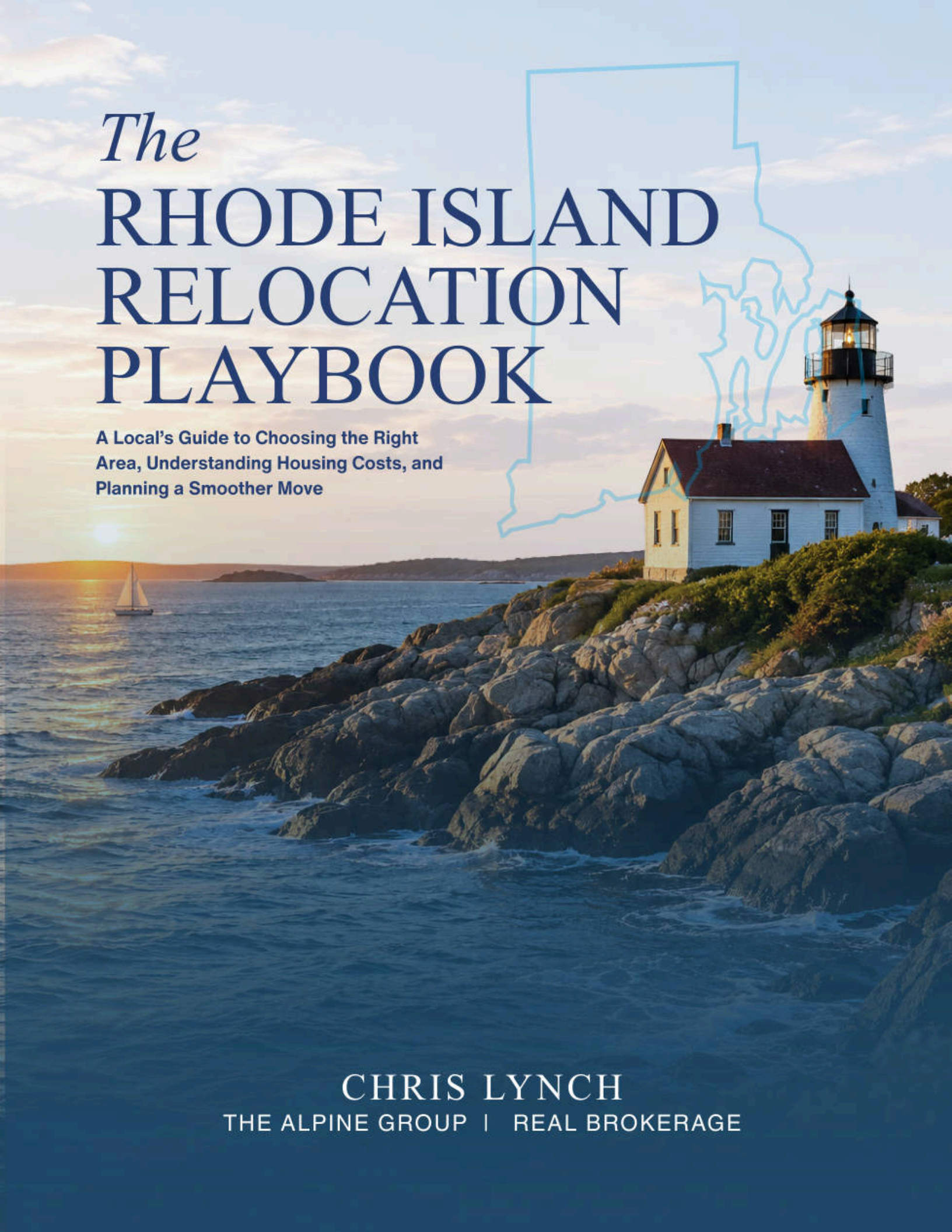




The RHODE ISLAND RELOCATION PLAYBOOK

A Local's Guide to Choosing the Right
Area, Understanding Housing Costs, and
Planning a Smoother Move

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Welcome to Rhode Island

Rhode Island may be the smallest state in the country, but choosing where to live here can still feel surprisingly complicated.

Within a relatively short drive, you can go from the energy of downtown Providence to historic coastal communities, quiet suburban neighborhoods, rural areas with larger properties, and some of New England's best-known beaches.

That variety is part of what makes Rhode Island such an interesting place to call home — but it also means that the right location depends heavily on your budget, commute, preferred housing style, and day-to-day lifestyle.

I created this guide to make the relocation process easier.

Inside, you'll find a straightforward overview of Rhode Island's different regions, housing considerations, commuting options, ownership costs, and some of the things people moving here may not realize until they begin their home search.

The goal isn't to tell you where you should live.

It's to give you the information you need to better understand your options, narrow your search, and make a more informed decision about what works for you.

A Small State With A Lot Of Variety

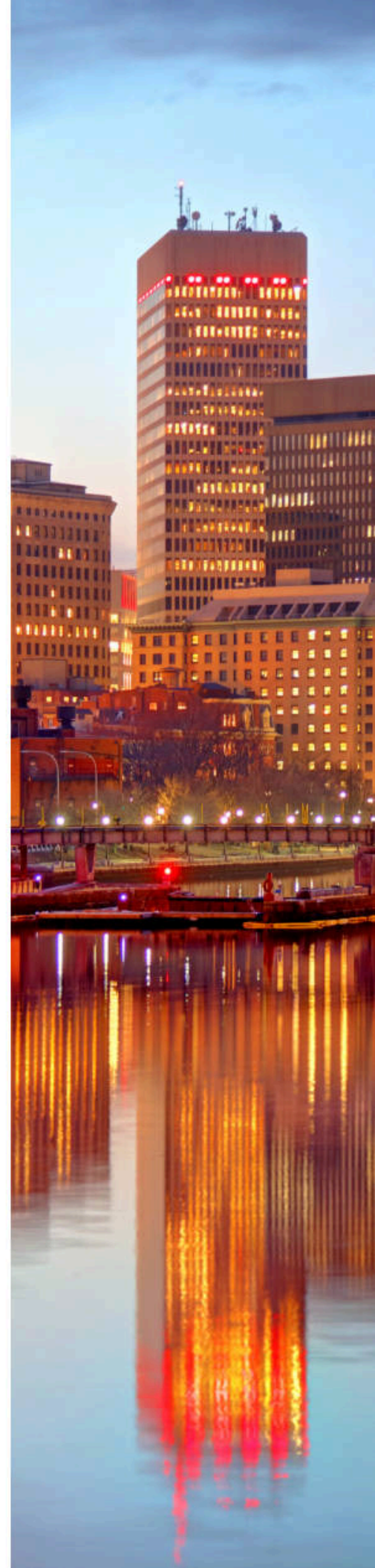
One of Rhode Island's biggest advantages is accessibility. Many communities are within a reasonable drive of Providence, the coastline, TF Green International Airport, and major transportation routes throughout New England. But no two areas are exactly alike. As you go through this guide, think about the factors that matter most to you:

- Your housing budget
- Your commute and transportation needs
- The type and age of home you prefer
- Lot size and outdoor space
- Walkability and access to amenities
- Proximity to the coast
- Maintenance and ownership costs
- How much space you actually need

By the end of the guide, you should have a much clearer idea of which parts of Rhode Island deserve a closer look. Welcome to the Ocean State. Let's get started.



