



## Steward's Journal

### March 2018

#### 2017 Stewardship

- ❖ Worked to establish value based approach to all energy decisions and inputs as a stakeholder in PUC Docket 4600.
- ❖ Helped build new policies on utility business model, system planning and beneficial electrification of vehicles and thermal energy as part of Rhode Island's Power Sector Transformation process.
- ❖ Helped landowners negotiate leases for renewable energy on over 300 acres of land in Rhode Island
- ❖ Helped make combined solar and storage projects eligible for net metering in Rhode Island
- ❖ Helped develop over 100 megawatts of renewable energy projects in New England
- ❖ PUC approval for fire districts to buy their streetlights from the utility and better manage them
- ❖ Land use Zoning approval for changed uses of historic, commercial building in a floodplain.
- ❖ Helped save pristine farm on Loquisset Point in Warren from proposed 11-unit subdivision development.
- ❖ Worked to amend Rhode Island's interconnection law that reduce cost and speed up interconnection of renewable energy to the distribution system (a three year effort!)
- ❖ Helped authorize solar project in Pascaog Utility District to participate in National Grid programs.
- ❖ Assisted entry of Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy lender into Rhode Island market.
- ❖ Supported real estate purchase to restore urban brownfield as flower farm that will grow and donate flowers to those in need of beauty and joy.

#### 2018 Stewardship Prospects

- ❖ Participate in National Grid distribution system rate case to ensure proper integration of new policies valuing energy inputs and transforming the power sector.
- ❖ Help develop legislation that facilitates the siting of renewable energy in RI.
- ❖ Ensure legislature's goals are met and enrolled projects get built under renewable energy growth program.
- ❖ Support the growth of distributed energy resources (efficiency, demand response, renewables).
- ❖ RI Supreme Court appeal to honor federal tax exemption for interconnection of renewable energy.
- ❖ Get metering and enhanced controls approved for streetlights.
- ❖ Continue to support our growing local agricultural economy.
- ❖ Push for beneficial electrification of thermal energy (heating and cooling).

#### Helpful Resources

- ❖ Power Sector Transformation report - [http://www.ripuc.org/utilityinfo/electric/PST%20Report\\_Nov\\_8.pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/utilityinfo/electric/PST%20Report_Nov_8.pdf) - & national coverage <https://www.utilitydive.com/news/rhode-island-lays-out-strategy-for-grid-modernization/510599/>
- ❖ Overview of RI's new CPACE program - [http://learningcenter.inreachce.com/Viewer\\_V9/?oid=O-2004100527209594536&cid=edab5262-f0bc-4da9-9532-4f156917dd6b&uid={uid}](http://learningcenter.inreachce.com/Viewer_V9/?oid=O-2004100527209594536&cid=edab5262-f0bc-4da9-9532-4f156917dd6b&uid={uid})
- ❖ The RI DPUC responds to National Grid's rate filing - [http://www.ripuc.org/NGRate\\_Case\\_DPUC\\_Statement.pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/NGRate_Case_DPUC_Statement.pdf)
- ❖ The great Karl Rabago on finding real value in energy decisions - <http://ritv.devosvideo.com/show?video=jforobsf&apg=61f109a4>
- ❖ Amory Lovins on resiliency through distributed energy resources- [https://www.rmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/FERC\\_Comments\\_ABLovins\\_October\\_2017.pdf](https://www.rmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/FERC_Comments_ABLovins_October_2017.pdf)