER PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION
Working to protect the natural, historic and scenic
values of the narrow river and its watershed.

NARROW RIVER TURNOVER
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NARROW RIVER
2008 ROAD RACE



Smash and Hope
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NATURE PRESERVE

FOOT TRAFFIC ONLY

PROHIBITED
ACTIVITIES:

- UNREGISTERED VEHICLES
- TRAILER SYSTEMS
- HUNTING, TRAPPING
- CAMPING, FIRE
- ROCKCLIMBING
- UNLICENSED SKI
- RETRIEVAL OF ANIMALS AT
RISK OF INJURY OR DEATH

