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RHODE ISLAND AT A GLANCE

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Even though the state is small, each part of Rhode Island has its own mix of housing, commuting options, coastline, downtown areas, and overall setting.

Here's a simple starting point.

NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND

*Cumberland •
Lincoln • Smithfield
• North Smithfield •
Woonsocket*

NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND

THE EAST BAY

*Barrington • Bristol •
Warren*

PROVIDENCE

PROVIDENCE & NEARBY

*Providence •
Cranston • East
Providence • North
Providence •
Pawtucket*

CENTRAL RHODE ISLAND & KENT COUNTY

*Warwick • East
Greenwich •
West Warwick •
Coventry*

KENT

NEWPORT

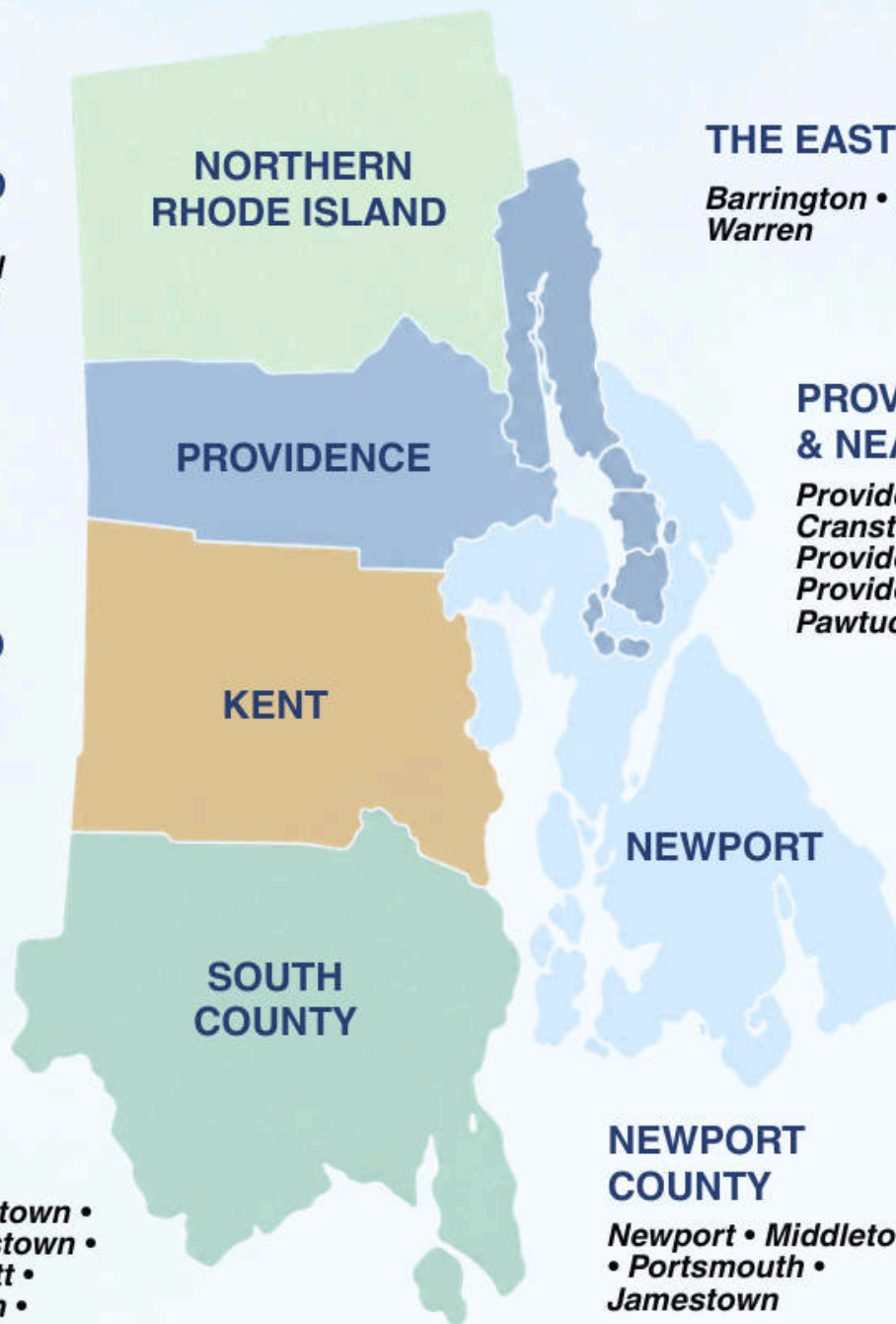
SOUTH COUNTY

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Narragansett •
Charlestown •
Westerly*

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• Portsmouth •
Jamestown*



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Providence • Cranston • East Providence • North Providence • Pawtucket



This is the most urban part of the state, with a wide variety of housing that includes condos, single-family homes, historic properties, and multifamily buildings.

You'll also find convenient access to major highways, restaurants, shopping, hospitals, colleges, and transportation into Boston.

Worth considering if you value: Urban amenities, shorter access to Providence, multifamily housing, walkability in select areas, and transportation connections.

NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND

Cumberland • Lincoln • Smithfield • North Smithfield • Woonsocket



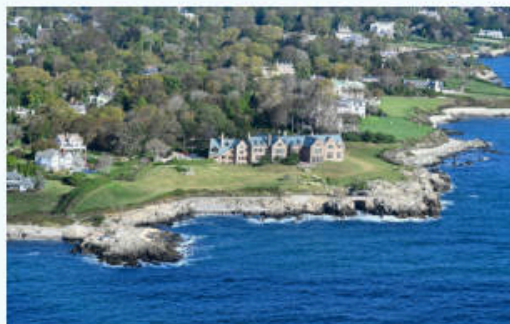
Northern Rhode Island includes a mix of suburban communities, older mill cities, newer residential development, and more rural areas as you travel farther from Providence.

Access to Route 146, I-295, and nearby Massachusetts makes this part of the state worth considering for buyers who regularly travel north.

