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Six Quotes on Burying the Waterfront Power Lines (bold added)

RI State Law

The Energy Facility Siting Board “shall issue a decision granting a license only upon finding that...the proposed facility will not cause unacceptable harm to the environment and will **enhance the socio-economic fabric of the state.**”

-- RI General Laws 42-98-11 (b) (3)

Providence Parks Department

“The burial of the power lines would remove the **psychological perception that the park is merely a Narragansett Electric right-of-way.**” (National Grid bought Narragansett Electric in 2000.)

-- Parks Dept. Greenways grant application submitted in 2003 by Deputy Superintendent Bob McMahon

Petition to Bury Waterfront Power Lines

“Providence’s historic charm and the beauty of its waterfront are an important part of our economy and our identity. The **power lines depress both.**” -- Justin Boyan, Providence

“I want Providence to be as beautiful as it can be **so passersby will stop** and spend some money.” -- Lorne Adrain, Providence

National Grid/UK, parent company of National Grid/RI

“There is **no hierarchy** between the environmental, socio-economic, technical, and cost requirements” of transmission line projects.

-- *Our approach to the design and routeing of new electricity transmission lines*, 2012 publication of National Grid/UK

“Mahew said the **mistakes of the 50s** [installing overhead lines] **would not be repeated.**”

-- *The Guardian*, 11/9/14, George Mayhew, Director of Corporate Affairs, on why National Grid/UK is spending \$619M to bury power lines in national parks in the UK.