



## Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island

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### **Partnerships Enabling ‘Iver Mudslider’ in Ryan Park Celebrated**

**North Kingstown, RI** — As the Recreation Department in North Kingstown works to complete installation of sponsor recognition, trail markers, and signage in Ryan Park, a celebration event was held earlier this week as a networking opportunity between sponsors, a story-sharing evening for volunteers and a meet-and-greet with local officials in attendance.

As sponsored with snacks by Quonset Tavern on the Green, the event was planned by South County Tourism Council’s Sponsorship Coordinator, Kara Young, a significant fundraiser for the initiative, in conjunction with the North Kingstown Recreation Department at the North Kingstown Town Hall. Together, they especially thanked the eight significant sponsors and over 100 volunteers and for their support and involvement in bringing a large-scale public art initiative with an interconnected network spanning the globe on [Trollmap](#), to the Town of North Kingstown. At the event, praise was given to Louise Bishop, President/South County Tourism Council and Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs, North Kingstown Recreation Department Director, as well as several integral Recreation Department staff members and project volunteers such as Dave Creta and others that were intrinsic to the installation of the recycle art installation designed by world-famous Thomas Dambo. Funded entirely by a combination of in-kind donations, grants by South County Tourism Council, Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, and numerous monetary donations from sponsors, organizations, and local families/individuals, Iver Mudslider, as the troll is named, was paid for in full without the use of taxpayer dollars.

The latest confirmed donations to support the initiative occurred at the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the North Kingstown Town Council, with gratitude expressed for the generosity of the Allen R. Southwick Memorial Trust; University Orthopedics; El Tapatio (North Kingstown); McKay’s Furniture; Dragon Palace; Heritage Kitchen; Rhode Island Energy; Washington Trust; Teddy Bearskins; Silversmith Orthodontics; and a multitude of others.

The Recreation Department has shifted from fundraising for this initiative to maintaining the safety and accessibility of the area while ensuring the longevity of the installation. It reminds all visitors to please refrain from climbing the troll; drive safely and be respectful of area neighbors by picking up after and properly leashing pets; adhere to all posted parking, hours, and access restrictions, as with all other municipal parks in the Town of North Kingstown.

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*Please contact Kate Glass, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager and Director of Communications, at [kglass@northkingstownri.gov](mailto:kglass@northkingstownri.gov) with any questions. For more information on Iver Mudslider, please visit <https://www.northkingstownri.gov/1149/Troll-Iver-Mudslider>.*