



Board of Park Commissioners

Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

May 13, 2026

8:30AM

Roger Williams Park Boathouse
1000 Elmwood Avenue, Providence

BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley

Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo
Commissioner Randall Rice
Commissioner Justin Holland

Councilor Sue R. AnderBois
Commissioner Sara McConnell
Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin

This meeting was called to order at 8:35am.

PRESENT: Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley, Commissioner Randall Rice, Councilor Sue R. AnderBois, Commissioner Sara McConnell.

ABSENT: Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo, Commissioner Justin Holland.

Also present were Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent; Kristen Andel, Parks Deputy Superintendent; Hannah Falvey, Assistant to the Superintendent; Christyl Melendez, Parks Manager of Fiscal Operations; Nicholas Poulos, Associate City Solicitor; Marisa Brown, Providence Preservation Society; Valerie Tutson, Artist, members of the Parks Department leadership team.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 11, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Randall Rice and seconded by Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley it is voted to approve March 11, 2026 meeting minutes.

RESULT: Approved (VOTE)

MOVER: Commissioner Randall Rice.

SECONDER: Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley.

AYES: Councilor Sue R. AnderBois, Commissioner Sara McConnell.

ABSENT: Commissioner Justin Holland, Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo, Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were made at this time.

Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley noted that this is the time of year where there are several withdrawals from various trusts to support programming and other projects within the parks.

AUTHORIZATION TO WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM GOULD TRUST FOR THE RESTORATION OF ESEK HOPKINS HOUSE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY. Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion and vote.

Superintendent Wendy Nilsson introduced Marisa Brown, Executive Director of the Providence Preservation Society, noting their work on the renovation of Esek Hopkins House while also using the space as a job training program and their value as a Providence Parks partner. Marisa Brown presented on the different workshops Providence Preservation Society has held within and involving the Esek Hopkins House.

Mayor Brett P. Smiley asked if there were any questions, noting that there is a letter from the law department indicating that the proposed withdrawal is consistent with the requirements of the trust, as well as a summary of the percentage of the withdrawal and return on the trust (all of which are within the guidelines). With no questions, Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley asked to take a motion to approve.

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On motion of Councilor Sue R. AnderBois and seconded by Commissioner Sara McConnell it is voted to approve to authorize to withdraw funds from the Gould Trust for the restoration of Esek Hopkins House in partnership with Providence Preservation Society.

RESULT: Approved (VOTE)

MOVER: Councilor Sue R. AnderBois.

SECONDER: Commissioner Sara McConnell.

AYES: Commissioner Randall Rice, Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley.

ABSENT: Commissioner Justin Holland, Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo, Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin.

AUTHORIZATION TO WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM CHARLES H. SMITH TRUST FOR BOTANICAL CENTER IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE. Lee Ann Freitas, Botanical Center Manager and Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion and Vote.

Superintendent Wendy Nilsson explained the purpose of the Smith Trust, to fund the maintenance of the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center and plant collection, and introduced Botanical Center Manager Lee Ann Freitas.

Lee Ann Freitas explained that the Botanical Center is looking for the standard drawdown from the Smith Trust, and explained the specific needs of the Botanical Center and how the total request is in line with the requirements and guidelines of the trust. The request will support a new boiler pump, generator repairs, greenhouse structure seasonal maintenance, bathroom upgrades, HVAC in the pavilion, and more.

Mayor Chairman Brett P. Smiley once again noted the letter provided from the law department indicating that the withdrawal is consistent with the requirements of the trust as well as a summary of investment returns and asked if there were any questions. With no questions, Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley asked to take a motion to approve.

On motion of Commissioner Sara McConnell and seconded by Councilor Sue R. AnderBois it is voted to approve to authorize to withdraw funds from the Charles H. Smith Trust for Botanical Center improvements and maintenance.

RESULT: Approved (VOTE)

MOVER: Commissioner Sara McConnell.

SECONDER: Councilor Sue R. AnderBois

AYES: Commissioner Randall Rice, Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley.

ABSENT: Commissioner Justin Holland, Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo, Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin.

AUTHORIZATION TO WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM THE SAMUEL TINGLEY TRUST FOR PEACE AND PLENTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS. Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion and vote.

Superintendent Wendy Nilsson explained that the Tingley Trust is dedicated specifically to playground and ballfield improvements and explained that due to rising costs, in order to include everything, the community wants at Peace and Plenty Park, the Parks Department is looking to draw down about 4% of this trust. She noted that the trust is performing well and this withdrawal is consistent with the requirements of the trust. She also stressed that Peace and Plenty is a well-used park in need of upgrades to improve accessibility.

Mayor Chairman Brett P. Smiley once again noted the letter provided from the law department indicating that the withdrawal is consistent with the requirements of the trust as well as a summary of investment returns and asked if there were any questions. With no questions, Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley asked to take a motion to approve.

On motion of Councilor Sue R. AnderBois and seconded by Commissioner Randall Rice it is voted to approve to authorize to withdraw funds from the Samuel Tingley Trust for Peace and Plenty Park Improvements.

RESULT: Approved (VOTE)

MOVER: Councilor Sue R. AnderBois.

SECONDER: Commissioner Randall Rice.

AYES: Commissioner Sara McConnell, Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley.

ABSENT: Commissioner Justin Holland, Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo, Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin.

AUTHORIZATION TO WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM THE ANNA MANN TRUST FOR ROGER WILLIAMS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion and vote.

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Superintendent Wendy Nilsson explained that Anna Mann left the trust for Roger Williams Park improvements, and the Parks Department is looking to draw down 4% of the trust to go toward general capital improvements including building maintenance and work on some of the play areas.

Mayor Chairman Brett P. Smiley once again noted the letter provided from the law department indicating that the withdrawal is consistent with the requirements of the trust as well as a summary of investment returns and asked if there were any questions. With no questions, Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley asked to take a motion to approve.

On motion of Commissioner Sara McConnell and seconded by Commissioner Randall Rice it is voted to approve to authorize to withdraw funds from the Anna Mann Trust for Roger Williams Park improvement projects.

RESULT: Approved (VOTE)

MOVER: Commissioner Sara McConnell.

SECONDER: Commissioner Randall Rice.

AYES: Councilor Sue R. AnderBois, Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley.

ABSENT: Commissioner Justin Holland, Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo, Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin.

AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE NORTH BURIAL GROUND PERPETUAL CARE TRUST TO THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE FOR OPERATING COSTS. Annalisa Heppner, City Cemetery Director and Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion and vote.

Superintendent Wendy Nilsson introduced Providence City Cemetery Director, Annalisa Heppner, and explained that the Parks Department has an agreement with the city where this trust is used to compensate the City for operations costs. Annalisa Heppner then provided a brief presentation of demographic trends for North Burial Ground as an update and stressed that the work this Board does for city cemeteries is important. She explained that they are also requesting a 4% draw down on the trust.

Mayor Chairman Brett P. Smiley once again noted the letter provided from the law department indicating that the withdrawal is consistent with the requirements of the trust as well as a summary of investment returns and asked if there were any questions. With no questions, Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley asked to take a motion to approve.

On motion of Commissioner Randall Rice and seconded by Councilor Sue R. AnderBois it is voted to approve to authorize to transfer funds from the North Burial Ground Perpetual Care Trust to the City of Providence for operating costs.

RESULT: Approved (VOTE)

MOVER: Commissioner Randall Rice.

SECONDER: Councilor Sue R. AnderBois.

AYES: Commissioner Sara McConnell, Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley.

ABSENT: Commissioner Justin Holland, Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo, Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin.

DETERMINE PATHWAY FOR TWO TEMPORARY PUBLIC ART INSTALLATIONS IN COLUMBUS SQUARE: ANCES TREE BY VALERIE TUTSON AND POND LANDS BY LU HEINTZ. EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF CURRENT INSTALLATIONS, REMOVING, OR ISSUING A CALL FOR NEW PUBLIC ART TO REPLACE THEM. Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion and vote.

Superintendent Wendy Nilsson explained that, as part of the ACT Commemoration Lab temporary installation last year, local artists Lu Heintz and Valerie Tutson were selected to display works in Columbus Square. The installations were originally intended to be temporary and scheduled for removal in October/November 2025.

Because both pieces were well received by the community, the Parks Department entered into an informal six-month agreement to extend the installations through Spring 2026. Both artists have since expressed interest in extending the display period further.

Superintendent Nilsson recommended that the works remain in place for an additional year while undergoing review by the Commission on Commemorative Works. This process would allow the Commission to evaluate the works' community and social significance and make recommendations regarding their long-term placement and duration within the park.

Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley asked for clarification the timeline of the extension, Superintendent Nilsson suggested now (May 2026) until this time next year to give the artists a year to work with the Commission of Commemorative Works. Associate City Solicitor Nicholas Poulos suggested going by the fiscal year, which Chairman Mayor Smiley clarified as June 30th 2026 through June 30th 2027.

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Valerie Tutson asked for clarification on when the Board of Commemorative Works meets, and Chairman Mayor Smiley clarified that the Department of Arts, Culture, and Tourism staffs that Board (Special Committee on Commemorative Works), and that the BOPC would hand it off following this meeting.

Artist Valerie Tutson took some time to speak on her artwork and answer clarifying questions to the board. With no further questions, Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley asked to take a motion to approve.

On motion of Councilor Sue R. AnderBois and seconded by Commissioner Sara McConnell it is voted to approve with a recommendation to extend the temporary installation until June 30th 2027 to allow the artists time to go through the Special Committee on Commemorative Works to have that board make a recommendation to this board (BOPC).

RESULT: Approved (VOTE)

MOVER: Councilor Sue R. AnderBois.

SECONDER: Commissioner Sara McConnell.

AYES: Commissioner Randall Rice, Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley.

ABSENT: Commissioner Justin Holland, Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo, Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TEMPORARY INSTALLATION OF A MULTI-PANEL, MULTI-ARTIST INSTALLATION ALONG THE PROVIDENCE RIVERWALK (ALSO KNOWN AS PROVIDENCE RIVER PARK), INCLUDING AREAS ALONG MEMORIAL BOULEVARD AND ADJACENT VEHICULAR BRIDGES. THE INSTALLATION WILL BE CURATED AND MANAGED BY CHROMACOUNCIL AS A CONTINUATION OF UNDER THE COBBLES, THE BEACH, ORIGINALLY INSTALLED IN MEMORIAL PARK IN 2024. Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion and vote.

Superintendent Wendy Nilsson provided background on the project, which is being undertaken in partnership with ACT and engages 18 artists to create painted and ceramic tile installations along Memorial Boulevard in downtown Providence. She emphasized that these areas surround and connect to the City's park spaces, presenting an opportunity to transform them into something remarkable while showcasing one of Providence's greatest strengths—its vibrant arts community.

Superintendent Nilsson then presented preliminary renderings and proposed locations for the installations, noting that the artists were tasked with depicting the wildlife, ecology, and natural systems of the Providence River and surrounding waterways. She also explained that the existing tiles will be carefully removed and preserved, while the new installations are intended to remain in place for a two-year period.

Commissioner Sara McConnell expressed her appreciation for the project and inquired about the anticipated timeline. Superintendent Nilsson responded that work would begin in early June, pending Board approval, with the goal of having all installations completed in advance of PVDfest.

Commissioner Randall Rice requested clarification regarding the proposed two-year installation period. Superintendent Nilsson explained that the two-year term would begin upon completion of the final installation, at which point the Department would reevaluate the project and determine next steps.

With no further questions, Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley asked to take a motion to approve.

On motion of Commissioner Sara McConnell and seconded by Commissioner Randall Rice it is voted to authorize for the temporary installation of a multi-panel, multi-artist installation along the Providence Riverwalk (also known as Providence River Park), including areas along Memorial Boulevard and adjacent vehicular bridges. The installation will be curated and managed by ChromaCouncil as a continuation of Under The Cobbles, The Beach, originally installed in Memorial Park in 2024.

RESULT: Approved (VOTE)

MOVER: Commissioner Sara McConnell.

SECONDER: Commissioner Randall Rice.

AYES: Councilor Sue R. AnderBois, Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley.

ABSENT: Commissioner Justin Holland, Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo, Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin.

UPDATES ON WORLD CUP IMPROVEMENTS, EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES. Wendy Nilsson, Parks Superintendent. Discussion.

Superintendent Wendy Nilsson provided updates on World Cup improvements, events, and activities happening this summer in downtown Providence. The first, in partnership with ACT, DPPN, Economic Development etc; updates to The Kiosk in Biltmore Park, making it a multi-purpose information hub downtown. Councilor Sue Anderbois asked if these improvements would only be for the

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World Cup, or all summer. Superintendent Nilsson answered that the department is trying it out for 6 months. She noted that ping pong, foosball, and chess tables, and play panels are also being installed in Biltmore Park to increase activity in this area. Superintendent Nilsson also showcased general improvements and restoration around downtown parks.

Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley also noted that the building formally known as 'Skyline' at Waterplace Park, a Parks Department asset, is being temporarily transformed into the Portuguese Football Experience; the Portuguese National Team and PUMA have a short-term lease with us through the World Cup while we're activating Station Park for PVD Fan Zone. There will be autograph experiences and opportunities to buy merchandise.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22am.

RESULT: Approved (**VOTE**)

MOVER: Councilor Sue R. AnderBois.

SECONDER: Commissioner Randall Rice.

AYES: Commissioner Sara McConnell, Chairman Mayor Brett P. Smiley.

ABSENT: Commissioner Justin Holland, Council President Pro-Tempore Juan M. Pichardo, Commissioner Elizabeth Gordon-Martin.

PER ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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JEFFREY DANA
City Solicitor



BRETT P. SMILEY
Mayor

Office of the City Solicitor
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Brett P. Smiley, Chairman of Board of Park Commissioners and Board of Investment
FROM: Nicholas P. Poulos, Associate City Solicitor
RE: Authorization to Withdraw Funds from the Elizabeth Gould Trust for repairs to the Esek Hopkins homestead
DATE: May 7, 2026

Dear Mayor Smiley:

The Parks Department has requested authorization to make a withdrawal from the Edward Ely Trust in order to restore the interior of the Esek Hopkins homestead in cooperation with the Providence Preservation Society. The opinion of the Solicitor's Office is that the use of the trust funds for this purpose is in accordance with the intent of the trust.

Very truly yours,

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REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS
TO TRANSFER FUNDS
FROM THE ELIZABETH GOULD TRUST
TO THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE OPERATING ACCOUNT 826

City Council Ordinances and Resolutions, 1950, CH. 337, page 37. The purpose of the trust is "Especially for the maintenance and repairs of the Esek Hopkins Homestead on Admiral Street..., so long as it exists, and thereafter for the maintenance of the land and playgrounds belonging to and adjoining the same. (Original Corpus \$100,000) This fund was established under the Fourth Clause of the will of Marshall H. Gould.

AMOUNT REQUESTED: 3% - \$23,041

USE OF FUNDS: INTERIOR RESTORATION OF ESEK HOPKINS IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

EXISTING TRUST FUND BALANCE: \$ 768,057 (as of 3/24/2026)

LAST WITHDRAWAL AMOUNT: \$23,475.44 (5/5/2025)

YTD	-1.6%
1 Yr	+15%
3 Yr (Annlz'd)	+7.7%
5 Yr (Annlz'd)	+10.6%

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BRETT P. SMILEY
Mayor

Office of the City Solicitor
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Brett P. Smiley, Chairman of Board of Park Commissioners and Board of Investment
FROM: Nicholas P. Poulos, Associate City Solicitor
RE: Authorization to Withdraw Funds from the Charles H. Smith Trust
DATE: May 7, 2026

Dear Mayor Smiley:

The Parks Department has requested authorization to make a withdrawal from the Charles H. Smith Trust for improvements to the botanical gardens facilities and exhibits. The opinion of the Solicitor's Office is that the use of the trust funds for this purpose is in accordance with the intent of the trust.

Very truly yours,

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REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS
TO TRANSFER FUNDS
FROM THE CHARLES H. SMITH TRUST
TO THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE OPERATING ACCOUNT 819

Resolution number 176 approved June 8, 1937. Resolution accepting the bequest and devise of the late Charles H. Smith for the purposes and upon the conditions expressed in the will of the said Charles H. Smith. Original corpus \$25,000. "Fourteenth...to apply the same under and with the advice and direction of the Superintendent of Parks for the time being of the said City and the Senior Professor of Botany for the time being in Brown University, or either of them, to the purchase of trees, plants, vines, shrubs, bulbs and seeds, foreign or domestic, and to the planting of the same in said Roger Williams Park and in said Providence and its additions..."