Worth considering if you value: Suburban housing, highway access, larger properties in some areas, and proximity to Massachusetts.

CENTRAL RHODE ISLAND & KENT COUNTY

Warwick • East Greenwich • West Warwick • Coventry



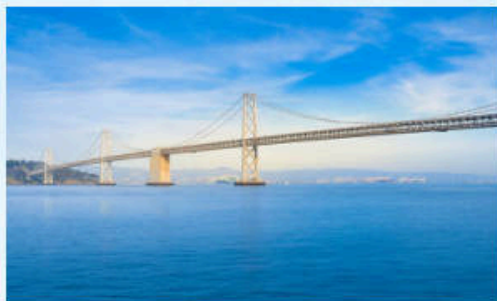
Located in the middle of the state, this area offers relatively convenient access to Providence, T.F. Green International Airport, I-95, Route 4, shopping, and much of the rest of Rhode Island.

Housing ranges from condos and smaller residential properties to historic homes and larger suburban lots.

Worth considering if you value: Central location, highway access, airport proximity, suburban housing, and convenient access to both Providence and South County.

THE EAST BAY

Barrington • Bristol • Warren



The East Bay sits along Narragansett Bay and is known for historic town centers, waterfront areas, older New England homes, and a strong coastal character.

Bristol and Warren offer walkable downtown districts, while the surrounding areas include a mix of residential neighborhoods and waterfront properties.

Worth considering if you value: Coastal surroundings, historic architecture, downtown amenities, and access to Narragansett Bay

SOUTH COUNTY

North Kingstown • South Kingstown • Narragansett • Charlestown • Westerly



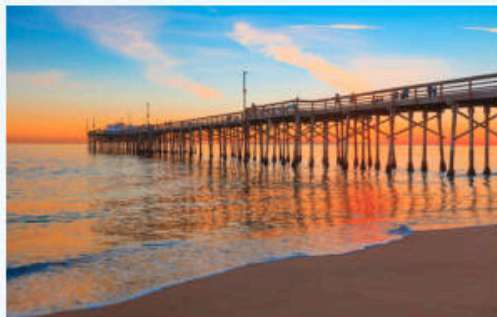
South County is where much of Rhode Island's beach and coastal lifestyle is concentrated.

Depending on the community, you'll find year-round neighborhoods, seasonal properties, beach homes, larger lots, village centers, and more rural settings.

Worth considering if you value: Beach access, coastal living, outdoor recreation, more space in certain areas, and proximity to southern Rhode Island's shoreline.

NEWPORT COUNTY

Newport • Middletown • Portsmouth • Jamestown



Newport County combines historic architecture, waterfront living, island communities, tourism, marinas, and a broad mix of housing.

Newport itself is more densely developed, while Middletown and Portsmouth generally offer more suburban and residential settings.

Worth considering if you value: Waterfront access, historic surroundings, boating, coastal lifestyle, and proximity to Newport.

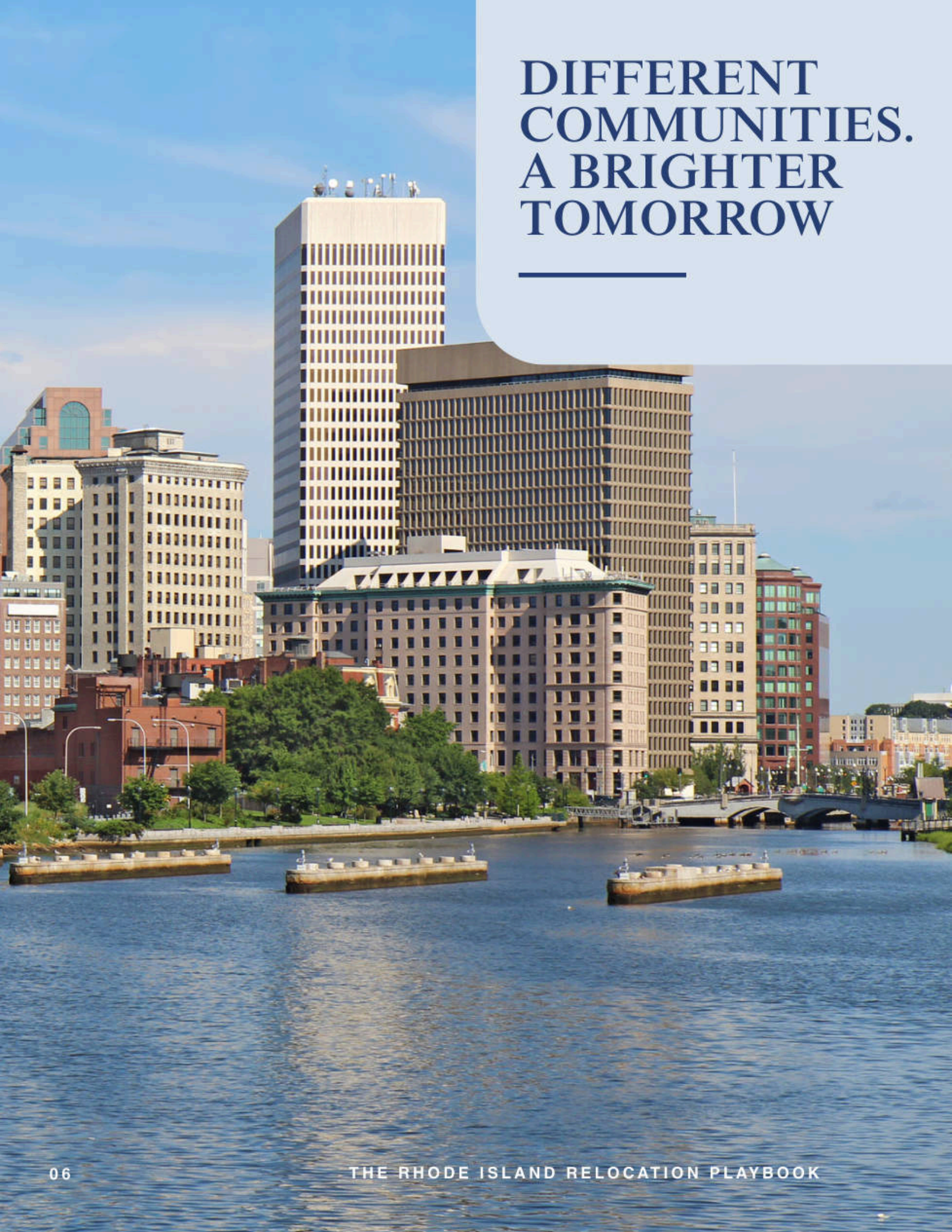
Keep This in Mind

Rhode Island is small enough that you don't necessarily need to choose between being near Providence, the coast, or major transportation routes.

