



Freshwater Resources



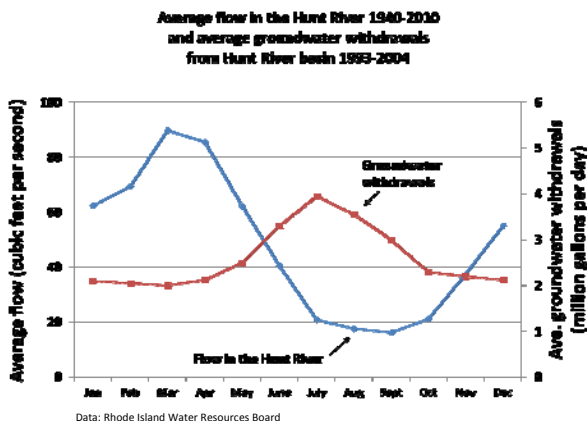
Freshwater Is Not Unlimited

The Narragansett Bay Region receives ample rainfall that supports a freshwater system of groundwater aquifers, rivers, streams and lakes. These provide water for drinking water, industry, agriculture and firefighting.

Demand for freshwater is highest in summer, when stream flow is naturally lowest



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Water can be used more efficiently



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Over 50% of the water used is lost to the atmosphere



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Several watersheds in Rhode Island are stressed

Hunt River at Average Flow



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Hunt River at Low Flow



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