



2,100 Petition Signers: Burying Waterfront Power Lines Will Benefit RI for Generations to Come

More than 2,100 people have signed a petition calling on the Governor and the Mayors of Providence and East Providence to bury the power lines on the Providence-East Providence waterfront. They get that removing this eyesore from our waterfront will inspire more passersby to stop, discover the wonders of RI, and spend some money here.

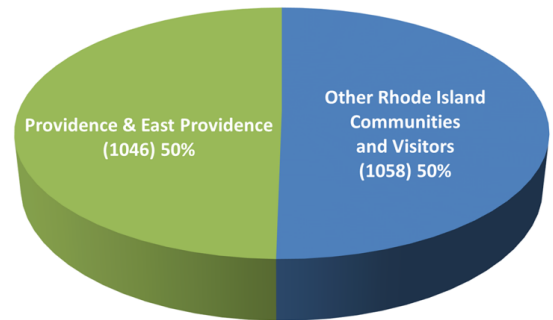
An estimated 10 million cars on I-195 speed by to the Cape and the Islands annually. If a scenic waterfront without overhead wires were to entice a little over 1% of those travelers to stop, here is what they would **add to our economy** every year:

-- 1% (100,000) daytime visitors @ \$100 = \$10 million

-- 0.05% (5,000) overnight visitors @ \$275 = \$1.4 million

Petition signers throughout Rhode Island understand that an attractive waterfront destination will benefit the state for generations to come. A few of their **400 comments** are excerpted below (bold added):

Petition Signers by Residence



Remove this Eyesore from Our Waterfront

“Providence's historic charm and the beauty of its waterfront are an important **part of our economy and our identity**. The power lines depress both.”
-- Justin B, Providence

“Rhode Island has such amazing **water views that renew the spirit**. [We] need to keep the view clear...burying the lines will help.”
-- Carol F, Portsmouth

“Our waterfront is a resource that **most cities would envy**. We are not taking full advantage of it.”
-- Anthony A, Providence

Boost Tourism

“It is crucial that this diamond in the rough of Providence be aesthetically pleasing. In years to come, it may be the **front door to tourism** in our capital.”
-- Merleann P, Lincoln

“I want Providence to be as beautiful as it can be so **passersby will stop and spend some money**.”
-- Lorne A, Providence



Create Jobs

“The beauty of Narragansett Bay provides thousands of jobs in our struggling economy. ...[Invest] in it to make our city/state an attractive destination to **retain and grow these jobs**.”
-- Daniel P, East Providence

“Building again is the **key to our economic recovery**. Bury the lines and the results will more than pay for the upfront costs.”
-- John M, East Providence

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