The bigger question is usually:

Which combination of location, housing, commute, budget, and lifestyle makes the most sense for you?

That's what the rest of this guide will help you narrow down.



DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES. A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

WHAT MATTERS MOST IN YOUR MOVE?

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Use the questions below to start narrowing your search.



BUDGET

WHAT IS YOUR
COMFORTABLE
HOUSING BUDGET?



COMMUTE

HOW IMPORTANT IS
YOUR COMMUTE?



HOME TYPE

WHAT TYPE OF HOME
ARE YOU LOOKING
FOR?



SETTING

WHAT KIND OF
SETTING DO YOU
WANT?



WATER

HOW IMPORTANT IS
BEING NEAR THE
WATER?



SPACE

HOW MUCH SPACE DO
YOU NEED?

MY TOP 3 PRIORITIES

01 _____

02 _____

03 _____

A photograph of the Rhode Island State Capitol building, showing its large dome and classical columns. The building is white with a prominent dome topped by a statue. The image is partially obscured by a large green tree in the foreground on the left side.

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1. What Is Your Comfortable Housing Budget?

Start with the monthly payment and overall ownership cost that feels comfortable for you — not just the maximum amount you may be approved for.

Keep in mind that your total cost can include:

- Principal and interest
- Property taxes
- Homeowner's insurance
- Flood insurance, if applicable
- Condo or HOA fees
- Utilities and heating
- Ongoing maintenance

Housing costs can vary significantly from one Rhode Island municipality and property to another.

2. How Important Is Your Commute?

Rhode Island may be small, but commute patterns can make a major difference in your day-to-day experience.

Consider:

- Where you'll be working
- How often you need to commute
- Access to I-95, I-295, Route 4, or Route 146
- Proximity to Providence
- Access to MBTA or Amtrak service
- Distance to TF Green International Airport
- Whether you regularly travel into Massachusetts or Connecticut

A location that looks close on a map may feel very different during peak commuting hours.

3. What Type of Home Are You Looking For?

Rhode Island has a wide mix of housing, and the type of property you want can quickly narrow your search.

Think about whether you prefer:

Certain property types are more common in some parts of the state than others.

- Single-family home
- Condo or townhouse
- Multifamily property
- Historic or older home
- Newer construction
- Larger lot
- Smaller, lower-maintenance property
- Waterfront or coastal property

4. What Kind of Setting Do You Want?

Instead of trying to find the “best” town, think about the environment you want around your home.

Do you prefer:

- Urban
- Suburban
- Coastal
- Rural
- Walkable downtown
- Larger residential lots
- Easy access to shopping and restaurants
- A quieter setting farther from major commercial areas

There isn't one right answer — the goal is to find the combination that works for your lifestyle.

5. How Important Is Being Near the Water?

Living in the Ocean State means the coast is never very far away, but there is a big difference between being within driving distance of the water and actually living in a coastal community.

If coastal living is important to you, consider:

- Distance to beaches
- Access to Narragansett Bay
- Waterfront or water-view properties
- Flood-zone considerations
- Insurance costs
- Seasonal traffic
- Property maintenance near the coast

6. How Much Space Do You Need?

Think beyond bedroom count.

Consider:

- Lot size
- Garage or parking
- Home office
- Basement
- Storage
- Outdoor living space
- Room for pets
- Future expansion
- Guest space



WHAT DIFFERENT BUDGETS MAY LOOK LIKE

One of the biggest questions people have before moving to Rhode Island is simple:

“What can my budget realistically buy here?”

The answer depends heavily on location, property condition, lot size, housing type, taxes, and current inventory.

Instead of thinking of price alone, it helps to think in terms of tradeoffs.

\$350K - \$450K



- Smaller single-family homes
- Condos and townhomes
- Older homes that may need updating
- Properties farther from the coast or higher-demand areas
- Some multifamily opportunities, depending on location and condition

Common tradeoffs may include: Less square footage, older systems, smaller lots, fewer updates, or a location farther from major lifestyle amenities.

\$550K - \$600K



- Updated single-family homes
- More bedroom and living-space options
- Larger lots in certain communities
- Homes with garages or additional storage
- Properties closer to popular downtown or coastal areas

Common tradeoffs may include: Choosing between condition, location, lot size, commute, and proximity to the water.

\$600K - \$800K



- Larger single-family homes
- Updated or renovated homes
- More desirable lot sizes or locations
- Historic properties
- Homes closer to coastal communities
- Properties with additional amenities or higher-end finishes

Keep in mind: A higher purchase price does not automatically mean a newer home. Rhode Island has a large amount of older housing, including homes with significant character but potentially higher maintenance needs.

\$800K+



- Larger homes and properties
- Waterfront or water-view opportunities
- Luxury condos
- Historic homes
- Highly updated properties
- Homes in some of Rhode Island's coastal and higher-priced markets

Pricing can vary substantially even within the same town based on location, views, condition, land, and proximity to the water

Price Is Only Part of the Picture

Two homes with the same purchase price can have very different monthly ownership costs.

Before comparing properties, consider:

- Property taxes
- Homeowner's insurance
- Flood insurance, when applicable
- Heating and utility costs
- Condo or HOA fees
- Age of major systems
- Expected maintenance
- Renovations or repairs

A less expensive home with higher taxes, deferred maintenance, or additional insurance requirements may ultimately cost more to own than a higher-priced property elsewhere.

A Better Question to Ask

Instead of asking:

“Where can I buy a \$500,000 house?”

Try asking:

“What combination of location, property type, condition, and monthly cost works best for me?”

That question usually leads to a much more productive home search.

Market conditions, pricing, and inventory change frequently. The examples above are intended as general guidance only and do not guarantee availability at any specific price point.



WHAT NEWCOMERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT RHODE ISLAND HOMES

Rhode Island has a lot of character — and so does its housing stock.

If you're moving here from another part of the country, some of the homes you tour may be very different from what you're used to. Older construction, unique heating systems, coastal conditions, and property-specific maintenance issues can all play a role in the buying decision.

Here are a few things worth understanding before you start your search.



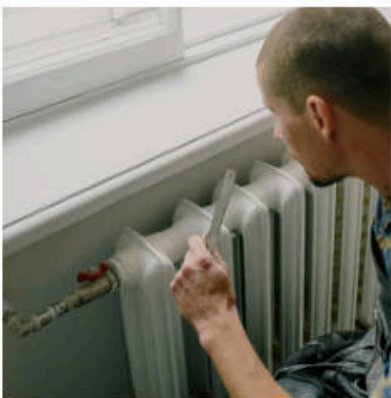
OLDER HOMES ARE COMMON

Rhode Island has many homes that were built decades — and sometimes more than a century — ago.

