

# **PUBLIC MEETING**

**Potter Hill Mill**  
**198 Potter Hill Road, Westerly**

**June 24, 2025**  
**5:30pm**

**Town Hall, 45 Broad St., Westerly**

# AGENDA



Introductions



TBA Program



Potter Hill Mill History, Sampling Results, Reuse



Community Input



Contact Information

# INTRODUCTIONS

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# WHAT IS THE TBA PROGRAM?

The TBA Program's purpose is to assist communities throughout RI in determining the actual presence and extent of contamination at a brownfield property, so that said property can be redeveloped and revitalized.



The goal of the TBA Program is to investigate and redevelop a brownfield via three (3) stages:

Phase I Environmental  
Site Assessment (ESA)

Phase II ESA

Remedial Planning –  
**WE ARE HERE**



## POTTER HILL MILL - HISTORY

- Gristmill and sawmill: 1775-1762
- George Potter Family operated property as gristmill, sawmill, fulling mill, and a store: 1775-1810
- Joseph and Nathan Potter Family operated property as cotton mill and small-scale boat building: 1810-1844
- Edwin and Horace Babcock Mills: 1844-1885
- JP Campbell Mills Company: 1885-1907
- Pawcatuck Woolen Mill: 1907-1920

# POTTER HILL MILL - INVESTIGATION FINDINGS & PROPOSED REUSE

- Investigation conducted in December 2024
  - Soil:
    - Arsenic
    - Lead
    - Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
  - Groundwater:
    - Arsenic
      - Recent sampling in April did not identify arsenic
- The Town wants to redevelop the Site for recreational purposes
- Remedy will include:
  - Engineered barrier – landscaping, hardscaping, building foundations
  - Continued groundwater monitoring
  - Record Land Use Restriction



**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

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