AMOUNT REQUESTED: 3.5% \$167,345

USE OF FUNDS: BOTANICAL CENTER IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE

EXISTING TRUST FUND BALANCE: \$4,781,297 (as of 3/24/2026)

LAST WITHDRAWAL AMOUNT: \$142,647.99 (5/5/2025)

YTD -1.5%
1 Yr +9.3%
3 Yr (Annly'd) +7.9%
5 Yr (Annly'd) +10.7%

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Office of the City Solicitor
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Brett P. Smiley, Chairman of Board of Park Commissioners and Board of Investment
FROM: Nicholas P. Poulos, Associate City Solicitor
RE: Authorization to Withdraw Funds from the Samuel S. Tingley Trust
DATE: May 7, 2026

Dear Mayor Smiley:

The Parks Department has requested authorization to make a withdrawal from the Samuel S. Tingley Trust in order to make improvements to playgrounds in various neighborhood parks. The opinion of the Solicitor's Office is that the use of the trust funds for this purpose is in accordance with the intent of the trust.

Very truly yours,

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REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS
TO TRANSFER FUNDS
FROM THE SAMUEL S. TINGLEY TRUST
TO THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE OPERATING ACCOUNT 826

Resolution of the City Council accepting the gift under the will of Samuel H. Tingley to the City in trust for the purchase, improvement and maintenance of public parks and playgrounds. This resolution accepted the bequest of \$100,000. The income to be applied to the purchase, improvement and maintenance of public parks, and playgrounds with the request that no part of the same be expended on speedways. Resolution No. 409 Ordinance of 1919

AMOUNT REQUESTED: 4% \$31,719

USE OF FUNDS: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

EXISTING TRUST FUND BALANCE: \$792,977 (as of 3/24/2026)

LAST WITHDRAWAL AMOUNT: \$36,886.16 (5/5/2025)

YTD	+7.2%
1 Yr	+20.3%
3 Yr (Annly'd)	+4.9%
5 Yr (Annly'd)	+8.6%

JEFFREY DANA
City Solicitor



BRETT P. SMILEY
Mayor

Office of the City Solicitor
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Brett P. Smiley, Chairman of Board of Park Commissioners and Board of Investment
FROM: Nicholas P. Poulos, Associate City Solicitor
RE: Authorization to Withdraw Funds from the Anna Mann Trust
DATE: May 7, 2026

Dear Mayor Smiley:

The Parks Department has requested authorization to make a withdrawal from the Anna Mann Trust in order to make improvements to Roger Williams Park. The opinion of the Solicitor's Office is that the use of the trust funds for this purpose is in accordance with the intent of the trust.

Very truly yours,

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REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS
TO TRANSFER FUNDS
FROM THE ANNA MANN TRUST
TO THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE OPERATING ACCOUNT 806

This trust was received by the City Treasurer pursuant to City Council resolution number 355, approved September 21, 1901 and was originally valued at \$190,195.13. The following extract from said trust explains the certain purposes the money may be used for: "All the rest and residue of my estate of which I shall die seized, possessed or entitled to, both real and personal, I give, devise and bequeath to said City of Providence to have and to hold forever in trust as a fund, in such a manner and form of investment as the said city may choose and apply the net income thereof to the support and maintenance of Roger Williams Parks, now owned by said city, as a public park, mingling said income with other monies expended upon said park in such a manner as said city shall seem best."

AMOUNT REQUESTED:	4% 35,940
USE OF FUNDS:	ROGER WILLIAMS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
EXISTING TRUST FUND BALANCE:	\$898,515 (as of 3/24/2026)
LAST WITHDRAWAL AMOUNT:	\$36,007.21 (5/5/2025)

YTD	-1.6%
1 Yr	+9.2%
3 Yr (Annly'd)	+7.6%
5 Yr (Annly'd)	+10.7%

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City Solicitor



BRETT P. SMILEY
Mayor

Office of the City Solicitor
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Brett P. Smiley, Chairman of Board of Park Commissioners and Board of Investment
FROM: Nicholas P. Poulos, Associate City Solicitor
RE: Authorization to Withdraw Funds from the North Burial Ground Perpetual Care Trust
DATE: May 7, 2026

Dear Mayor Smiley:

The Parks Department has requested authorization to make a withdrawal from the North Burial Ground Perpetual Care Trust for the Ground's financial obligation to the City for staff and operating costs. The opinion of the Solicitor's Office is that the use of the trust funds for this purpose is in accordance with the intent of the trust.

Very truly yours,

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REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS
TO TRANSFER FUNDS
FROM THE NORTH BURIAL GROUND PERPETUAL CARE TRUST
TO THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE OPERATING ACCOUNT 801

Section 1: The Commissioners of the North Burial Ground shall pay over or transfer to the Commissioner of sinking funds of the City of Providence the perpetual care funds by them now held. And shall also pay over to said commissioners of sinking funds upon the receipt thereof such perpetual care funds as may hereafter come into their hands, possession and control and said funds so paid over or transferred, shall be invested and reinvested by said commissioners of sinking funds in their discretion, together with any unexpected income therefrom, and that said commissioner of sinking funds shall pay over to the commissioner of the North Burial Ground whenever required by said commissioners of the North Burial Ground all the income arising out of or from said invested funds.

Section 2: The City Council of the City of Providence is authorized and empowered to require the Superintendent of the North Burial Ground to give bonds to the City of Providence, conditioned that he shall deposit all monies received by him in his capacity with the City Treasurer of said City.

Section 3: Payments for the maintenance and improvement of the North Burial Ground shall hereafter be made by the City Treasurer upon the approval of the bills thereof by the joint committee on North Burial Ground of the City Council of said city, or the commissioners of the North Burial Ground, as may be directed by ordinance of the City Council.

Section 4: The chairman of the joint standing committee of the City Council on the North Burial Ground shall be ex-officio a commissioner of the North Burial Ground, and shall, together with the commissioners of the North Burial Ground, elected by the City Council of the City of Providence, compose the board of commissioners of the North Burial Ground.

Section 5: This act shall go into effect upon passage. Passage of chapter 781; Passed City Council April 25, 1889.

AMOUNT REQUESTED: 4% \$402,712

USE OF FUNDS: Funds from this withdrawal are used to meet the \$600,000.00 obligation North Burial Ground owes to the City for staff and operating costs.

EXISTING TRUST FUND BALANCE: \$ 10,067,801 (as of 3/24/2026)

LAST WITHDRAWAL AMOUNT: \$334,214.55 (5/5/2025)

YTD	-1.7%
1 Yr	+10.1%
3 Yr (Ann'lz'd)	+8.2%
5 Yr (Ann'lz'd)	+11.4%



Riverwalk Art 2026 (working title) is a public art series to be installed along the Providence River featuring:

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Building Infinity -
Maddie Dennis,
Laura Motley,
Roby Newton
& Tara Cimini
David Allyn
Edwige Charlot
JSTN CLMN