That can mean beautiful architecture, hardwood floors, detailed millwork, and historic character, but older homes may also come with:

- Older electrical or plumbing systems
- Aging roofs or mechanical systems
- Uneven floors or settling
- Older windows
- Limited insulation
- Previous renovations completed over many years

The age of a home is not automatically a negative, but it makes a thorough evaluation especially important.



HEATING SYSTEMS CAN VARY

Not every Rhode Island home is heated the same way.

Depending on the property and location, you may encounter:

- Natural gas
- Oil heat
- Electric heat
- Heat pumps
- Boiler systems
- Forced hot air
- Baseboard heating

Before buying, it's worth understanding what type of system the home uses, its approximate age, and what your ongoing heating costs may look like.



SEPTIC SYSTEMS & PRIVATE WELLS

While many properties are connected to municipal water and sewer, some homes — particularly in more rural or less densely developed areas — may rely on:

- Private septic systems
- Private wells
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These systems come with different maintenance and inspection considerations than municipal utilities.

If a property has either, make sure you understand how the system works, its condition, and any applicable local or state requirements.



BASEMENTS & MOISTURE

Basements are common throughout Rhode Island, particularly in older homes.

When touring a property, pay attention to:

- Signs of past water intrusion
- Musty odors
- Drainage around the foundation
- Sump pumps
- Dehumidification
- Finished basement areas

A basement can provide valuable storage or additional usable space, but water management is an important part of homeownership in New England.



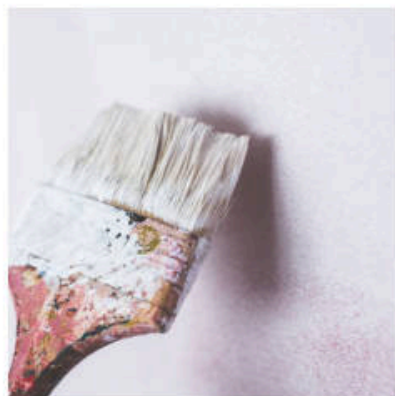
COASTAL & FLOOD CONSIDERATIONS

One of Rhode Island's biggest attractions is its coastline — but buying near the water can come with additional considerations.

Depending on the property, these may include:

- Flood-zone designation
- *Flood insurance*
- *Wind or coastal insurance considerations*
- *Salt-air exposure*
- *Exterior maintenance*
- *Storm preparedness*

If you're considering a coastal property, make sure you understand the property-specific insurance and flood requirements before moving forward.



LEAD PAINT & OLDER MATERIALS

Because Rhode Island has a substantial amount of older housing, buyers may encounter homes built before modern construction and safety standards.

Older properties can potentially contain materials such as:

- Lead-based paint
- Older insulation
- Older plumbing materials
- Outdated electrical components

The presence, condition, and significance of these materials can vary greatly from one property to another.

The Big Takeaway

In Rhode Island, the condition and characteristics of the individual property can matter just as much as the town it is located in.

A beautifully updated home and a property requiring significant improvements can sit on the same street and have very different ownership costs.

That's why it's important to look beyond the photos and asking price and understand the property as a whole.

This guide is for general informational purposes only. Property conditions, regulations, insurance requirements, and utility systems vary. Buyers should conduct appropriate inspections and consult qualified professionals regarding a specific property.

THE COSTS BEYOND THE PURCHASE PRICE

When comparing homes in Rhode Island, the purchase price is only one piece of the equation. Two homes listed for the same amount can have very different monthly ownership costs depending on taxes, insurance, utilities, heating systems, condo fees, and the condition of the property.

Before deciding what fits your budget, look at the total cost of ownership.



MORTGAGE



**PROPERTY
TAXES**



**HOMEOWNER'S
INSURANCE**



UTILITIES



**MAINTENANCE
& REPAIRS**



**HOA/CONDO
HOA/CONDO**

**REAL COST
OF OWNERSHIP**



Property Taxes

Property taxes vary by municipality and by property.

That means a similarly priced home in one Rhode Island community may carry a noticeably different tax bill than a home in another.

When comparing properties, look at the actual tax amount for the specific home rather than assuming the purchase price tells the whole story.

Homeowner's Insurance

Insurance costs can vary based on factors such as:

- Location
- Age of the home
- Roof condition
- Construction type
- Replacement cost
- Claims history
- Proximity to the coast
- Property-specific risk factors

It's a good idea to obtain an insurance quote before committing to a property, particularly if the home is older or located near the water.

Flood Insurance

Some Rhode Island properties may be located in areas where flood insurance is required by a lender or may otherwise be worth considering. Flood risk can vary significantly even within the same community. If you're considering a coastal, waterfront, or low-lying property, verify the property's flood-zone information and speak with an insurance professional about potential costs.

Heating & Utilities

New England winters make heating costs an important part of your budget.

A home's expenses may be affected by:

- Heating fuel
- Size of the home
- Age and efficiency of the heating system
- Insulation
- Windows and doors
- Thermostat settings
- Electricity usage
- Water and sewer charge

When possible, ask about historical utility usage to get a better sense of the property's operating costs.

Condo & HOA Fees

For condos and certain planned communities, monthly fees can significantly affect affordability.

Those fees may cover items such as

- Exterior maintenance
- Landscaping
- Snow removal

- Master insurance
- Common areas
- Water or sewer
- Amenities

Always review what is — and is not — included.

A lower-priced condo with a high monthly fee may have a very different total cost than a higher-priced property with minimal recurring fees.

Maintenance & Repairs

Every home requires maintenance, but older homes or properties with deferred upkeep may need more attention.

Potential costs can include:

- Roofing
- Heating systems
- Electrical work
- Plumbing
- Windows
- Exterior maintenance
- Driveways
- Septic systems
- Appliances

It can be helpful to think beyond the first year and consider what the property may need over the next several years.

Compare the Monthly Cost Not Just the Price

When evaluating two homes, ask:

What will this property realistically cost me each month and over time?

A slightly more expensive home with lower taxes, newer systems, and fewer immediate repairs may sometimes be more affordable to own than a cheaper property with higher ongoing expenses.

