VOTE

Voter Information Handbook

A Guide to State Referenda and Voting Procedures in Rhode Island

General Election
November 3, 2026

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Secretary of State

A Message from the Secretary

Dear Rhode Island Voter:

This year, the statewide election will be held on November 3. Candidates from all levels of government, from local to federal, are on the ballot, plus you'll have the opportunity to weigh in on important bond questions.

But you don't have to make your decisions in the voting booth – you can get prepared ahead of time. The RI Department of State is pleased to provide you with this voter guide in advance of the statewide election.

This guide contains information about the state questions you will see on your ballot in November. In addition to the statewide questions outlined in this guide, many communities will have local ballot questions. You can see those questions, as well as the candidate races in your community, in advance by previewing your sample ballot at vote.ri.gov, or get more information by contacting your local election officials - the board of canvassers in your city or town.

In Rhode Island, you have three ways to cast your ballot: by mail, early in-person, or on Election Day.

If you are voting by mail, be sure to submit your mail ballot application by Tuesday, October 13 and ensure your ballot is received by the State Board of Elections or safely deposited in a secure mail ballot drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Day (November 3). If you're mailing your ballot, be sure to get it in the mail at least seven days before Election Day.

Early voting will begin on October 14 and end at 4 p.m. on November 2. Your early voting location can be found online at vote.ri.gov or by contacting your local board of canvassers.

The polls will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. (except in New Shoreham, where polls open at 9 a.m.). Find your polling place online at vote.ri.gov.

If you're voting in person, whether early or on Election Day, be sure to bring an acceptable photo ID.

For more information about how to safely and securely cast your ballot, visit vote.ri.gov or contact the RI Department of State Elections Division at 401-222-2340.

If you need additional information, please call the voter information hotline by dialing 2-1-1 or TTY 711; visit us during normal business hours at 148 West River Street in Providence; or email us at elections@sos.ri.gov.

We are here to help.

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P.S. Be sure to follow us on X (@RISecState), on Facebook (RISecState), on Instagram (@RISecState), and on Bluesky (RISecState).

BE VOTER READY!

Preview a sample ballot

You can see a sample ballot by visiting the Voter Information Center at **vote.ri.gov.**

Bring a valid photo ID

Early and Election Day voting requires voters to show photo ID.

Make a plan

Find your early voting location, mail ballot drop box, or polling place online at **vote.ri.gov.**

OFFICIAL ELECTION MAILINGS

Official election mail will have this logo:

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What's in this guide

WARNING

Voter fraud is a felony and is punishable by a fine and/or a jail sentence. You must be a United States citizen and registered to vote from your actual place of residence.

Ways to Vote

VOTE BY MAIL

Voting by mail is a safe and easy option for those voters who do not want to vote in person.

Please note that accessible mail ballots are also offered. Contact the Department of State for more information.

Voters who complete their mail ballot application and return it, or apply online, by the deadline (***October 13, 2026 at 4 p.m.***) will have a mail ballot sent to them.

All mail ballot applications must be postmarked by October 13 at 4 p.m. and received within three days of that deadline.

VOTE EARLY

October 14 - November 2

- Call your local board of canvassers (see page 17) for voting hours, location, and accessible voting information.
- Preview your ballot at **vote.ri.gov**
- Bring a valid photo ID.

VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

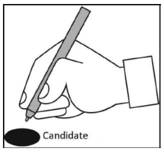
November 3

- Find your polling place and polling place hours at **vote.ri.gov**
- Preview your ballot at **vote.ri.gov**
- Bring a valid photo ID.

Voting by Mail

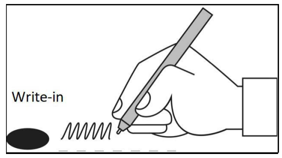
Voting by mail is a safe and secure option for voters who do not want to vote in person.

1 Vote your mail ballot



To mark your choice
Use a pen. Black ink preferred.
Fill in the oval to the left of your choice.

