

July /August 2018

Meet Our New Associate Director



The Division of Statewide Planning's new Associate Director is Meredith Brady, a long-time RI planner who moves to DOA from the RI Department of

Transportation. Meredith began her new role on July 16. Meredith comes to DOA with a unique background in planning, policy and fiscal analysis and has served in

various roles at the State over the years. Prior to working in State government, Meredith served as a planner for the Metropolitan Area Planning Council in Boston and as a town planner in Bourne, Massachusetts. She holds a master's degree in Community Planning from the University of Rhode Island and bachelor's degrees in Geography and Political Science from the University of Connecticut. Meredith lives in North Kingstown with her husband, three cats, and three retired greyhounds.

You can contact Meredith at 401/222-6496 or Meredith.Brady@doa.ri.gov.

Freight Committee Reconvenes

The completion of the [RI Statewide Freight and Goods Movement Plan](#) was the first step in outlining immediate and long-range strategies for multi-modal freight transportation investments in RI. The Freight Committee that helped develop the plan has been reconvened to help implement the plan and to meet the challenges related to both the supply and demand for freight movements in Rhode Island .

The Freight Committee meets on a quarterly basis and will:

- Advise the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and the State Planning Council on freight-related priorities, issues, projects, and funding needs;
- Serve as a forum for discussion for State transportation decisions affecting freight mobility;
- Promote the sharing of information between the private and public sectors on freight issues;

- Provide input on regional transportation policies that impact freight movements;
- Help prioritize freight-related transportation infrastructure investment that is overseen by the MPO
- Aid in the MPO's efforts to improve public recognition of freight's importance in the regional economy; and
- Improve regional coordination to address problems of shared interest

In the coming year, the Division of Planning will engage the Freight Advisory Committee on the following freight-related initiatives:

- Freight climate change resiliency vulnerability assessment
- "Freight finder" online map
- Municipal freight scans
- Updated congestion management process

For more information, please contact Joshua.ONeill@doa.ri.gov.

Little Compton Comp Plan Approved

The State Planning Council (which serves as the RI metropolitan planning organization, or "MPO") recognized the Town of Little Compton at its June meeting and awarded a Certificate of Recognition for the State's approval of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Little Compton does not have a town planner, so the plan was researched and written entirely by volunteers. Planning Board Chair Michael Steer worked extensively with Statewide Planning staff during the four-plus years it took to draft and review the plan. Click [here](#) to read the results.



(L. to R.): Michael DiBiase, Department of Administration Director; Michael Steers, Little Compton Planning Board Chair; and Kevin Nelson, DOA Supervising Planner.

Do You Have News to Share?

Please send us articles about a planning project, items of interest from your town or events that you would like to include in our newsletter.

[Contact us](#) and you might see it here.

Planning Employee Spotlight



Caitlin Greeley, AICP is a Principal Planner who has been with the Division of Planning since 2013. Caitlin earned a B.A. in Architectural Studies and Art History from Connecticut College and a Master's in Urban Planning from the University of Michigan's Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning. Prior to joining the Division of Planning, Caitlin

worked for the City of Boston's Environment Department as staff to several historic district commissions, including the Boston Landmarks Commission. Caitlin has led the Division's involvement in several efforts to address climate change adaptation and mitigation and has also been involved in municipal technical assistance and consistency review. She is now looking forward to assisting the transportation unit in its efforts. Outside of the office, Caitlin enjoys yoga, running, and spending time with her family, especially introducing her one-year-old son to the treasures of the Ocean State! Contact Caitlin at Caitlin.Greeley@doa.ri.gov.

Upcoming Meetings

[Transportation Advisory Committee](#)

July 26 at 5:30PM

DOA Conference Room 2A
One Capitol Hill, Providence

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Do you know where in RI this building is located?

See the answer at the bottom of the newsletter.

[Technical Committee](#)

**August meeting is
CANCELED**

[State Planning Council](#)

August 9 at 9AM

DOA Conference Room 2A
One Capitol Hill, Providence



Upcoming Events

July 24 AIARI's 2018 Summer Expo: "[Resilient Rhode Island](#)." 1PM - 6PM. Join AIARI, Roger Williams University and Tremco Inc. for an afternoon of continuing education around topics relating to sustainability and resilience in RI at the Roger Williams University School of Art Architecture, Bristol.

July 28 RIAPA's summer outing at the [Newport Polo Grounds](#) at Glen Farm, Portsmouth. 2P-7P. For tickets and more information, please contact events@rhodeislandapa.org. All are welcome!

["Books and Beer" Planning Book Club:](#)

- **August 27** Whiskey Republic, 15 Bridge Street, Providence. 5:30PM - 7:30PM. Book: *The Prince of Providence* by Mike Stanton.
- **September 27** Brutopia, 505 Atwood Ave., Cranston. 5:30PM - 7:30PM. Book: *Future Shock* by Alvin Toffler.
- **October 29** Location TBD. 5:30PM - 7:30PM. Book: *The Last Good Chance* by Tom Barbash.

All are welcome. Please RSVP to Thom Deller: tdeller@centralfallsri.us.

September 28 "Ethics for Planners." RIAPA will present the APA "cases of the year,"

along with discussion about ethical issues that planners encounter every day in their jobs. This workshop meets the AICP ethics requirement of 1.5CM. Take this course before SNEAPA and use that time slot for another session! 12P-1:30P. Location: Warwick Public Library, Sandy Lane, Warwick. Free, but [registration](#) is required.

October 18 & 19 SNEAPA 2018, Hartford. See the [SNEAPA website](#) for more information.

Grant Opportunities

August 7 Deadline for [National Coastal Resilience Fund. Projects grant program](#). The grants will make investments to advance identified priorities for restoring natural systems to protect coastal communities from the impacts of storms and floods while enhancing habitats for important fish and wildlife populations. Municipalities and non-profits are eligible. Project awards are expected between \$100,000-\$3,000,000; a minimum 1:1 non-federal match in cash or in-kind services is required.

August 9 Deadline for [National Endowment for the Arts' "Our Town" grant](#). Our Town is the NEA's creative placemaking grants program. These grants support projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes. Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$200,000, with a minimum cost share/match equal to the grant amount.

August 9 Deadline for [National Endowment for the Arts' Challenge Grant](#) program. The goal of the grant is to enable infrastructure development and capacity building. Applications are welcome from public libraries, museums, historical societies and historic sites, scholarly associations, and other public and nonprofit humanities entities. There is a 3:1 match required.

September 17 Deadline for HUD's "[Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Program](#)." The grant will support the implementation of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans to: replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing; improve outcomes of households in the target housing related to employment, health, and children's education; and create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods.

October 4 Deadline for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission's "[Public Engagement with Historical Records](#)" grant. The grant will fund projects that encourage public engagement with historical records, including the development of new tools that enable people to engage online and will create models and technologies that other institutions can freely adopt. For example, an applicant can enlist volunteer "citizen archivists" in projects to accelerate access to historical records, especially those online.

Planning Articles of Interest

[Rhode Island's marijuana gold rush: Warehouse space, zoning vs. revenue](#)

[As office parks empty, towns turn vacancies into opportunities](#)

[Smaller households, bigger houses, smaller lots](#)

[Newport looks to curb flooding with tide gate installation](#)

[Americans are having fewer babies. They told us why.](#)

[Dead golf courses are the new NIMBY battlefield](#)

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