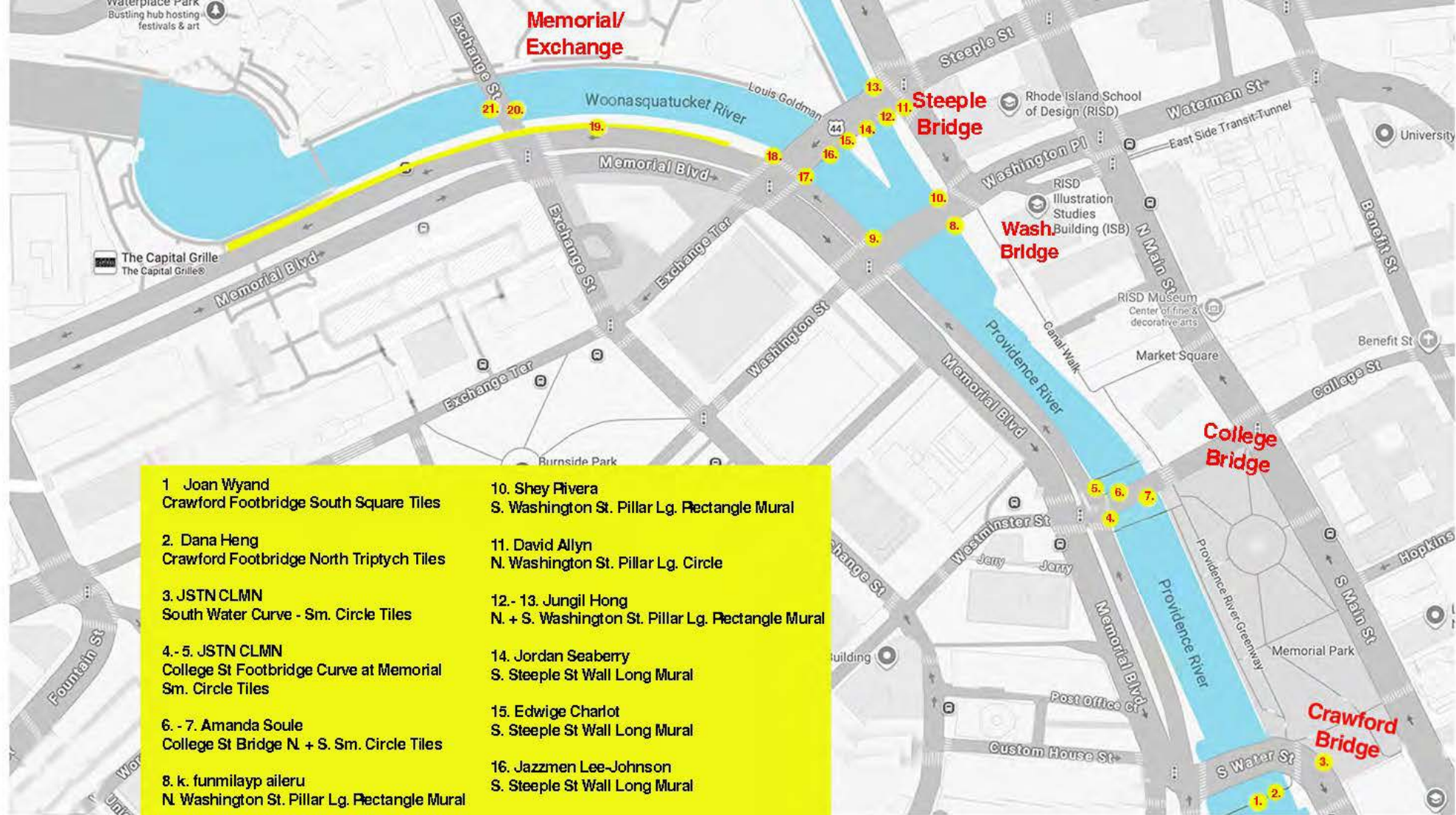
Quinn Corey
Dana Heng
Jungil Hong
Jazzmen Lee-Johnson
Ara Peterson
Shey Rivera
Jordan Seaberry
Amanda Soule
Joan Wyand

Mediums include: glaze printed tile, handmade ceramic art and painted mural.

Installation timeline is June 2026-September 2026.

The series is curated by Linsey Wallace and produced by Chroma Council.

Contact: Linsey Wallace - 401-330-9062 - chromacouncil@gmail.com

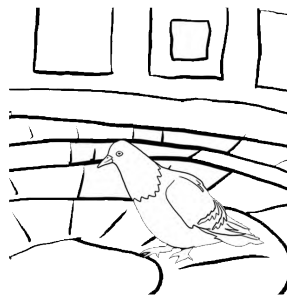
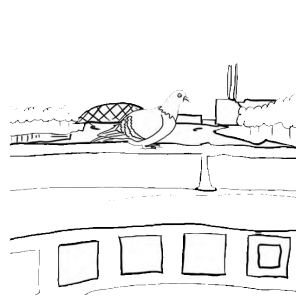
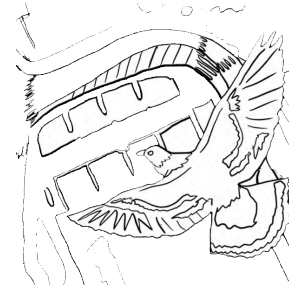
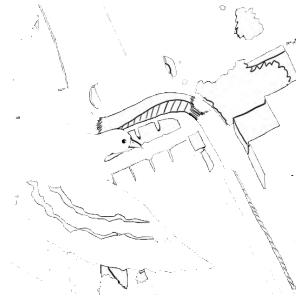
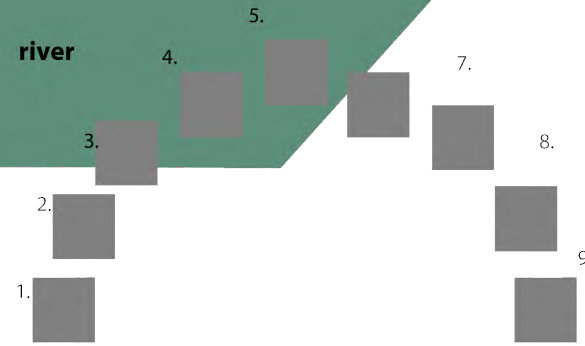


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Crawford Footbridge South Square Tiles | 10. Shey Rivera
S. Washington St. Pillar Lg. Rectangle Mural |
| 2. Dana Heng
Crawford Footbridge North Triptych Tiles | 11. David Allyn
N. Washington St. Pillar Lg. Circle |
| 3. JSTN CLMN
South Water Curve - Sm. Circle Tiles | 12.- 13. Jungil Hong
N. + S. Washington St. Pillar Lg. Rectangle Mural |
| 4.- 5. JSTN CLMN
College St Footbridge Curve at Memorial
Sm. Circle Tiles | 14. Jordan Seaberry
S. Steeple St Wall Long Mural |
| 6.- 7. Amanda Soule
College St Bridge N. + S. Sm. Circle Tiles | 15. Edwige Charlot
S. Steeple St Wall Long Mural |
| 8. k. funmilayp aileru
N. Washington St. Pillar Lg. Rectangle Mural | 16. Jazzmen Lee-Johnson
S. Steeple St Wall Long Mural |
| 9. Building Infinity -
Maddie Dennis, Laura Motley, Poby Newton
& Tara Cimini
E. Washington @ Memorial Low Pillar Sm. | 17. + 18 Ara Peterson
S. + N. Steeple @ Memorial Sign |
| | 19. Quinn Corey
Memorial Blvd Painted Mural |
| | 20. 21. David Allyn
N. + S. Exchange St Diamond Tiles |

Riverwalk Art Site Map 2026

CRAWFORD ST FOOT BRIDGE

river



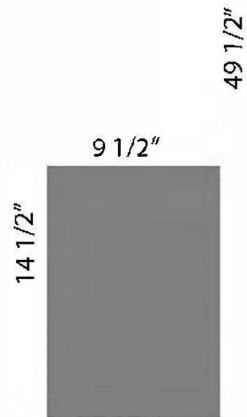
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CRAWFORD ST FOOTBRIDGE TRIPTYCH

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24"



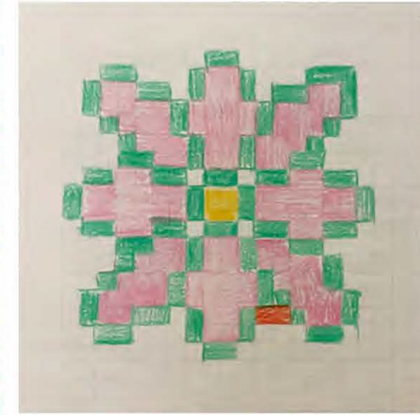
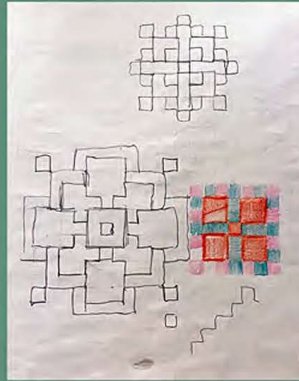
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9 1/2"



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CERAMIC ART

DANA HENG

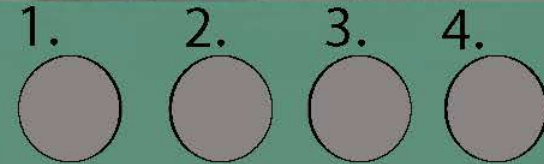
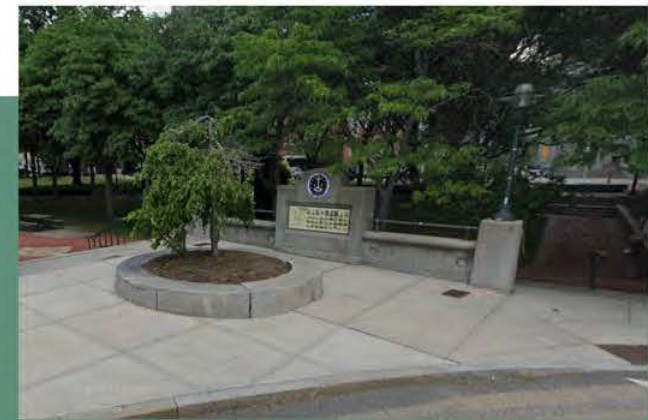
CRAWFORD BRIDGE @ SOUTH WATER ST



