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EPA Reminds Public to Use Woonasquatucket River Responsibly

BOSTON – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reminds residents of North Providence, Johnston, and Providence, and the public to use the Woonasquatucket River responsibly and to follow the *Do's & Don't's for the Woonasquatucket River*. This includes:

- not eating fish, turtles, eels or plants from the Woonasquatucket River;
- not wading in the shallow water or swimming in the river;
- avoiding coming into contact with exposed sediments in the river; and,
- obeying the warning signs posted along the river.

“With spring in the air and school vacation beginning next week, the Woonasquatucket River is an appealing spot for children,” said Robert Varney, EPA’s New England Administrator. “While we continue to make progress in cleaning up contaminated areas, we need teachers and parents to help us make sure that children are protected from contaminants remaining in the water or sediments.”

Walking, running, or bike riding along the river, and paddling a canoe or kayak on the river are ways to safely enjoy the river. However, people should wash thoroughly after any contact with the river water or sediment.

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