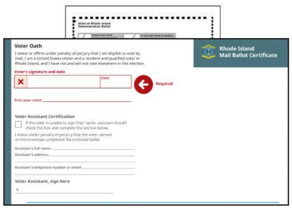
or



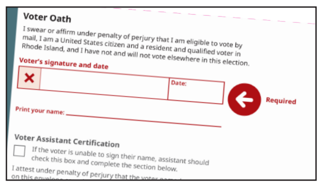
To vote for a write-in candidate
Use a pen. Black ink preferred.
Fill in the oval to the left of "Write-in" and print their name clearly.

Made a mistake when marking your ballot?
Contact the RI Department of State Elections Division to receive a replacement ballot.

2 Secure your mail ballot

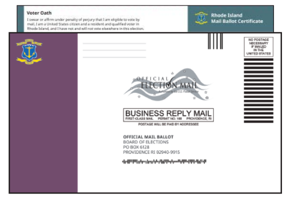


Place and seal your voted ballot into the **Voter's Mail Ballot Certificate Envelope.**



Sign and date the **Voter's Mail Ballot Certificate Envelope.**

If you are unable to sign your name, an assistant must complete the Voter Assistant Certification.



Place the **Voter's Mail Ballot Certificate Envelope** into the **Return Envelope.**

3 Return your mail ballot

By Mail

- Mail your ballot at least **7 days before Election Day** to ensure it is received in time.
- Your ballot must be received by **8 p.m. on Election Day.**

or

By Drop Box

- Drop your ballot off in a 24-hour elections drop box.
- Your ballot must be in an official elections drop box by **8 p.m. on Election Day.**

NOTE: All polling places will also have drop boxes for your voted mail ballot.

Visit **vote.ri.gov** or scan this QR code to find a drop box near you.

4 Track your mail ballot

- Sign up to track the status of your mail ballot at **vote.ri.gov**
- You will receive updates when your ballot is placed in the mail and when it is received by the Board of Elections for certification.
- **Questions about your returned ballot?** Contact the Board of Elections: 401-222-2345 or at elections.email@elections.ri.gov

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Trust That Your Vote Counts!

! Voting in person after applying for a mail ballot

Any person who applied for a mail ballot and attempts to vote at a polling place on Election Day will have to cast a provisional ballot.

Voting In Person

You have two options for voting in person.

EARLY VOTING PERIOD — **October 14 - November 2**

Vote in person at a location designated by your city or town during their regular business hours.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY — **November 3**

Vote in person at your polling place on Election Day.

Be voter ready!

- REVIEW YOUR BALLOT
- FIND YOUR VOTING PLACE
- BRING A VALID PHOTO ID

1 Check-in

› Provide your photo ID.
› Sign the electronic poll book.

The elections official will provide you with a ballot and a secrecy folder and direct you to a voting booth.

Don't forget - any voter can choose to use the ExpressVote.

Different address?

If you moved within the same city/town without updating your voter registration address, you will need to complete an affirmation form before voting.

Does your name not appear on the voter list, do you not have an acceptable form of photo ID, did you apply for a mail ballot, or is there another issue with your eligibility to vote?

You will be allowed to cast a provisional ballot on Election Day. This means that your vote may be counted by your local board of canvassers after Election Day.

2 Mark your ballot

Read the instructions at the top of the ballot.

Check both sides of the ballot.

Fill in the oval to the left of your choice(s).

Make a mistake marking your ballot?

Bring your ballot to an elections official and ask for a new ballot to start over.

3 Count your vote!

Remove your ballot from the secrecy folder and insert only your ballot into the voting machine.

Wear your "I VOTED" sticker!

Accessibility and Voting Assistance at the Polls

Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) is a federal law that requires every state to have voting systems that are accessible for individuals with disabilities. The law also requires voting systems that enable voters who are blind, visually impaired, or have print disabilities to cast their votes privately and independently in every election.

Under HAVA requirements, Rhode Island registered voters voting in person, either early or on Election Day, will have access to an accessible voting machine known as the ExpressVote.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The ADA protects people with disabilities from receiving unequal treatment within state and local government services, programs, and activities.

Under the ADA, all voting locations must have accessible parking, an accessible entrance, at least one handicapped-accessible voting booth, clear signage of accessible entrances and voting booths, good lighting, available seats for voters waiting to vote, and notepads to communicate in writing.