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Home A: \$500,000

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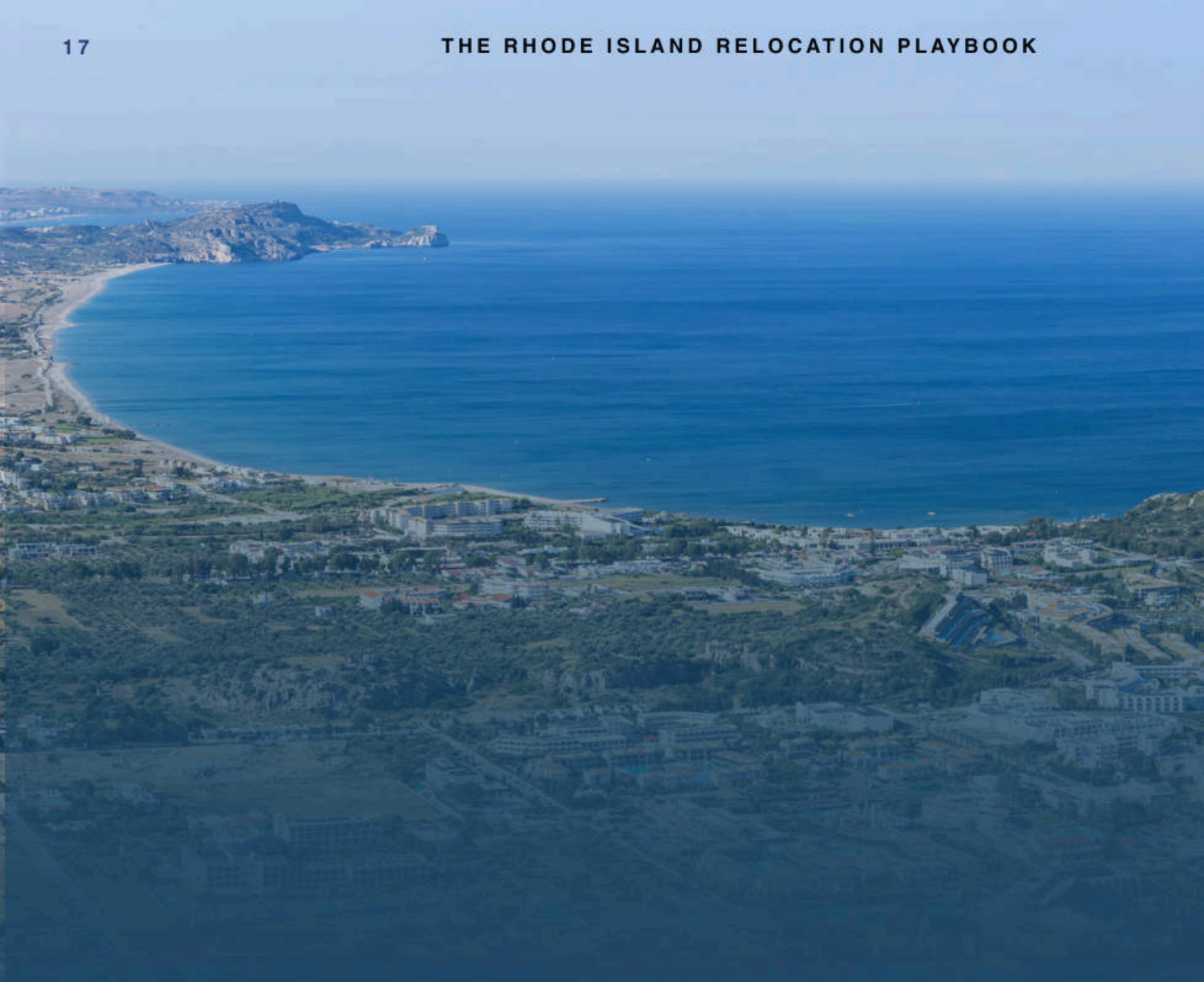
Home B: \$525,000

It's:

Purchase Price + Taxes + Insurance + Utilities + Fees + Maintenance

That gives you a much clearer picture of what you're actually buying into.

Costs vary by property, municipality, insurer, lender, and market conditions. Buyers should independently verify expenses and consult the appropriate tax, insurance, lending, and financial professionals before making a purchase decision.



SMALL STATE. A LOT OF LIFE.

Providence, Beaches, Historic towns,
Coastal villages. All within reach.

THE RHODE ISLAND LIFESTYLE



COAST

Beaches, boating, and waterfront restaurants



PROVIDENCE

Diving, arts, culture, and a thriving downtown



HISTORIC DOWNTOWNS

charming towns with character.



OUTDOORS

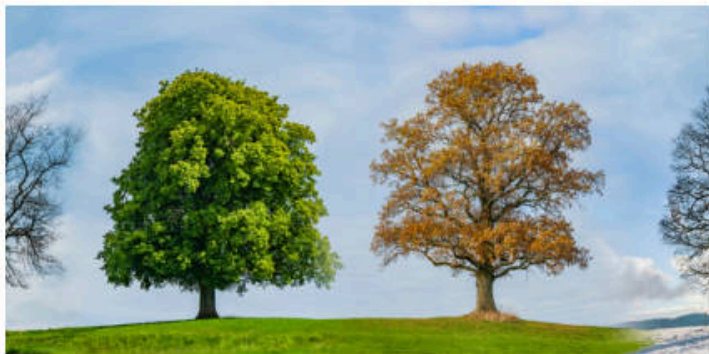
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FOOD

From seafood to farm-to-table.



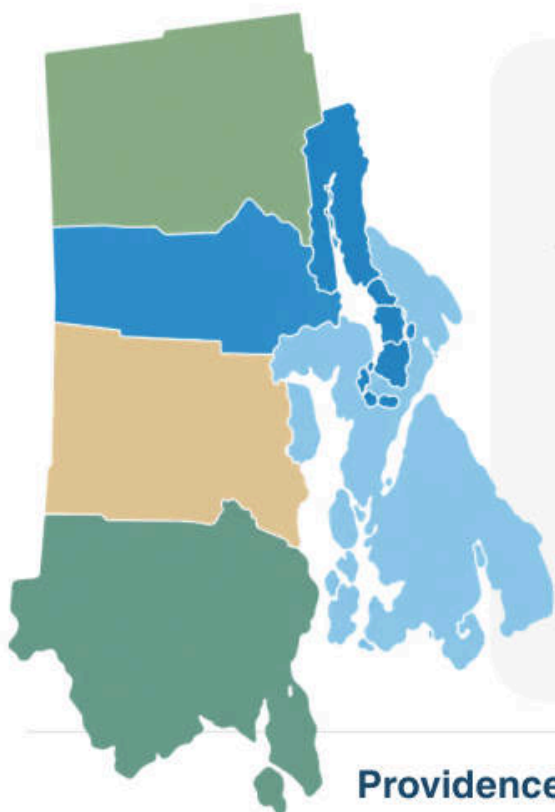
FOUR SEASONS

Enjoy coastal summers and classic New England seasons.

