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Farm Fresh Rhode Island has unearthed *marbleous* marble, destined for the RI State House in the 1890s. This unusual discovery provides a rare opportunity to repurpose this historic stone into eye-catching and very unusual landscapes.

In 2017, local food hub Farm Fresh RI purchased a 3+ acre site in the Valley neighborhood of Providence on which to build a new headquarters and year-round farmers market. **As early excavation got underway, imagine the surprise of discovering a great deal of marble that had been buried underground for over 100 years!** It turned out that the site was once owned by the Norcross Bros., builders of the RI State House, who set up a marble cutting facility where all the marble for the State House was cut. [Read the 1898 Providence Journal of Commerce article about the Norcross Bros State House marble operations.](#)

Determined to preserve and repurpose this historic stone, Farm Fresh RI rescued it and set it aside for future use. Over 40 pieces have been incorporated into the landscape surrounding the Farm Fresh building — serving as attractive and very functional site amenities.



Farm Fresh will offer the remaining collection to the public — with pieces ranging in size from several inches in diameter to several feet. Proceeds from the sale will support Farm Fresh RI's mission to strengthen local agriculture and help all Rhode Islanders have access to nutritious, locally grown foods. [Learn more about the one-of-a-kind marble event coming up in June.](#) (farmfreshri.org/marble)

For a SNEAK PREVIEW of the collection, please contact Lucie Searle (401-351-9686).

