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RI Environmental Group Gives Senator O'Neill "A" Rating

PROVIDENCE - The Environment Council of Rhode Island (ECRI) has issued their bi-annual General Assembly Green Report Card and Independent State Senator Ed O'Neill received an "A" rating for his work in protection of the environment.

The ECRI is a coalition of more than 60 organizations and individuals whose mission is to serve as an effective voice for developing and advocating policies and laws that protect and enhance our environment.

Senator O'Neill had the second highest score out of all senators in the General Assembly for the 2009-2010 session.

According to the ECRI, Senator O'Neill's high score reflects his voting on a range of environmental issues, including his sponsorship of the Camp Meehan Bill which was signed into law protecting the Camp Meehan property adjacent to Notte Park as open space.

"The Camp Meehan land is the last remaining large parcel of open space in North Providence," O'Neill explained. "There has been strong support by town residents to keep this land out of the hands of developers."

Overall, the ECRI gave the General Assembly a "B-" grade for their environmental legislation, although they acknowledged progress on several issues including promoting water conservation and preventing mercury pollution.

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