Getting Around Rhode Island

Rhode Island's size is part of what makes living here unique. You can spend the morning in Providence, have lunch near the water, walk through a historic downtown in the afternoon, and still be home without spending hours in the car.

For people relocating from larger states, that accessibility can be one of the biggest surprises



Coastline Is Part of Everyday Life

Rhode Island is known as the Ocean State for a reason. From Narragansett and South County to Newport, Jamestown, Bristol, and the East Bay, the water is never far away. Depending on where you live, weekends can include:

- Beaches
- Boating
- Fishing
- Kayaking
- Coastal walks
- Waterfront restaurants
- Marinas
- Scenic drives

You don't necessarily have to own a waterfront home to make the coast part of your lifestyle.

Providence Brings the City Experience

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- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • Restaurants and nightlife | • Colleges and universities |
| • Federal Hill | • Hospitals and major employers |
| • Coffee shops | • Historic architecture |
| • Arts and entertainment | • Walkable pockets of the city |

It also serves as Rhode Island's transportation hub for travel throughout the region.

Historic Downtowns & Coastal Villages

One of Rhode Island's defining features is the number of smaller downtowns and village centers spread throughout the state. Places like:

East Greenwich • Wickford • Bristol • Warren • Newport • Westerly

offer combinations of restaurants, local shops, historic buildings, waterfront access, and walkable main streets. Each has its own character, which is why exploring different areas in person can be so valuable when relocating.

Outdoor Recreation Is Easy to Find

Beyond the beaches, Rhode Island offers plenty of ways to spend time outside. Depending on where you live, you may have access to:

- Bike paths
- Hiking trails
- State parks
- Golf courses
- Fishing
- Boating
- Kayaking
- Beaches
- Nature preserves
- Walking trails

And because the state is compact, you often don't need to travel very far to reach them.

Food Is a Big Part of Rhode Island Culture

Rhode Island has a strong local food identity.

You'll find everything from neighborhood Italian restaurants and seafood spots to bakeries, coffee shops, farm stands, and small locally owned restaurants.

And if you're new to the state, there are a few Rhode Island staples you'll eventually hear about:

- Clam cakes
- Stuffies
- Coffee milk
- Hot wieners
- Del's Lemonade
- Rhode Island-style calamari

Some of them may sound strange at first. Give them a chance.

Four Seasons — For Better or Worse

Rhode Island experiences all four seasons.



Summer brings beaches, boating, and coastal towns at their busiest.



Fall means cooler temperatures, foliage, fairs, and some of the best weather of the year.



Winter can bring snow, ice, cold temperatures, and the realities of owning a home in New England.



Spring brings everything back to life — although New England weather can take its time getting there.

If you're moving from a warmer climate, winter home maintenance and heating costs are worth factoring into your plans.

The Rhode Island Advantage

Rhode Island gives you access to a lot without requiring you to live in one specific environment.

You can choose urban, suburban, rural, historic, or coastal living — and still remain relatively close to much of the rest of the state.

That flexibility is one of the biggest reasons it's worth exploring several different areas before deciding where you want to call home.

And One Very Rhode Island Thing...

You'll quickly learn that distance is relative here.

A drive that someone from another state considers short may be described by a Rhode Islander as:

“All the way down there?”

You'll understand soon enough.



MOVING CHECKLIST

A simple timeline to guide your Rhode Island move.



Your Rhode Island Moving Checklist

A smooth move usually starts well before moving day.

Use this checklist as a general timeline to help organize your vacation to Rhode Island and avoid scrambling at the last minute.

90+ Days Before Your Move

Start with the big-picture decisions.



**90+
DAYS
BEFORE**

- ☐ Establish a comfortable housing budget
- ☐ Speak with a lender if you plan to finance your purchase
- ☐ Identify your preferred move timeframe
- ☐ Research different parts of Rhode Island
- ☐ Think through commute and transportation needs
- ☐ Decide which property types you're open to
- ☐ Make a list of your top housing priorities
- ☐ Begin monitoring homes in your target price range
- ☐ Research the general cost of taxes, insurance, utilities, and maintenance



Goal:

Narrow Rhode Island down to a manageable list of areas that fit your needs.



**60
DAYS
BEFORE**

- ☐ Start turning your research into an actual plan.
- ☐ Narrow your search to a few areas
- ☐ Get fully pre-approved if you'll be using financing
- ☐ Begin actively watching new listings
- ☐ Consider planning a Rhode Island scouting trip
- ☐ Tour different communities in person when possible
- ☐ Compare commute routes and transportation options
- ☐ Start getting familiar with the Rhode Island purchase process



Goal:

Know what you're looking for, where you're looking, and what you're comfortable spending.



**30
DAYS
BEFORE**

- ☐ Review recent home sales and current inventory
- ☐ Obtain homeowner's insurance quotes
- ☐ Review flood insurance requirements when relevant
- ☐ Confirm financing and lender requirements
- ☐ Plan your moving company or truck rental
- ☐ Begin transferring or establishing utilities
- ☐ Organize important documents
- ☐ Start updating your mailing address
- ☐ Prepare for your final walkthrough and closing



Goal:

Make sure the home and the move are both ready to go.



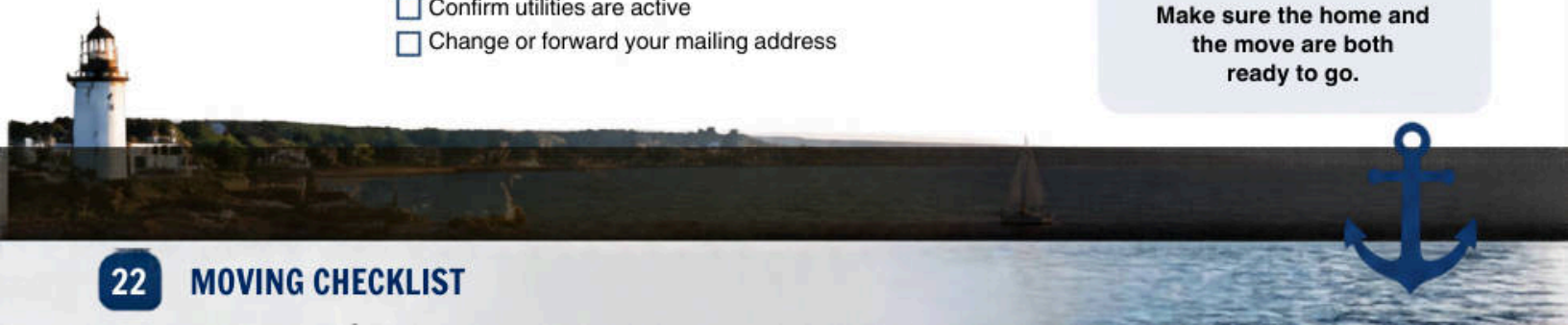
**AFTER
MOVING
WEEK**

- ☐ The final stretch.
- ☐ Confirm your closing and moving schedule
- ☐ Complete your final walkthrough
- ☐ Confirm utilities are active
- ☐ Change or forward your mailing address



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AREA COMPARISON WORKSHEET

Once you've narrowed your search to a few parts of Rhode Island, it helps to compare them side by side.

