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**Join WaterFire and Save The Bay to Clean Up
Waterplace Park!**

PROVIDENCE, RI - Saturday, April 28th – WaterFire Providence, the renowned festival that has been lighting up Providence for 17 years, is teaming up with another Rhode Island institution, Save The Bay, and over one hundred volunteers to help clean and beautify Waterplace Park and the surrounding rivers. WaterFire is excited to partner up on the same day with the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council, who will also be hosting their annual clean up along the banks of the Woonasquatucket River Greenway and bike path from the Providence Place Mall all the way to Johnston. All together we hope to have a successful day on the river and on land to help enhance our community!

WaterFire's 3rd Annual Cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 28th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. WaterFire and Save The Bay hope to see you there to help keep our city beautiful and get it ready for the upcoming WaterFire season!

The day's efforts will be focused on two different areas. An on-shore crew will concentrate on cleaning up Waterplace park, a valued and treasured public space that is at the center of WaterFire events. Volunteers from local organizations will be covering the entire length of the park, from Waterplace Basin all the way down to South Water Street, picking up trash & clearing the walkways, parkland, and monuments of debris. Other efforts will be focused on the rivers of downtown Providence. Volunteers will also be on WaterFire boats helping to clear the river of debris that has been gathering since last summer. All trash will be recycled or processed in an eco-friendly manner.

Everyone is invited to join the efforts of WaterFire Providence and Save The Bay and encouraged to bring friends and family! Please come prepared in your work clothes and don't forget to bring sunscreen, work gloves and any extra rakes you may have lying around. Snacks and water will be provided for all participants as a small thanks for their efforts.

A special thank you to Save-a-Lot Supermarkets and Nestle Water for their generous

support and donations towards the clean-up efforts. Thanks as well to Waste Management for generously providing two dumpsters to properly contain and dispose of all trash at the end of the day.

For more information please contact WaterFire Volunteer Coordinator, Alex Brinckerhoff at alex@waterfire.org or (401) 273-1155 ext. 171.

WaterFire Providence is an independent, non-profit arts organization whose mission is to inspire Providence and its visitors by revitalizing the urban experience, fostering community engagement and creatively transforming the city by presenting WaterFire for all to enjoy.

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