



# Quonset Points

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### **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.

## **Proposed Ethanol Plant Latest Indicator of Economic Boom at Quonset**

### ***State-of-the-Art Environmental Facility to Produce Green Fuel***

The Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) Board of Directors gave preliminary approval to a proposal by Atlantic Ethanol to bring "...an environmentally friendly renewable energy, ethanol production facility" to Quonset. The state-of-the-art, bio-technology, ethanol facility is proposed for 25 acres in the heavy industrial district of the Business Park.

The \$140 million dollar 'closed loop', environmentally advanced system design represents the smallest environmental footprint available for a bio-plant. The plant design includes a special feature that re-circulates the grey water from the Quonset Wastewater Treatment Facility (that normally goes to Narragansett Bay); so that the company will be a net zero user and discharger of manufacturing water at Quonset.

The environmental and economic synergy makes the Quonset Business Park an appealing location, according to Atlantic Ethanol. The access to Quonset's intermodal transportation system means the facility can bring corn in by rail, and export ethanol by barge. Meanwhile the by-product CO2 can be sold to other companies, including one within the Business Park.

The ethanol facility, which will create 65 full time and 400 construction jobs, is just the latest in a series of projects expected to spur private investment and create employment at Quonset. This momentum was noted in last week's *Northeast Independent* newspaper, which mentioned the sports complex at the Gateway and the proposed mega-yacht construction and repair facility as two of the "components of a fast-growing economic boom at Quonset Point."

## Civil Engineers Play Vital Role in Present, Future Growth at Quonset

The local chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers were briefed last week on the Present and Future of Quonset Development Corporation at Quidnesset Country Club in North Kingstown. Steven King, a fellow Professional Engineer and QDC COO spoke about the vision of Quonset and the role that civil engineers will play in making that vision reach fruition.

The **American Society of Civil Engineers** (ASCE) is made up of individuals from all disciplines of civil engineering. ASCE members understand current industry technology and are part of a cutting edge team of civil engineers.

King highlighted the current opportunities and recent developments at Quonset. Many were surprised to learn that Quonset is home base for 8,200 jobs and 158 companies. Looking towards the future, King reviewed the capital budget for the Fiscal Year 2009. This includes funds for the demolition of old Navy building, construction of roads and repairs to piers and the bulkheads surrounding the Davisville Piers.

### Clearing the Way for Progress



*These old buildings are slated to be demolished.*

Preparation of sites for Phase 10 demolition is underway. 23,841 square feet will be removed in this phase. Over 2 million square feet of old, decaying buildings have been cleared since this project began. The project will include the demolition and removal of three former Navy buildings and associated foundations. Asbestos, lead-based paint and other hazardous material will be removed and disposed. Elements of this phase include, utility disconnects, asbestos removal and disposal and site restoration.

Demolition work was awarded to Patriot Hauling Company, Inc. out of Johnston, Rhode Island. Phase 10 will begin on or before October 22, 2007.



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