

# City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER 2003-27

No. 279

### AN ORDINANCE

IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 27 OF  
THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE ENTITLED " THE CITY OF  
PROVIDENCE ZONING ORDINANCE" APPROVED JUNE 27, 1994, AS AMENDED.  
(Creation of Conservation District)

Approved May 2, 2003

### *Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

Section 1: Chapter 27 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance" approved June 27, 1994, as amended, is hereby amended by changing the following text in Articles 1, 3, 4 and 10, and Appendix A (the text to be removed is crossed out; the new text is underlined):

#### 101.6 – Open Space, ~~and~~ Public Space and Conservation Zoning Districts:

OS - Open Space District - This zone is to insure that open space areas, conservation areas and outdoor recreation areas are preserved in the city. This district includes parks, wetlands, flood plains, conservation areas and areas that cannot be developed.

PS - Public Space Areas - This zone is to insure that open space areas and areas for public buildings and facilities are preserved in the City. This district includes park and recreation areas, public buildings and schools.

CD - Conservation District - This zone is to insure that city-owned conservation areas are preserved.

Add a column to Table of Use Regulations in Section 303 for the CD classification and add: "Use Code 36.1- Conservation Area" and a "Y" under the new column CD. No other uses would be permitted.

#### Add: "Section 424 – Regulations for Conservation Districts

Conservation Districts shall be maintained pursuant to a management plan for the district approved by the Board of Park Commissioners. The management plan shall be consistent with the following regulations.

#### 424.1 – Permitted Uses in Conservation Districts:

- A) passive enjoyment of the woodlands, rivers, streams, ponds and foot trails
- B) protection and maintenance, including restoration as needed, of the natural woodlands for the safety and enjoyment of the residents of the City
- C) maintenance and restoration of the foot trails that run through the woodlands and scenic views from the foot trails

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IN CITY COUNCIL  
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FIRST READING  
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ORDINANCES

Michael R. Clement  
Clerk

THE COMMITTEE ON

Ordinances

Recommendations -

Ann M. Stets  
CLERK

2-25-03 - Schedule P. Hearing  
3-19-03 - P. Hrg held

THE COMMITTEE ON  
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Approves Passage  
The Written Consent of

Ann M. Stets

3-19-03

Councilwoman Williams, By Request

- D) maintenance and restoration of the vegetation, with occasional thinning and appropriate additional planting, and protection of the banks of rivers, streams, ponds and coastal areas to prevent erosion
- E) limited dredging of rivers, ponds and coastal areas for restoration purposes;
- F) maintenance and restoration of streams, rivers, ponds and wetlands
- G) protection and encouragement of wildlife natural to the area
- H) placement and maintenance of benches and trash receptacles for the enjoyment and health of the users of the urban forest
- I) fishing (unless otherwise prohibited)
- J) such other uses as are consistent therewith

424.1 –Uses Not Permitted in Conservation Districts:

- A) placement or construction of any buildings or structures, including fenced enclosures for domestic or other animals, or other improvements of any kind that are unrelated to the preservation and maintenance of the urban forest;
- B) development of the urban forest in any manner other than to restore or maintain the foot trails, woodlands, rivers, ponds and coastal areas;
- C) all vehicles, including motorcycles, motorized bicycles, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, except police, emergency and maintenance vehicles;
- D) ditching, draining, diking, filling, excavating, dredging, mining or drilling, removal of topsoil, sand, gravel, rock, minerals, or other materials, or any building or roads or change in the topography of the land in any manner, except to restore or maintain the health of the woodlands, foot trails, rivers, streams, ponds and coastal areas;
- E) removal, destruction, or cutting of trees or plants, except as is necessary for maintenance or required to construct foot trails pursuant to a management plan;
- F) use of fertilizers, spraying with biocides and introduction of non-native plants and animals, except as may be authorized by a management plan;
- G) dumping or storing of ashes, trash, garbage, wastes, refuse, debris or other materials, and the changing of the topography through the placement of solid or other substances or materials such as land fill or dredging spoils, except to restore or maintain the health of the woodlands or rivers, streams or ponds in accordance with a management plan;
- H) activities on areas adjoining the district that will adversely affect the woodlands, rivers, streams, ponds and wetlands, including erosion or siltation of same.”

**Article X - Definitions**

Add: “1000.155- Conservation Area: An area consisting of woodlands, rivers, streams, ponds, wetlands, floodplains and other sensitive natural areas that shall be preserved in its natural scenic and ecological condition.