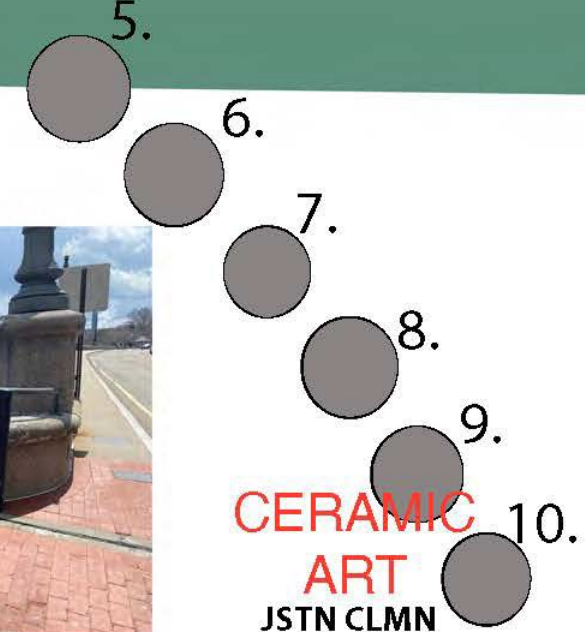
COLLEGE ST

Abstract: Designs will give visual depth by using grids or nets to illustrate digital representations of physical landscapes, printed and painted on tiles. Each is then overlaid with aesthetic elements of the RI landscape. Such as, but not limited to, botanical illustrations, graphs and diagrams and coastal maps.

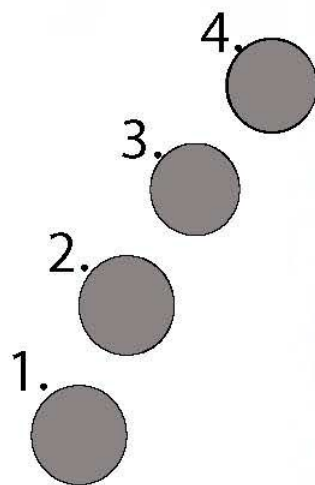
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TILE DIMENSIONS:
7.5" Diameter x 14 Tiles Total



NORTH & SOUTH FOOTBRIDGE



**CERAMIC
ART
JSTN CLMN**

COLLEGE ST BRIDGE



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NORTH TILES
TILE DIMENSIONS:
7.5" Diameter x 12 Tiles

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COLLEGE STREET BRIDGE TILES
amanda soule 2026
high-fire colored porcelain
bright colors, cohesive organic patterns,
ocean-inspired



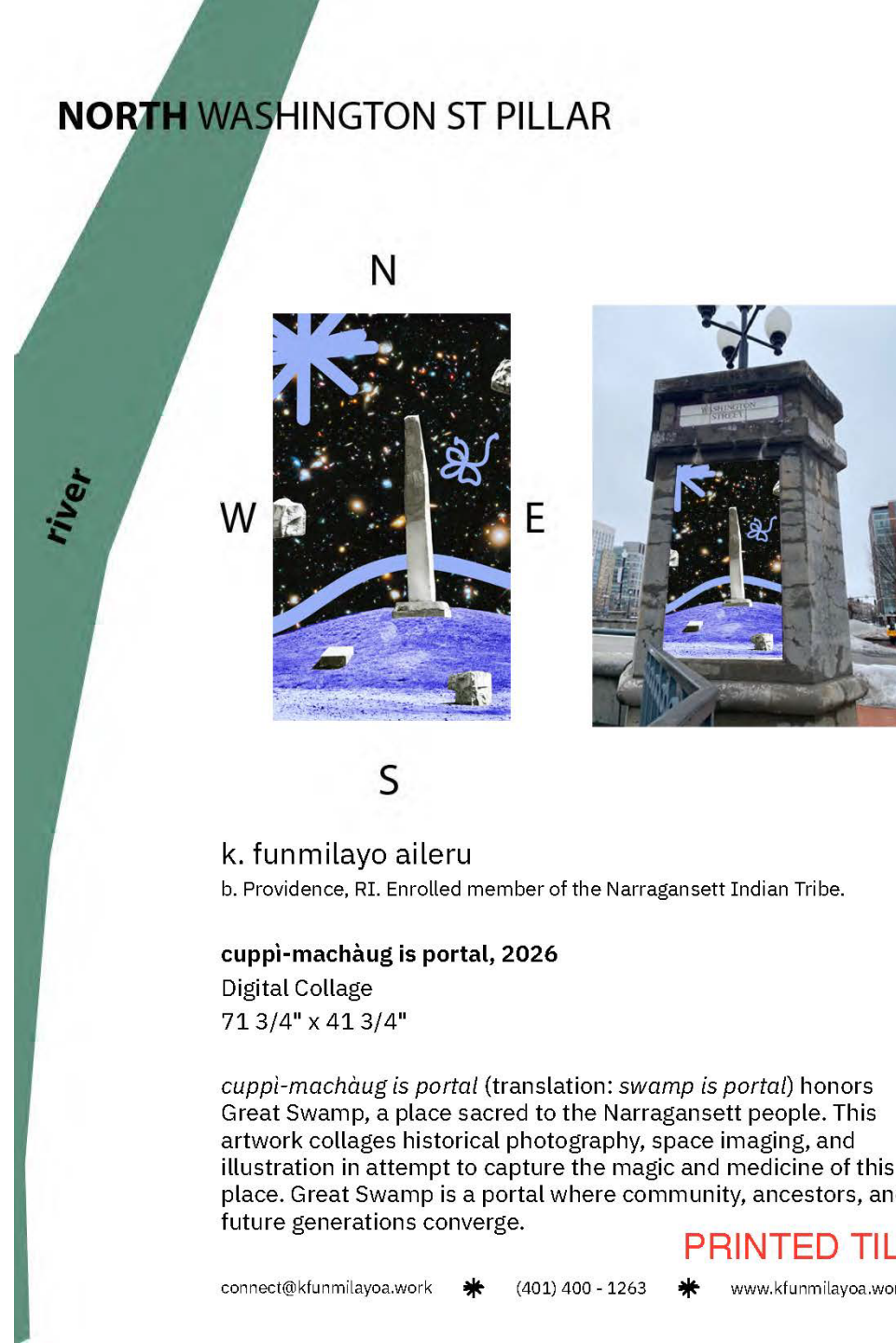
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SOUTH TILES
TILE DIMENSIONS:
7.5" Diameter x 12 Tiles

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CERAMIC ART
Amanda Soule

NORTH WASHINGTON ST PILLAR



k. funmilayo aileru

b. Providence, RI. Enrolled member of the Narragansett Indian Tribe.

cuppi-machàug is portal, 2026

Digital Collage

71 3/4" x 41 3/4"

cuppi-machàug is portal (translation: *swamp is portal*) honors Great Swamp, a place sacred to the Narragansett people. This artwork collages historical photography, space imaging, and illustration in attempt to capture the magic and medicine of this place. Great Swamp is a portal where community, ancestors, and future generations converge.

PRINTED TILE



Washington @ Memorial Low Pillar

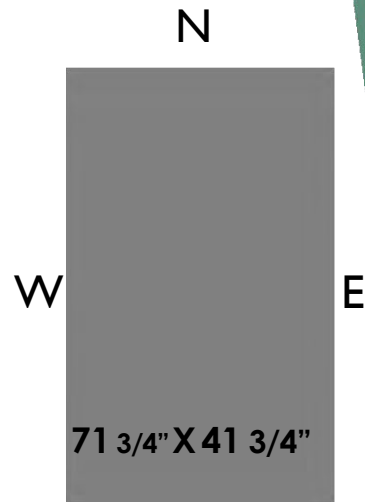
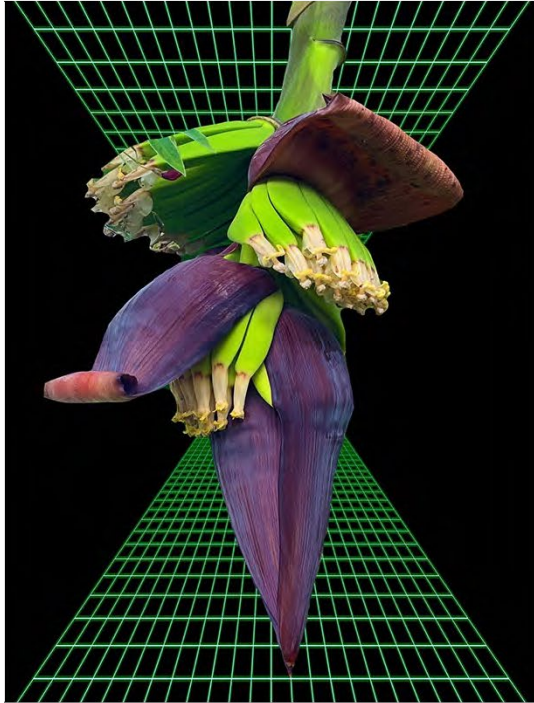