Additional provisions when voting in person

Below are additional protections for Rhode Island voters choosing to vote in person:

- All voting locations must be equipped with a sheet magnifier to assist voters who are visually impaired.
- Voters who are over 65 years of age or disabled must be allowed to use the seated voting booth.
- Voters who have a medical disability which would cause the voter to experience severe discomfort by standing in line will be allowed to move to the front of the line.
- Voters who need assistance may ask election officials for help at any time, even after entering the voting booth.
- Any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a pair of poll workers or a person of the voter's choice. The voter's employer or agent of that employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union, ARE PROHIBITED from providing assistance.

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If the polling place you are assigned to is inaccessible, you should immediately notify your local board of canvassers and they will arrange an alternate means for you to cast your vote.

Mark your ballot with the ExpressVote

1

INSERT CARD

A poll worker will give you a ballot card.

Insert the card into the ExpressVote machine.

2

MAKE SELECTIONS

Make selections by touching the screen or using the key pad and headphones to hear the choices and make selections.

3

REVIEW AND PRINT

Review all selections on the summary screen. Once your selections are confirmed, press "Print Card." You can review your choices on your printed ballot, or reinsert the card to have your selections read back to you.

4

INSERT YOUR BALLOT

Insert your ballot into the voting machine.

State Bond Referenda Questions

Referenda Questions 1 – 5 involve authorizing the State to borrow money through bonds and temporary notes to make capital investments **(Chapter 084 Public Laws 2026).**

What is a bond?

A bond is like a mortgage or loan. Just like people might borrow money to get an education or buy a home, the State is asking to borrow money from a lender with the promise to pay it back over time with interest. These questions are asking you for permission to borrow and invest in different areas of our state.

Here is a table of the bond proposals and their associated costs including principal and interest. Just as with a mortgage or loan, the total cost includes the principal amount borrowed and the amount of interest paid over the term of the bond. The total cost also includes any fees, printing, or underwriting expenses associated with issuing the bonds.

STATE BOND QUESTIONS	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL COSTS
1. Higher Education Facilities	$275,000,000	$166,333,250	$441,333,250
2. Housing and Homeownership	$120,000,000	$72,586,000	$192,586,000
3. Economic Development	$100,000,000	$60,483,750	$160,483,750
4. Cultural Economy	$50,000,000	$30,242,500	$80,242,500
5. Green Economy Bonds	$55,000,000	$33,267,500	$88,267,500
TOTAL BORROWING COSTS FOR ALL REFERENDA	$600,000,000	$362,913,000	$962,913,000

The total costs above are only estimates based on 20-year loans and an interest rate of 5%.

On the ballot, you will be asked:

"Shall the act passed by the General Assembly at the January 2026 session, allowing the State of Rhode Island to issue bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes to pay for the projects listed below, be approved, and the State be allowed to issue these bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes as outlined in the law?"

The following pages provide more information about each of the bond questions including their total estimated cost and project timetable. These estimated costs assume the bonds are gradually paid off with level payments over a 20-year period.

About Question 1:

What it will look like on the ballot:

1. HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES - $275,000,000

For capital improvements to higher education facilities, to be allocated as follows:

a. University of Rhode Island Integrated Health Building - $165,000,000

b. Rhode Island College Adams Library Renovations - $50,000,000

c. Community College of Rhode Island Workforce Innovation Center - $60,000,000

⬭ **Approve**

⬭ **Reject**

Approve

Your vote to "Approve" means that you support the State issuing $275,000,000 in general obligation bonds for improvements to higher education facilities.

Reject

Your vote to "Reject" means that you are against the State issuing $275,000,000 in general obligation bonds for improvements to higher education facilities.

