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## Planning Wins CDBG Disaster Relief Grant

The Division of Planning was awarded a \$320,000 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief Grant to study the vulnerability of several of the State's economic assets to natural hazards and climate change and determine the vulnerability of coastal economic infrastructure. The expected results of the planning process will include:

- Strategies that will build resiliency for the State's infrastructure
- The creation of a public-private stakeholder process for economic resiliency
- An understanding of the vulnerability of Rhode Island's job-producing assets and a quantification of potential losses that will inform decision-making
- Strategies that will build resiliency for the State's job-producing assets and a pilot project demonstrating methods to protect them

## Statewide Planning Organizes Green and Complete Streets Workshop

The Division of Planning, on behalf of the City of Central Falls, received an award from the EPA to provide technical assistance in the form of a workshop held on May 10-11. Central Falls was one of five communities nationwide selected for the "Green and Complete Streets" tool to develop strategies for greening their streets, based on national models and case studies.

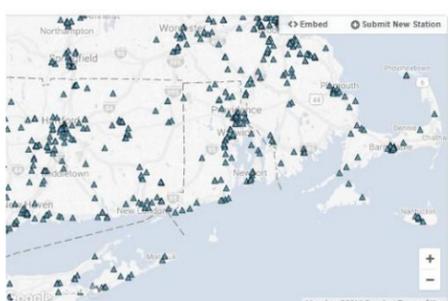


A group of stakeholders, community leaders, and technical experts generated ideas about creating more attractive streets that will accommodate all users in Central Falls, Pawtucket and Cumberland while also using green infrastructure to manage and treat stormwater runoff. Tetra Tech facilitated the workshop through the EPA's "Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities" program.

## Is Your Municipality "ZEV" Ready?



Photo RIDEM



Charging station locations (RIDOE)

The Division of Planning recently completed the "Zero Emission Vehicle Municipal Handbook: A Land Use Guide for Cities and Towns" about the "hows and whys" of Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) readiness in local government. ZEVs are cars powered by one of several types of technology that produce no tailpipe emissions.

Through the use of local ordinances and direct municipal land ownership, local cities and towns can help create incentives to encourage the construction of charging infrastructure, the lack of which is currently an important disincentive to ZEV ownership.

For more information and to read a model ZEV ordinance, please visit <http://www.planning.ri.gov/planning-areas/transportation/zero-emissions.php>

## Cumberland Comprehensive Plan Approved

The State Planning Council (SPC) recognized the Town of Cumberland at its May meeting and awarded a Certificate of Recognition for State approval of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Cumberland worked closely with Statewide Planning staff during the drafting and review of the plan. Cumberland's Comprehensive Plan serves to guide development and conservation locally, while addressing statewide goals and policies. To see the work Cumberland has done, click [here](#) to read their Comprehensive Plan.



**Left to Right:**  
Cumberland officials: Joshua O'Neill, Town Planner; Jonathan Stevens, Director of Planning; William S. Murray, Mayor.

### Feature Photo Trivia:

Each newsletter issue will feature a photo of a building, landmark or destination in Rhode Island.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

State Planning Council  
Thursday, June 8, 2017

RIGIS Executive Committee  
Thursday, June 15, 2017

Transportation Advisory  
Committee  
Thursday, June 22, 2017



*Can you name the location in the above photo? See the answer at the bottom of the newsletter!*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mon., June 26, 2:00 PM - 4:30PM: "Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) & American Fact Finder Workshop."** Rochambeau Library Providence, RI [Click here to register now!](#)
- **Tue., June 27, 2017, 10:30 AM - 12:45 PM: "Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) & American Fact Finder Workshop."** Philomenian Library, Jamestown, RI [Click here to register now!](#)



Two LUCA promotional presentations by the U.S. Census Bureau are scheduled for Rhode Island on June 26th and 27th. LUCA, a geographic-based Census project allows municipal and county governments to see the address database the Bureau will use to take the 2020 Census, and to then make improvements. The LUCA presentation will be followed by a presentation on how to use American Factfinder to pull demographic data. These presentations are open to all municipal governments and planning agencies, no matter the state they are located within.

### Division of Planning Employee Spotlight

**Kim Gelfuso, Information Service Technician II** for the Division of Planning, has worked for the State of Rhode Island for almost thirty years. "I love my customers," says Kim, and it shows: she provides as much information as possible for people who come to view Planning's aerial photographs and maps. Kim, a resident of North Providence, is described by her co-workers as "energetic", "a lifesaver," and "passionate about her work." When not at work, Kim enjoys gardening and going to the beach. (Fun fact: she was a DJ in the 1980s!) If you would need information about demographics, aerials, maps or our newsletter please contact Kim at (401) 222-5764 or [kim.gelfuso@doa.ri.gov](mailto:kim.gelfuso@doa.ri.gov): she will be happy to help you.



### Other Happenings

The RIDEM Office of Water Resources has launched two new online services allowing members of the public to view and print certain onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) [septic system] records from the [RIDEM website](#). These new features eliminate the need for customers to visit the Providence office in person to access these records. For more information, please contact Jennifer Ryan at [jennifer.l.ryan@dem.ri.gov](mailto:jennifer.l.ryan@dem.ri.gov)

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