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*Taking Action...*

### **Eyeing Federal Protections Rollbacks**

The Trump administration recently signed a regulation to end federal protection for millions of streams and roughly half the nation's wetlands from federal protection. The move—known as the Navigable Waters Protection Rule—represents the largest rollback of the Clean Water Act since that rule was passed in 1972.

Save The Bay is evaluating how these changes may impact the Narragansett Bay watershed. While Rhode Island and Massachusetts each have their own state-level wetlands rules that offer more protections, it is imperative that the two states enforce those rules.

We applaud Attorneys General Peter Nerhona (R.I.), Maura Healey (Mass.) and William Tong (Conn.) who joined ten other states' challenge of the new rule in the courts. Save The Bay further appreciates the members of Congress who have also promised to fight these changes. U.S. Senator Jack Reed issued a statement that said, in part:

*"President Trump has decided to choose pollution over public health. The new Trump 'dirty water rule' strikes at the heart of clean water protections that have been in place for almost fifty years and will lead to more pollution in our nation's waters."*