Explanation and purpose of Question 1:

a) University of Rhode Island - Integrated Health Building - $165,000,000

Approval of this bond will provide one hundred and sixty-five million dollars ($165,000,000) to design and construct a new facility and associated infrastructure at the University of Rhode Island's Kingston Campus, which will significantly advance health education, clinical training, and workforce development. The Integrated Health Building will meet the growing demand for highly trained healthcare professionals and facilitate greater interdisciplinary collaboration across URI's health-related disciplines. It aligns with URI's commitment to health innovation, workforce development, and economic growth and will strengthen the state's healthcare workforce pipeline.

b) Rhode Island College - Adams Library Renovations - $50,000,000

Approval of this bond will provide fifty million dollars ($50,000,000) to finance the construction of a student success and career readiness center and renovations to the Adams Library. This project will reimagine the role of the college's central library into a modern hub for career readiness and academic achievement, helping to improve student outcomes, increase retention and completion rates, and accelerate pathways to employment.

c) Community College of Rhode Island - Workforce Innovation Center - $60,000,000

Approval of this bond will provide sixty million dollars ($60,000,000) to construct the Community College of Rhode Island Workforce Innovation Center at the Knight Campus in Warwick. The Workforce Innovation Center will serve as a centralized hub for workforce education and training, increasing Rhode Island's capacity to prepare students and workers for high-demand careers in advanced manufacturing, construction and the skilled trades, healthcare, information technology and cybersecurity, clean energy, transportation and logistics, and other growing industries. The facility will provide modern classrooms, specialized laboratories, and hands-on training spaces developed in partnership with employers to help address workforce shortages, expand career education opportunities, and strengthen Rhode Island's economy.

How much money will be borrowed?

$275,000,000

Project timetable:

a) University of Rhode Island Integrated Health Building construction is expected to be completed and the project ready for use in 2031.

b) Rhode Island College Adams Library renovation is expected to be completed and the project ready for use in 2030.

c) The Community College of Rhode Island Workforce Innovation Center construction is expected to commence in 2028. Construction is anticipated to be completed in 2030.

Useful life:

a) The University of Rhode Island estimates that the useful life of the Integrated Health Building will be approximately 50 years.

b) Rhode Island College estimates that the useful life of the renovated Adams Library building will be approximately 50 years.

c) The Community College of Rhode Island estimates that the useful life of the Workforce Innovation Center will be approximately 75 years.

Total cost:

PROJECT COSTS		COST OF ISSUANCE*		TOTAL PROJECT AND ISSUANCE COSTS		
Principal	**Interest****	**Principal**	**Interest****	**Principal**	**Interest****	**Total Costs**
$273,900,000	$165,667,917	$1,100,000	$665,333	$275,000,000	$166,333,250	$441,333,250

** Cost of issuance estimated at 0.4% of principal issued.*
*** Assumes an interest rate of 5%, with bonds amortized with level payments over 20 years.*

About Question 2:

What it will look like on the ballot:

2. HOUSING AND HOMEOWNERSHIP - $120,000,000

To increase and preserve the availability of affordable and accessible housing to meet the needs of all Rhode Islanders and support community revitalization through the redevelopment of existing structures, new construction, property acquisition, and infrastructure improvements. Of this amount, at least twenty-five million dollars ($25,000,000) shall be allocated towards increasing production of housing intended for homeownership and up to ten million dollars ($10,000,000) may be used to support a program for public housing development.

⬭ **Approve**

⬭ **Reject**

Approve

Your vote to "Approve" means that you support the State issuing $120,000,000 in general obligation bonds to increase housing and homeownership.

Reject

Your vote to "Reject" means that you are against the State issuing $120,000,000 in general obligation bonds to increase housing and homeownership.

Explanation and purpose of Question 2:

Approval of this bond will provide one hundred and twenty million dollars ($120,000,000) to increase housing availability and supply, revitalize communities, and promote affordable homeownership. New construction and renovation of existing buildings will increase and preserve housing affordability.

How much money will be borrowed?

$120,000,000

Project timetable:

Housing production and redevelopment projects are expected to begin by 2028 and are estimated to be completed between 2029 and 2032.

Useful life:

The useful life of the redeveloped and/or newly constructed housing is estimated to be a minimum of 30 years.

Total cost:

PROJECT COSTS		COST OF ISSUANCE*	
Principal	**Interest****	**Principal**	**Interest****
$119,520,000	$72,295,656	$480,000	$290,344

TOTAL PROJECT AND ISSUANCE COSTS		
Principal	**Interest****	**Total Costs**
$120,000,000	$72,586,000	$192,586,000

** Cost of issuance estimated at 0.4% of principal issued.*

*** Assumes an interest rate of 5%, with bonds amortized with level payments over 20 years.*

About Question 3:

What it will look like on the ballot:

3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - $100,000,000

To fund site development and growth industry infrastructure for economic development purposes, to be allocated as follows:

a. Site Development - $55,000,000

b. Growth Industry Infrastructure - $45,000,000

⬭ **Approve**

⬭ **Reject**

Approve

Your vote to "Approve" means that you support the State issuing $100,000,000 in general obligation bonds for economic development purposes.