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Building Infinity

Maddie Dennis, Laura Motley, Roby Newton & Tara Cimini

SOUTH WASHINGTON ST PILLAR



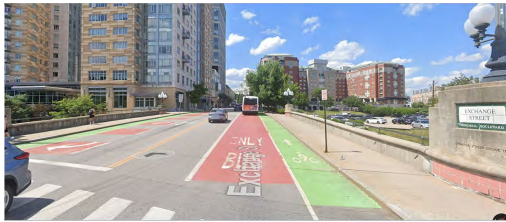
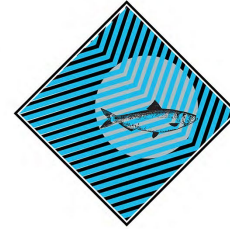
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Steeple North Pillar

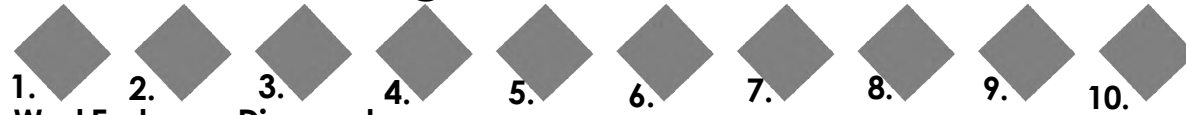
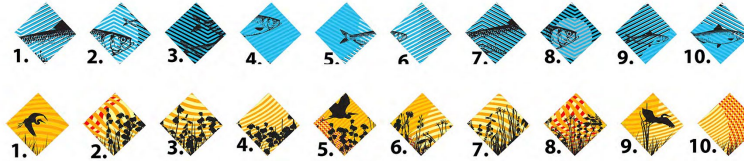


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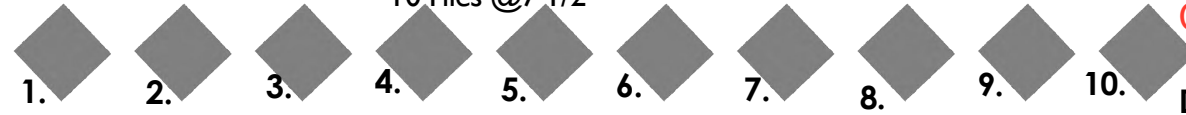
East Exchange Diamonds

10 Tiles @ 7 1/2"



West Exchange Diamonds

10 Tiles @ 7 1/2"

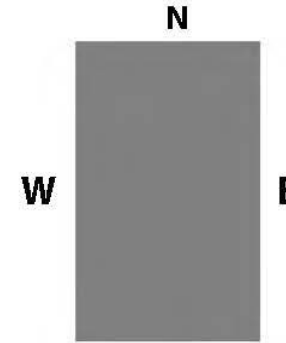


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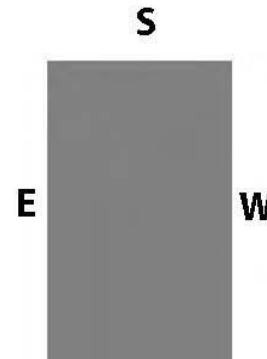
NORTH & SOUTH STEEPLE ST PILLARS



rivers



71 3/4" X 36" S 18 sqft.



18 sqft. N 71 3/4" X 36"



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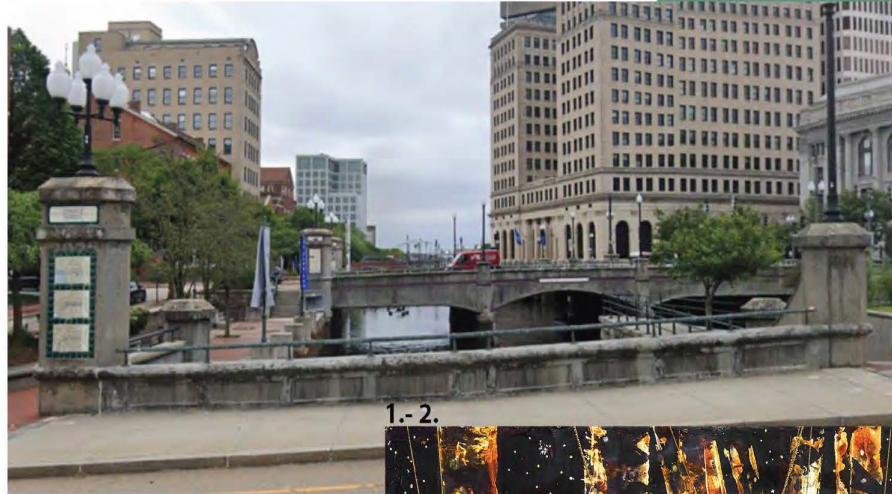
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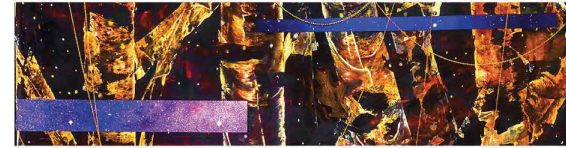
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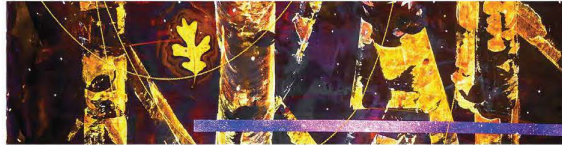


