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## Fact Sheet

# Allin's Cove Wetland Restoration Project

### Barrington, Rhode Island

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696 Virginia Road, Concord, Massachusetts 01742-2751

#### Project Authority

The Allin's Cove Wetland Restoration Project is being constructed under authority provided in Section 1135 of Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (PL 99-662). This project is part of the Corps Continuing Authorities "CAP" program.



#### Project Location and Description

The project is located in an area known as Allin's Cove in Barrington, Rhode Island. In 1959, dredged material from the Bullocks Cove navigation improvement project was placed on the wetland at the mouth of the Cove increasing the elevation above the inter-tidal range. This change in elevation and decrease in frequency of saltwater inundation created an area attractive to growth of common reed (*Phragmites australis*). This invasive species took over the area and salt marsh was lost.

The Allin's Cove Restoration Project will remove the unwanted *Phragmites* and will restore approximately four acres of salt marsh (*Spartina* sp.) to Allin's Cove. Also, since the 1959 changes to the area, the inlet to the Cove has migrated to the north eroding the marsh and roadway along

Byway Road. The project will realign the inlet channel to the south and provide for a north and south sand spit with sand excavated at the site.

#### Non-Federal Project Sponsors

The Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council and the Town of Barrington, Rhode Island are the non-Federal project sponsors. Many other stakeholders have participated in the project including the Allin's Cove Neighborhood Coalition, the Barrington Land Conservation Trust, and Save the Bay.

#### Project Schedule

The construction contract was awarded to Green Seal Environmental, Inc. of Sandwich, Massachusetts in July 2005. Their sub-contractor is RC&D, Inc., Providence, Rhode Island. Site construction was initiated in October 2005 and the majority of the work will be completed in about three months.

#### Project Costs

The project is cost shared between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the project sponsors at 75% (Federal), 25% (non-Federal). The total project cost is \$1.3 million dollars.