Reject

Your vote to "Reject" means that you are against the State issuing $100,000,000 in general obligation bonds for economic development purposes.

Explanation and purpose of Question 3:

a) Site Development - $55,000,000

Approval of this bond will provide fifty-five million dollars ($55,000,000) to support land acquisition or assembly, environmental remediation, infrastructure and utility installation, site preparation or development, and project investments. Eligible uses include, but are not limited to, large-scale industrial site development, improvements within the Quonset Business Park, and land acquisition, preparation, and project investments within the I-195 District.

b) Growth Industry Infrastructure - $45,000,000

Approval of this bond will provide forty-five million dollars ($45,000,000) to support infrastructure, facilities, projects, and investments related to Rhode Island's ocean, defense, life sciences, data analytics/cybersecurity, and related industries. Eligible uses include, but are not limited to, water-based test ranges, onshore ocean- or defense-related innovation and production facilities, and investments that advance businesses and job growth in the life sciences.

How much money will be borrowed?

$100,000,000

Project timetable:

Projects funded by this bond are anticipated to begin in mid to late 2027 with many being undertaken within five years.

Useful life:

The useful life of projects is estimated to be a minimum of 50 years.

Total cost:

PROJECT COSTS		COST OF ISSUANCE*	
Principal	**Interest****	**Principal**	**Interest****
$99,600,000	$60,241,815	$400,000	$241,935

TOTAL PROJECT AND ISSUANCE COSTS		
Principal	**Interest****	**Total Costs**
$100,000,000	$60,483,750	$160,483,750

** Cost of issuance estimated at 0.4% of principal issued.*
*** Assumes an interest rate of 5%, with bonds amortized with level payments over 20 years.*

About Question 4:

What it will look like on the ballot:

4. CULTURAL ECONOMY - $50,000,000

To provide funding for cultural economy efforts, to be allocated as follows:

a. State History Center - $45,000,000

b. State Preservation Grants Program - $5,000,000

⬭ **Approve**

⬭ **Reject**

Approve

Your vote to "Approve" means that you support the State issuing $50,000,000 in general obligation bonds for cultural economy efforts.

Reject

Your vote to "Reject" means that you are against the State issuing $50,000,000 in general obligation bonds for cultural economy efforts.

Explanation and purpose of Question 4:

a) State History Center - $45,000,000

Approval of this bond will provide forty-five million dollars ($45,000,000) to construct a cultural and educational destination within the State government complex in Providence. The State History Center will have exhibit space for some of Rhode Island's most treasured historic documents, as well as a state-of-the-art space for storage of the most valuable documents and objects currently being held at the State Archives. To promote civic education and engagement, the State History Center will have a multi-purpose space ideal for interactive learning.

b) State Preservation Grants Program - $5,000,000

Approval of this bond will provide five million dollars ($5,000,000) for the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission to continue to administer multiple annual cycles of the State Preservation Grants Program. These grants provide funding to cities, towns, and nonprofit organizations to preserve, renovate, and improve public and nonprofit historic sites, museums, and cultural art centers located in historic structures and heritage museums throughout the state of Rhode Island.

How much money will be borrowed?

$50,000,000

Project timetable:

a) The State History Center construction is expected to be completed and the project ready for use by fall 2030.

b) Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission bond proceeds will be made available beginning in 2027 and are expected to be awarded in annual grant cycles over three to five years.

Useful life:

a) The State History Center's estimated useful life will be approximately 50 years.

b) While each facility and project differs, the Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission grants will help to keep the properties in good repair and open to the public for at least 20 years.