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PRINTED TILE

Jordan Seaberry

S.E. STEEPLE ST. WALL 2A

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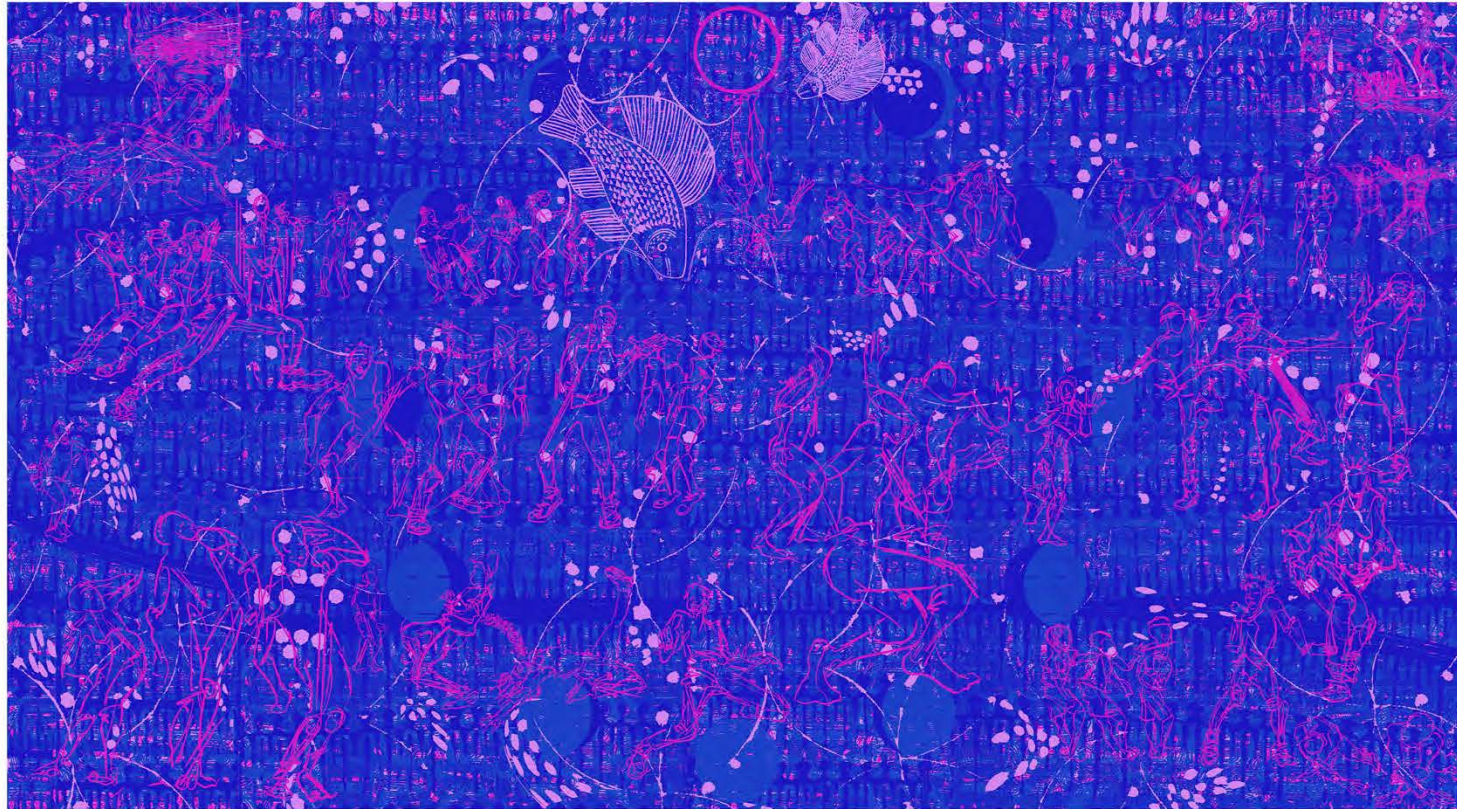
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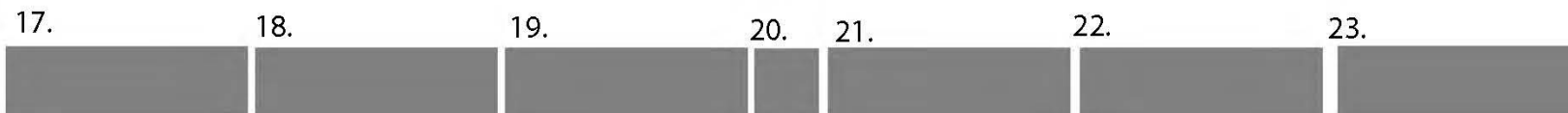
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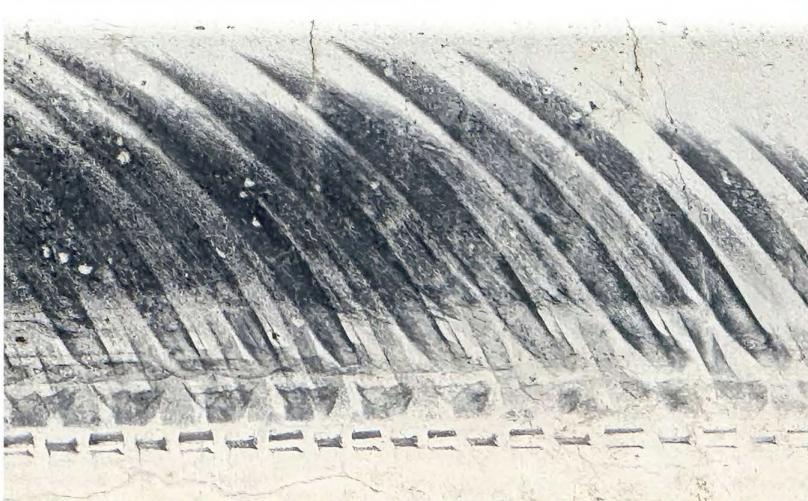


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Memorial at Steeple

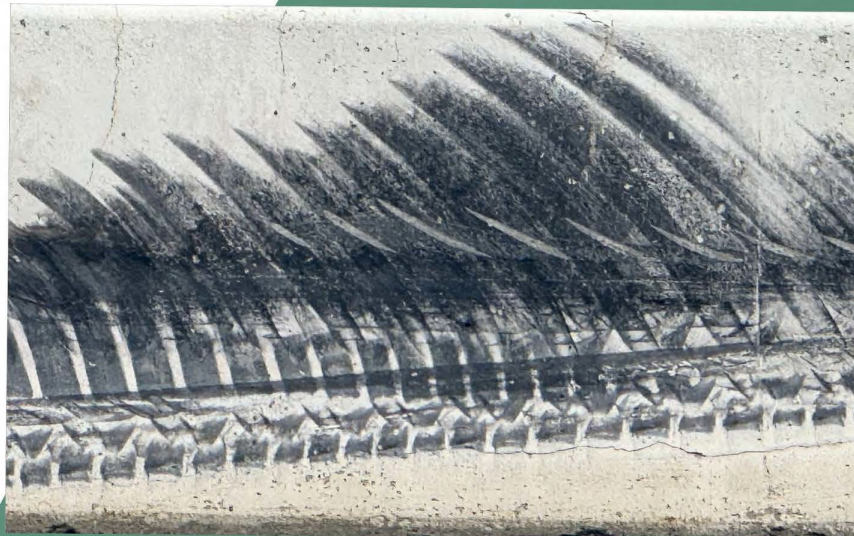
North and South



NORTH MEMORIAL SIGN AT STEEPLE
39 1/2" X 24 3/4" 7 sqft.



SOUTH MEMORIAL SIGN AT STEEPLE
39 1/2" X 24 3/4" 7 sqft.



N

Memorial Blvd

Waterplace Park Side



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62 Panels
20" x 100-200"

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Quinn Corey



THE KIOSK AT BILTMORE PARK



MAYOR BRETT P. SMILEY
CITY OF PROVIDENCE



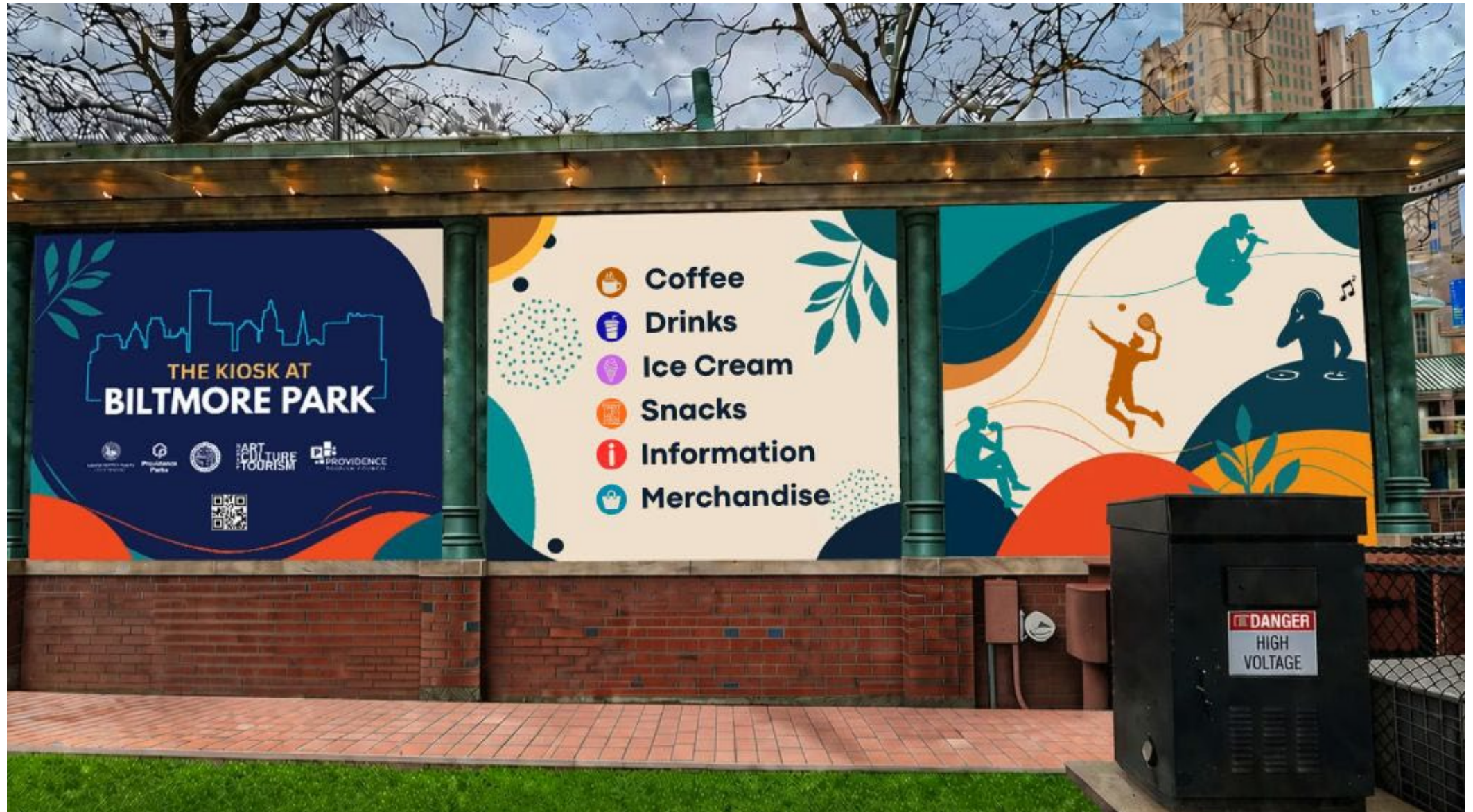
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Drinks



