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Detail of mosaic mural at India Point Park playground

FRIENDS OF INDIA POINT PARK

2005 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Spring 2005

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Recent accomplishments:

- New playground
- Mosaic mural, phase 1
- 30th anniversary celebration of Park with Pete Seeger

Advocacy:

- Protect park as 195 is relocated
- Bury high-voltage power lines
- Expand waterfront public space
- Re-build public boat ramp
- Fought proposed parking garage

Maintenance:

- Annual park clean-up
- Tree care: mulching, planting
- 32 benches painted
- More trash cans

Dear Friends,

With 18 acres of open space, 250 trees, and meandering walking paths at the head of Narragansett Bay, India Point Park is a treasured waterfront resource. We need your help to continue to improve the Park.

Did you know that more than 112,000 people visit the Park each year, according to the Parks Department? On a stroll through the Park, you'll encounter people from all parts of the city – kids, soccer players, dogwalkers, picnickers, artists, fishermen, and cyclists. Offshore, you'll spot Brown's crew team, sailboats, a sunken ship, swans, and if you're lucky, a great blue heron.

And you'll find kids enjoying the terrific new playground with its state-of-the-art equipment and gorgeous mosaic mural depicting the bustling historic shorefront! With tiles made by over 500 people, the mural won a Preservation Society award last year for community involvement.

Since 2000, Friends of India Point Park (FIPP) has mobilized community support to make the Park one of Providence's most inviting, joyful, clean, and green places. We are proud of our work in cooperation with neighborhood groups, government agencies and officials, and local businesses. Some of our recent accomplishments are listed on the left.

This year FIPP is embarking on a capital campaign to improve the Park, similar to the efforts of friends of parks groups around the country that supplement inadequate city park budgets. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 that would enable us to:

- design and build a **bulletin board kiosk** that would enhance the Park's sense of community
- complete the "Past Points" **mosaic mural** by funding a new collaboration between ceramic artists Mika Seeger and Peter Geisser, and Hope High School students
- install more **picnic tables** and new trash cans
- improve the Park's **landscaping** with low maintenance plantings, cobblestones, and mulch

We are asking you, as someone who cares about the Park and understands the importance of greenspace in our city, to help us reach our goal. We are also seeking grants from government programs, foundations, and local businesses. To kick off our campaign, the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts donated \$3,500 toward completing the tile mural.

Please send us a **tax-deductible contribution** now. And come to the Park, enjoy its shoreline pleasures, and take satisfaction in being part of the improvements that together we will achieve.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Powning
Co-Chair

David Riley
Co-Chair