# CE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND

# WHY DO WE CARE ABOUT STORMWATER AT CCRI?

#### What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is water (typically from the rain) that is not absorbed into the ground or soil but instead runs along impervious surfaces such as pavement, sidewalks, parking lots, buildings, etc.

## Why is it problematic?

Stormwater can collect and carry chemicals, debris, and pollutants as it travels. Common examples at CCRI include, but are not limited to, antifreeze, oil, gasoline, sand, salt and other ice melts, cigarette waste, and animal waste. These materials travel with the water and can pollute local waterways, including surrounding wetlands and ground water. It can impact local plant and animal life as well.

## What can you do?

Please be mindful of the potential pollution you bring to campus. Properly dispose of all trash, debris, etc. Do not discard cigarettes and related materials on the ground, please utilize proper receptacles. Do not dump any illicit materials including oil, gas, antifreeze, or any other dry or liquid chemicals.

If you notice a vehicle leaking oil, gas, or antifreeze please notify CCRI College Police or the Office of the Physical Plant. Staff in these departments can assist in mitigating and cleaning up these releases and minimize impact on the environment.

CCRI College Police: (401) 825-2000

Physical Plant Operations: Warwick (401) 825-2118 Lincoln (401) 333-7048

Communicate these measures with any visitors or contractors that may be joining you on campus.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Physical Plant or the Environmental Health and Safety Consultant Dennis Slavin – dennis.slavin@triumvirate.com