

Media Release by Narragansett Bay Commission:  
Detours on Woonasquatucket Bike Path to begin September 25

On September 25, the Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) will begin work along the Woonasquatucket River Greenway Bike Path for Phase II of Commission's Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Abatement Program.

The Woonasquatucket River Greenway Bike Path will be detoured from September 25 through February 2013 to accommodate construction work on a new sewer pipeline that will help keep Narragansett Bay and the Woonasquatucket River clean.

The NBC is redirecting the 19 combined sewer overflow pipes that flow directly to the Woonasquatucket River to the 65-million gallon, 300-ft deep CSO tunnel built in Phase I of the project. Currently when Providence experiences heavy rain, stormwater mixed with sewage (aka, combined sewage) flows directly into the Woonasquatucket River. Phase II of NBC's CSO the project redirects the combined sewage to the tunnel and later to the Field's point Wastewater Treatment Facility where it is treated and then released into Narragansett Bay. Thanks to Phase I of the Narragansett Bay Commission's CSO project, more than 3 billion gallons of sewage already has been prevented from flowing into Narragansett Bay. Phase II will help make our waters even cleaner.

The bike path will remain open on Saturday, September 24th for the 2nd Annual Woony River Ride, a fundraiser for the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council. Go to [wrc.org](http://wrc.org) for details.

The detour is approximately three-quarters of a mile and well-marked by signage. The detour access points are Sheridan Street and the Manton Avenue Gateway located just west of Glenbridge Avenue. [Click here for a map.](#)

The Narragansett Bay Commission appreciates your patience during this time. You can get daily updates of construction by following the Narragansett Bay Commission on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/narrabay> .

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