Organization: A Rhode Island non-profit [501(c)(3)] corporation founded in 1994

Mission & Values: The Rhode Island Natural History Survey (RINHS) seeks to advance the scientific understanding of Rhode Island's biology, geology, and ecosystems, encourage their application of scientific information to environmental conservation challenges, and spread scientific understanding to the next generation. RINHS values and encourages the contributions of amateur naturalists of all ages and skill levels.

The hallmarks of natural history are the guiding principles of RINHS: 1) study living organisms in their natural habitats; 2) to learn about the world, study things nearby; 3) with appropriate support any curious observer can make valuable contributions to our collective understanding of the natural world and its processes.

Facilities: Housed at the University of Rhode Island's Kingston campus through partnerships with the URI College of the Environment & Life Sciences and Natural Resources Science Department.

Membership: 32 organizations and 315 individuals, students, and families.

Programs: RINHS currently:
- Tracks over 11,000 species known from RI in its "BORIIS" biodiversity database
- Manages the Rhody Native™ plant propagation project assisting nursery growers to create a market for locally sourced native plants for landscaping and environmental restoration
- Oversees the Rhode Island Invasive Species Council, advocates and trains for strong invasive species response, coordinates with regional invasive species initiatives
- Makes ecological information available to all through traditional and online publications, public programs, trainings, and a referral service
- Protects RI's historical natural history collections through a collection support program
- Serves land conservationists with environmental science and land stewardship services
- Hosts the annual Ecology of Rhode Island ecological science conference
- Organizes the annual BioBlitz event to highlight biodiversity and encourage public involvement
- Helps convene and coordinate complex and multi-stakeholder projects including the Narr. Bay Estuary Program, RI Diamondback Terrapin Project, Narr. Bay Coyote Study
- Co-founder of Gould Native Plant Program Fund and RI Conservation Stewardship Collaborative

Staffing: Exec. Director, Botanist, Wetlands Scientist, Program Administrator, Part-time project personnel & interns

Board of Directors: Twenty (plus sixteen Advisors), from a broad range of organizations and agencies

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