Total cost:

PROJECT COSTS		COST OF ISSUANCE*	
Principal	**Interest****	**Principal**	**Interest****
$49,800,000	$30,121,530	$200,000	$120,970

TOTAL PROJECT AND ISSUANCE COSTS		
Principal	**Interest****	**Total Costs**
$50,000,000	$30,242,500	$80,242,500

** Cost of issuance estimated at 0.4% of principal issued.*

*** Assumes an interest rate of 5%, with bonds amortized with level payments over 20 years.*

About Question 5:

What it will look like on the ballot:

5. GREEN ECONOMY BONDS - $55,000,000

For environmental and recreational purposes, to be allocated as follows:

a. Brownfields Remediation and Economic Development - $3,000,000

b. Facility Improvements - $12,000,000

c. Local Recreation Projects - $1,000,000

d. Marine Infrastructure Development - $1,000,000

e. Resilient Rhody Infrastructure Fund - $25,000,000

f. Narragansett Bay Watershed Restoration - $7,000,000

g. Agricultural Land Preservation Commission - $3,000,000

h. Open Space Program - $3,000,000

⬭ **Approve**

⬭ **Reject**

Approve

Your vote to "Approve" means that you support the State issuing $55,000,000 in general obligation bonds for environmental and recreational purposes.

Reject

Your vote to "Reject" means that you are against the State issuing $55,000,000 in general obligation bonds for environmental and recreational purposes.

Explanation and purpose of Question 5:

Approval of this bond will provide fifty-five million dollars ($55,000,000) to allow the State to invest in improving the environment and public recreation facilities. The $55,000,000 will be allocated as outlined below to remediate contaminated brownfield sites, improve facilities at State parks, beaches, and campgrounds, support local outdoor recreation projects, develop marine infrastructure such as public boat launches, improve the state's resilience to extreme weather and natural disasters, improve water quality in Narragansett Bay and the state's watersheds, protect working farmland, and conserve open space.

Specifically, approval of this question will provide:

a) Brownfields Remediation and Economic Development - $3,000,000 for the cleanup of former industrial or commercial "brownfield" sites that may be contaminated by hazardous waste or other environmental pollution. Funding is used to provide matching grants to public, private, and/or non-profit entities for brownfield remediation projects that bring sites back into productive use, return them to tax rolls, create jobs, and revitalize neighborhoods.

b) Facility Improvements - $12,000,000 for major capital improvements to facilities at State parks, beaches, and campgrounds. Facility improvements include new and upgraded visitor centers and restrooms, campsite enhancements, and infrastructure improvements.

c) Local Recreation Projects - $1,000,000 for the Outdoor Recreation Grant Program to award matching grants to municipalities to develop or rehabilitate local public outdoor recreational facilities such as parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields, and to acquire land for public recreational facilities.

d) Marine Infrastructure Development - $1,000,000 for improvements to public marine infrastructure such as boat launches and docks.

e) Resilient Rhody Infrastructure Fund - $25,000,000 to provide financial assistance to local governmental units for restoring and/or improving resiliency of infrastructure, vulnerable coastal habitats, and restoring river and stream floodplains. These funds will be prioritized to leverage federal, state, and local funds to support local programs to improve community resiliency, stormwater abatement and public safety in the face of increased flooding, major storm events, and environmental degradation.

f) Narragansett Bay Watershed Restoration - $7,000,000 for matching grants to public and private entities to complete projects that restore and protect the water quality, aquatic habitats, and the environmental sustainability of Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island's watersheds. The investments will advance work toward clean and safe waters for drinking water, shellfishing, recreation, commerce, and other valued uses. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, improved stormwater management, green infrastructure, riparian buffer enhancement, aquatic habitat restoration including control of aquatic invasive plants, nonpoint pollution abatement projects, and flood mitigation projects that reduce long-term flooding risks while enhancing ecological functioning of ecosystems.

g) Agricultural Land Preservation Commission - $3,000,000 for the State to help protect Rhode Island's working farms through the Agricultural Land Preservation Commission.

h) Open Space Program - $3,000,000 for the State Land Acquisition Program allowing the State to acquire fee simple interest or conservation easements to open space, farmland, watershed, and recreation lands. The State would invest these funds in the preservation of iconic, scenic, and sensitive natural, agricultural, and recreational resources. The funds will be used to provide opportunities for Rhode Islanders and visitors to enjoy nature, hike, fish, and hunt. Funds are matched by federal, local, and non-profit sources, typically with each State dollar being matched by three other dollars.

