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MAINTENANCE WORK TO BE CONDUCTED AT ALLENDALE DAM AT CENTREDALE MANOR RESTORATION PROJECT

BOSTON – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that routine maintenance work will be conducted early next week at the recently restored Allendale Dam at the Centredale Manor Restoration Project in North Providence, R.I.

Loureiro Engineering Associates Inc. (LEA) of Plainville, CT will, early next week, begin maintenance work on the Allendale Dam which was restored in March 2002.

In preparation for the work, water in Allendale Pond may be lowered gradually, beginning this weekend. The maintenance work is expected to be completed in one to two days, after which water levels in the Allendale Pond will be restored. As part of the maintenance work, a colored dye will be added to the water to track the water's flow over the dam. Residents should not be alarmed to see colored water flowing downstream from the dam.

"We understand that lowering the water level in Allendale Pond during the height of summer is not optimum for nearby residents," said Anna Krasko, EPA's project manager. "However, it is necessary to perform this work during a low flow time and that makes August an ideal time to get into the river and complete this work as expeditiously as possible. We will restore the water level as soon as possible."

EPA reminds the public in North Providence and Johnston to follow the *"Do's & Don'ts for the Woonasquatucket River"* and to use the river responsibly. 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 warning signs posted along the river.

The Centredale Manor Restoration Project is located on Smith Street in North Providence and includes the Woonasquatucket River and the floodplain in both North Providence and Johnston from Route 44 downstream to and including Lymanville Dam.

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