



Quonset Points

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Town Councilor Highlights Potential of Quonset as Revenue Source for N.K.

Against the backdrop of water supply problems and on-going fiscal challenges, Quonset's potential as a source of revenue for the Town of North Kingstown was highlighted in an [opinion piece](#) by town councilor Ed Cooney in last week's *North-East Independent*. "Unlike other cities and towns in Rhode Island, North Kingstown has an opportunity to greatly expand its tax base with the prospect of substantial, additional income to assist us in facing our fiscal problems," wrote Cooney. "That opportunity is Quonset Business Park..."

Cooney suggested that a more proactive, pro-business approach would allow the partnership to "grow and prosper."

"We must embrace the potential that is Quonset," he concluded.

Business Park Development Regulations Ready for Review

Development regulations for the Quonset Business Park are nearing completion. The regulations were drafted to meet the unique growth issues of the park, to ensure flexibility, appropriate design, and respect for the neighboring community. Clear development protocols are outlined in the regulations covering environmental and socio-economic reviews, utility easement, sewer use regulations and construction.

Input from North Kingstown and state officials proved invaluable in the drafting of the regulations to meet QDC's goal that development minimize impact to the community. The business park regulations mirror current town requirements with exceptions for industrial uses. The formal development regulations represent a necessary and critical step in the strategic future of the business park. You can review the regulations on our [website](#).

QDC Looks to Capitalize on Freight and Road Improvements

The New Footprint For Use of the Davisville Pier Takes Shape

Quonset Mission

The Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) is a real estate development and management company organized as a subsidiary of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation.

QDC develops and manages the Quonset Business Park in accordance with the QDC Master Plan and in the best interests of the citizens of Rhode Island to attract and retain successful businesses that provide high quality jobs.

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The Quonset Development Corporation is exploring the best use for the existing Davisville pier area and adjacent upland. This area is currently a roll-on/roll-off facility for automobiles and seafood. By enhancing the current operations with a professionally operated logistics facility, QDC will be able to collect fair market value tariffs and market land lease rates from future and existing tenants. The end result - more jobs and more revenue for the state and community.

“The logistics facility is a good fit for Quonset. It benefits the state and the community, but does not require dredging, cranes, containers, or stacking at the site,” said Geoff Grout, CEO of the Quonset Development Corporation. “But it will allow us to fully utilize the freight rail and Route 403 infrastructure improvements to get the most economic benefit for the taxpayers.”

A QDC selection committee has reviewed four proposals to operate the logistics facility, and will be making a recommendation to the QDC board for discussion and approval at its September meeting.

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