How much money will be borrowed?

$55,000,000

Project timetable:

Most projects will be completed within five years of their commencement.

Useful life:

The useful life of projects varies depending on the project, but most projects will have a useful life of 25 to 50 years. The useful life of open space or farmland conserved is permanent.

Total cost:

PROJECT COSTS		COST OF ISSUANCE*		TOTAL PROJECT AND ISSUANCE COSTS		
Principal	Interest**	Principal	Interest**	Principal	Interest**	Total Costs
$54,780,000	$33,134,430	$220,000	$133,070	$55,000,000	$33,267,500	$88,267,500

** Cost of issuance estimated at 0.4% of principal issued.*
*** Assumes an interest rate of 5%, with bonds amortized with level payments over 20 years.*

Definitions of Terms

BONDS
A bond is written evidence of the State's obligation to repay money it has borrowed with interest at specified rates and maturity dates.

CAPITAL INVESTMENTS
Money spent on capital assets, or items designed to last more than one year, are considered capital investments. These assets may include buildings, land, roads, and even information technology systems.

ELECTRONIC POLL BOOK
The iPads at each polling place that contain the list of registered voters. Poll workers use the electronic poll books to check voters in before voting.

EXPRESSVOTE
An accessible voting unit that can read, mark, and print a ballot card for the voter. This allows voters with reading, vision, and other disabilities to mark their ballot independently.

FISCAL YEAR
A fiscal year is a period of twelve consecutive months which serves as an accounting period for financial reporting purposes. The State's fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND
A general obligation bond is a bond which is secured by the full faith and credit and taxing power of the State.

INFRASTRUCTURE
Infrastructure systems, such as public transit, education, water, and telecommunications systems, are the basic physical facilities and organizational structures needed for the operation of a municipality or state.

ISSUING BONDS
To "issue" bonds means to sell, deliver, and receive payment for bonds. The State generally issues bonds for particular projects upon determining the amount of cash necessary to implement such projects.

PROVISIONAL VOTING
Provisional voting is a process to ensure that all registered voters are allowed to participate on Election Day. These qualified voters will be allowed to cast the same ballot as all others; however, the disposition (full ballot, federal offices only, or disqualified) of that ballot will be determined by the voter's local board of canvassers. The voter may learn the disposition of the ballot by visiting elections.ri.gov or by calling the State Board of Elections at 401-222-2345.

REFERENDUM
The Rhode Island Constitution requires voters directly make certain decisions instead of the General Assembly. A referendum is the way our legislative body (the General Assembly or town or city council) asks voters to make those decisions on proposals such as constitutional amendments, long-term borrowings like bonds, special laws affecting some cities and towns (like municipal charters), or the expansion of gambling.

The referendum is always asked as a question for voters to approve or reject. Referenda is the plural form of the word referendum.

REFUNDING BONDS
Sometimes, after bonds have been issued by the State, interest rates fall and make it cheaper to refinance existing debt. When that is the case, the State asks voters to approve the issuance of refunding bonds. This means that the State can refinance existing bonds at lower interest rates by calling in and paying off the existing bonds and refinancing them at lower interest rates. When the State issues refunding bonds, it is a similar action as when individuals refinance a mortgage – both save money.

USEFUL LIFE
The period of time an asset is expected to be usable for the purpose it was acquired, built, or established. It is good financial practice to issue bonds for projects with a long useful life.

VOTING ASSISTANCE
A poll worker will explain how to mark your ballot if you ask. The cover of the secrecy folder and the inside wall of the voting booth will also contain instructions on how to mark your ballot.

Per State law, anyone can assist the voter unless they are the voter's employer or agent of that employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union.

You can request the assistance of a bipartisan pair of poll workers. Federal and state laws allow voters who are blind, disabled, or unable to read or write to bring a person of their choice into the voting booth. The poll worker will have an affidavit that must be completed.

An ExpressVote unit is available at all early voting locations and polling places.

Voters casting a ballot by mail who are unable to sign their name may be aided by a Voter Assistant, who must complete the Voter Assistant Certification.