**Appendix A**

Add: “36.1 Conservation Area  
See Definition at 1000.155”

Section 2: Chapter 27 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled “The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance” approved June 27, 1994, as amended, is further amended by changing the zoning district designation of certain lots of certain Zoning District Maps of the Official Zoning Maps as follows and as shown on the accompanying map(s):

Map 41, Lots 14 (except for the developed playground at the corner of Angell and Paterson Streets, a rectangle measuring 200 feet east of this corner along Angell Street and 275 feet south of this corner along Paterson Street), 142, 143 and 234, from OS to CD  
Map 40, Lot 293, from OS to CD

Map 111, Lots 1, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, from OS to CD

Section 3: This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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Michael R. Clement

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FINAL READING  
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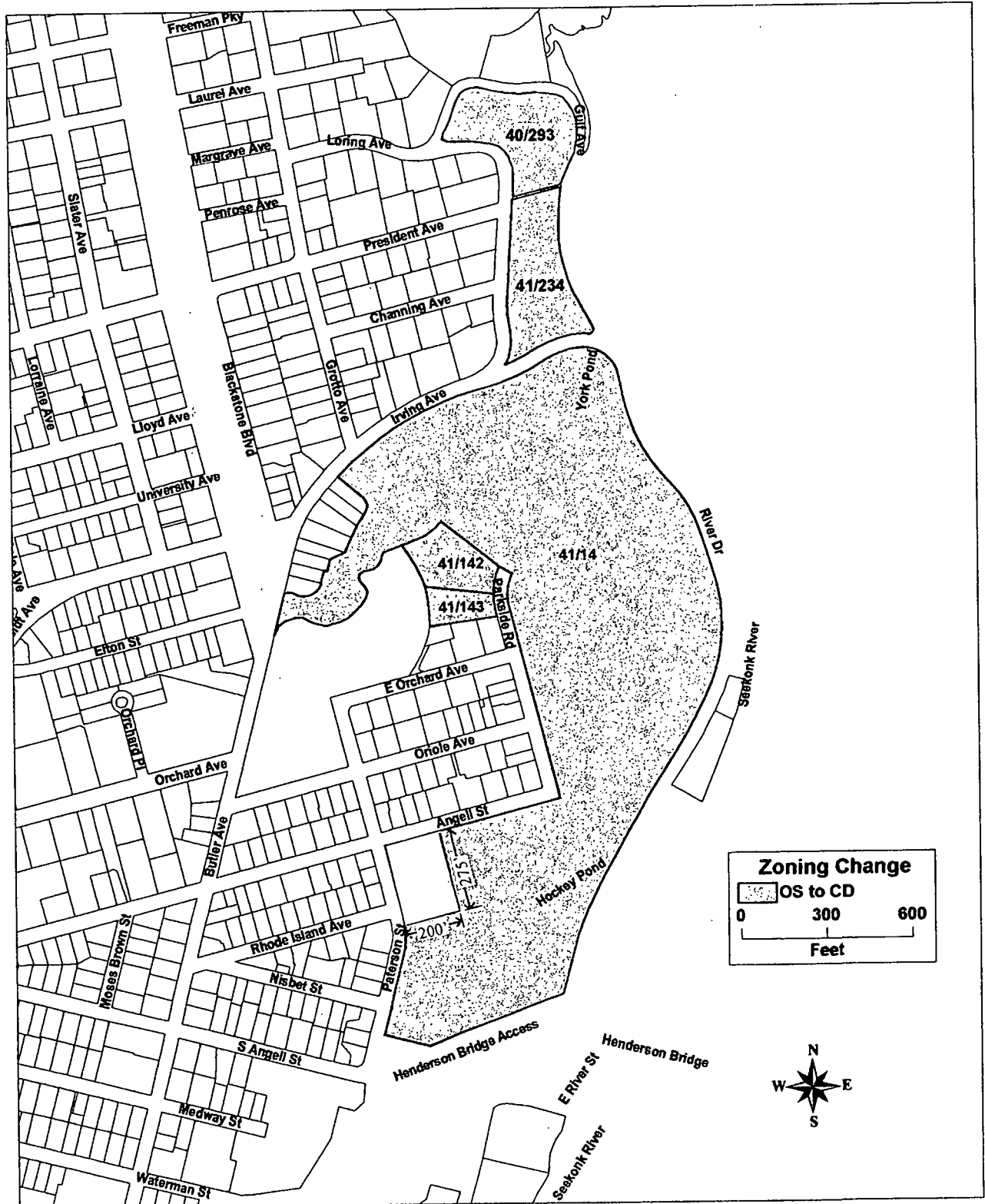
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MAYOR

5/2/03

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## Open Space to Conservation District



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