Instead of asking which town is "best," focus on which area fits your priorities, budget, commute, and preferred type of home.

Use this page as a simple scorecard while researching online or touring different communities in person.

Category	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3
Town / Area	_____	_____	_____
Typical Homes I'm Seeing	_____	_____	_____
Price Range I'm Seeing	_____	_____	_____
Property Taxes	_____	_____	_____
Approx. Commute	_____	_____	_____
Highway / Rail Access	_____	_____	_____
Proximity to Coast	_____	_____	_____
Lot Size / Outdoor Space	_____	_____	_____
Walkability / Amenities	_____	_____	_____
Housing Age / Style	_____	_____	_____
What I Like Most	_____	_____	_____
Potential Tradeoff	_____	_____	_____

ASK YOURSELF THESE 5 QUESTIONS

1. DOES THE HOUSING ACTUALLY FIT MY BUDGET?

Don't compare towns based only on what you hope to find. Look at the homes that are actually available within your comfortable price range.

2. WOULD THE LOCATION WORK FOR MY NORMAL WEEK?

Think about work, commuting, shopping, restaurants, family, airport access, and the places you'll regularly need to go.

3. AM I GETTING THE TYPE OF PROPERTY I ACTUALLY WANT?

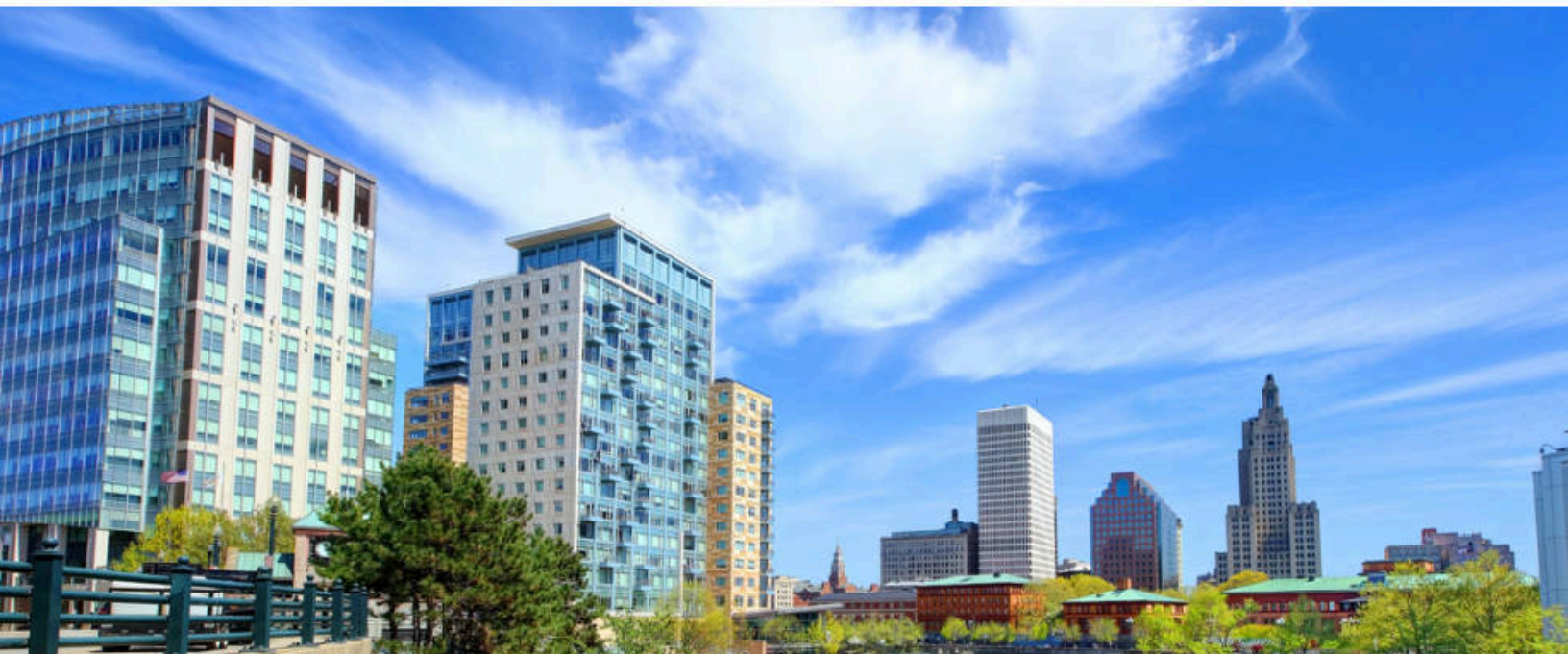
A location may look great on paper, but the available housing may not match your priorities for space, condition, lot size, parking, or home style.

4. WHAT AM I GIVING UP?

Every location involves tradeoffs. You may choose more space over walkability, proximity to Providence over proximity to the coast, or a newer home over historic character. Understanding those tradeoffs makes the decision much easier.

5. CAN I PICTURE MY EVERYDAY LIFE HERE?

When possible, spend time in the areas you're seriously considering. Drive the commute. Grab coffee. Visit the grocery store. Walk around the downtown or neighborhood. See how the area actually feels during a normal day.



YOUR CURRENT SHORT LIST

1. _____

Why it's on my list:

2. _____

Why it's on my list:

3. _____

Why it's on my list:

STILL NOT SURE WHERE TO START?

That's completely normal.

Most people relocating to Rhode Island begin with several different areas in mind before narrowing the search based on budget, housing options, commute, and the things that matter most to them.

The goal isn't to find a place that is perfect in every category.

It's to figure out which tradeoffs make the most sense for you.

LET'S MAKE YOUR MOVE HAPPEN

If you're considering a move to Rhode Island and want help narrowing down your options, book a relocation call with me.

We can talk through:

- The areas you're considering
- Your budget and timeline
- The type of home you're looking for
- Commute and location priorities
- What the buying process looks like in Rhode Island
- Any questions you have before making the move

The goal is simple: help you get a clearer picture of your options and what your next step should be



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