Local Boards of Canvassers

Barrington Town Hall
283 County Rd. 02806
401-247-1900 x301

Bristol Town Hall
10 Court St. 02809
401-253-7000

Burrillville Town Hall
105 Harrisville Main St.
Harrisville 02830
401-568-4300 x132

Central Falls City Hall
580 Broad St. 02863
401-727-7450

Charlestown Town Hall
4540 South County Trl. 02813
401-364-1200

Coventry Town Hall
1670 Flat River Rd. 02816
401-822-9150

Cranston City Hall
869 Park Ave. 02910
401-780-3121

Cumberland Town Hall
45 Broad St. 02864
401-728-2400 x131

East Greenwich Town Hall
125 Main St.
P.O. Box 111 02818
401-886-8603

East Providence City Hall
145 Taunton Ave. 02914
401-435-7502

Exeter Town Hall
675 Ten Rod Rd. 02822
401-294-2287

Foster Town Hall
181 Howard Hill Rd. 02825
401-392-9201

Glocester Town Hall
1145 Putnam Pike
P.O. Box B, Chepachet 02814
401-568-6206 x0

Hopkinton Town Hall
1 Town House Rd. 02833
401-377-7777

Jamestown Town Hall
93 Narragansett Ave. 02835
401-423-9801

Johnston Town Hall
1385 Hartford Ave. 02919
401-553-8856

Lincoln Town Hall
100 Old River Rd.
P.O. Box 100 02865
401-333-1140

Little Compton Town Hall
40 Commons
P.O. Box 226 02837
401-635-4400

Middletown Town Hall
350 East Main Rd. 02842
401-849-5540

Narragansett Town Hall
25 Fifth Ave. 02882
401-782-0625

Newport City Hall
43 Broadway 02840
401-845-5384

New Shoreham Town Hall
16 Old Town Rd.
P.O. Box 220 02807
401-466-3200

North Kingstown Town Hall
100 Fairway Dr. 02852
401-268-1552

North Providence Town Hall
2000 Smith St. 02911
401-232-0900 x1230

North Smithfield Town Hall
83 Greene St. 02896
401-767-2200 x504

Pawtucket City Hall
137 Roosevelt Ave. 02860
401-722-1637

Portsmouth Town Hall
2200 East Main Rd. 02871
401-683-3157

Providence City Hall
25 Dorrance St. Rm. 102 02903
401-680-5525

Richmond Town Hall
5 Richmond Townhouse Rd.
Wyoming 02898
401-539-9000 x9

Scituate Town Hall
195 Danielson Pike
N. Scituate 02857
401-647-7466

Smithfield Town Hall
64 Farnum Pike, 02917
401-233-1000 x111

South Kingstown Town Hall
180 High St.
Wakefield 02879
401-789-9331 x1231

Tiverton Town Hall
343 Highland Rd. 02878
401-625-6703

Warren Town Hall
514 Main St. 02885
401-245-7340 x4

Warwick City Hall
3275 Post Rd. 02886
401-738-2010

West Greenwich Town Hall
280 Victory Hwy. 02817
401-392-3800 x100

West Warwick Town Hall
1170 Main St. 02893
401-822-9201

Westerly Town Hall
45 Broad St. 02891
401-348-2503

Woonsocket City Hall
169 Main St.
P.O. Box B 02895
401-767-9223

State Board of Elections

2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston, RI 02921
401-222-2345

Disability Rights Rhode Island

220 Toll Gate Rd., Suite A, Warwick, RI 02886
401-831-3150

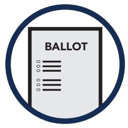
Your Voting Plan Checklist

I am voting:

☐ By Mail

☐ Early

☐ On Election Day at my polling place



REVIEW YOUR BALLOT

FIND YOUR VOTING PLACE

BRING A VALID PHOTO ID

Remember, your vote is private and you do not need to share it with anyone.

Federal

U.S. Senator

U.S. Representative

State

Governor

Lt. Governor

Secretary of State

Attorney General

General Treasurer

State Senator

State Representative

Local

Local Office

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Questions

Question 1	⬭ Approve	⬭ Reject
Question 2	⬭ Approve	⬭ Reject
Question 3	⬭ Approve	⬭ Reject
Question 4	⬭ Approve	⬭ Reject
Question 5	⬭ Approve	⬭ Reject