ARTICLE 5 RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Green Economy and Clean Water Bond - $47.3 million

Approval of this question will allow the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and/or temporary notes for environmental and recreational purposes, to be allocated as follows:

(a) Coastal Resiliency and Public Access Projects $5,000,000
For up to 75% matching grants to public and non-profit entities for restoring and/or improving resiliency of vulnerable coastal habitats, and restoring rivers and stream floodplains. These funds are expected to leverage significant matching funds to support local programs to improve community resiliency and public safety in the face of increased flooding, major storm events, and environmental degradation.

(b) Capital for Clean Water and Drinking Water $7,900,000
For clean water and drinking water infrastructure improvements. Projects range from wastewater treatment upgrades and storm water quality improvements to combine sewer overflow abatement projects.

(c) Wastewater Treatment Facility Resilience Improvements $5,000,000
For up to fifty percent (50%) matching grants for wastewater treatment facility resiliency improvements for facilities vulnerable to increased flooding, major storm events and environmental degradation.

(d) Dam Safety $4,400,000
For repairing and/or removing state-owned dams.

(e) Dredging - Downtown Providence Rivers $7,000,000
For the state to obtain additional dredging analysis and the dredging of the Downtown Providence Rivers from: The Woonasquatucket River from I-95 north of Providence Place Mall to its confluence with the Providence River; the Moshassuck River from Smith Street to its confluence with the Providence River; and the Providence River from Steeple Street to Point Street; and dredging a sediment basin upstream of the Providence Place Mall and I-95 for approximately 600 feet.

(f) State Bikeway Development Program $5,000,000
For the State to design, repair, and construct bikeways, including the East Bay bike path.

(g) Brownfield Remediation and Economic Development $4,000,000
For up to eighty percent (80%) matching grants to public, private, and/or non-profit entities for brownfield remediation projects.

(h) Local Recreation Projects $5,000,000
For up to eighty percent (80%) matching grants for municipalities to acquire, develop, or rehabilitate local recreational facilities to meet the growing needs for active recreational facilities.

(i) Access to Farmland $2,000,000
To protect the State’s working farms through the State Farmland Access Program and the purchase of Development Rights by the Agricultural Lands Preservation Commission

(j) Local Open Space $2,000,000
For up to fifty percent (50%) matching grants to municipalities, local land trusts and nonprofit organizations to acquire fee-simple interest, development rights, or conservation easements on open space and urban parklands.