



# WELCOME TO MYCOAST

*information for new volunteers*



We invite you to consider taking part in MyCoastRI, a shoreline community monitoring program that is easy, free, and open to the public. MyCoastRI is an effort of the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island Sea Grant, the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, Save The Bay, and Clean Ocean Access. MyCoastRI volunteers photograph shoreline flooding due to extreme high tides as well as coastal damages after storms and upload their photos to the MyCoastRI app/website to help communities track shoreline change.

## WHY MONITOR THE SHORE?

Flooding and erosion tied to strong storms and sea level rise - climate change impacts - alter the coast. Documenting these changes is one way to collect data that can inform community decisions about how to protect natural and developed coastal areas in the context of flux.

## HOW CAN I HELP?

If you have a smartphone, you can participate by snapping pictures and uploading them to the MyCoast RI app directly or through the website. For example, you may choose to share photos of high-tide flooding in your neighborhood or of post-storm damages to roads or other infrastructure at a favorite shoreline access point. The [MyCoast.org/RI](https://mycoast.org/RI) website can help you choose sites that are convenient and in need of photos; all we ask that you only take pictures when it's safe and weather permits!

## EASY STEPS

- Download the free MyCoast App: Visit the App Store or Get it on Google Play.
- Take your picture, open the app, and click "Add Report."
- Select "King Tide" for photos taken of extreme high tides, or "Storm Report" for photos taken of impacts after coastal storms.
- Select photo from library, add comments about the location and any details or damages you observe.
- Click the map to set your location, and click Submit!

## MORE INFO

**A how-to video and more information are available at [MyCoast.org/RI](https://mycoast.org/RI)**

We are also happy to talk with your neighborhood or community group about MyCoast and how you can work together to monitor sites in your area. Contact Pam Rubinoff, URI Coastal Resources Center, at [rubinoff@uri.edu](mailto:rubinoff@uri.edu) or 401-874-6135.