Ice Cream



Snacks



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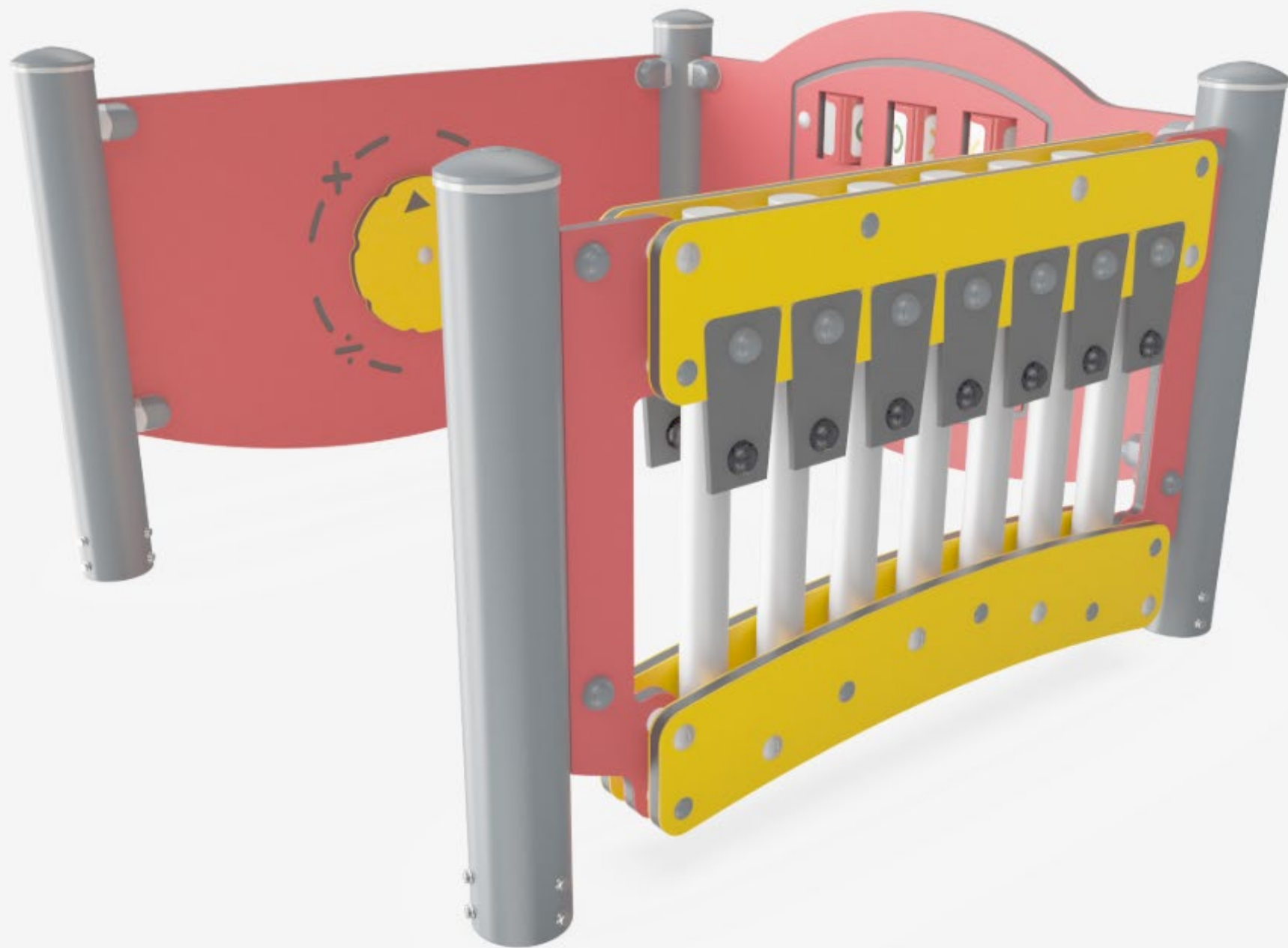
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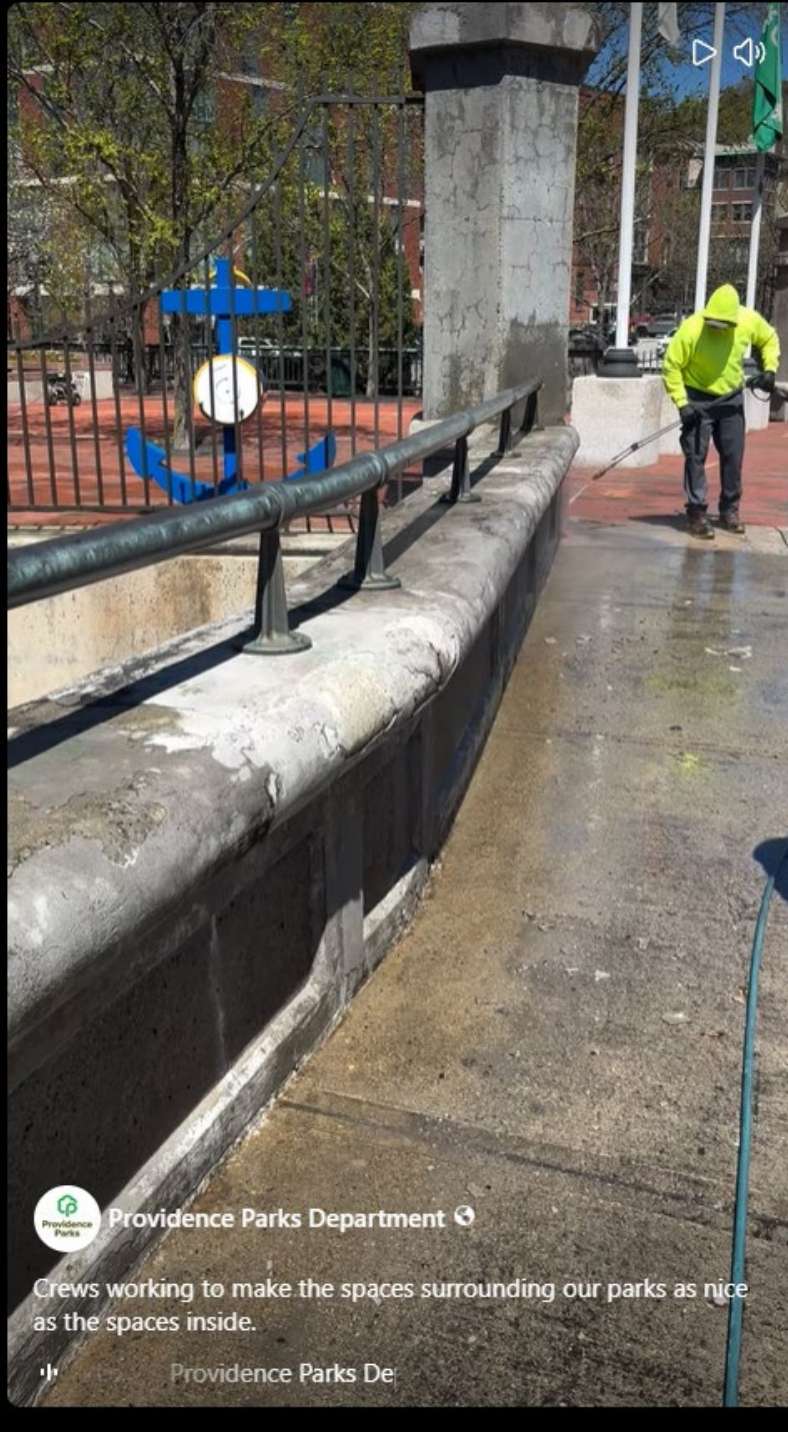
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