

Rhode Island Department of Administration Division of Statewide Planning September 2017

Statewide Planning Offers New Technical Assistance Program

Do you want to improve the streetscape of your business district? Are you thinking about ways to make your business district more walkable? The RI Division of Statewide Planning is soliciting applications from RI municipalities that want to receive technical support for local transportation-related initiatives. Associate Director Parag Agrawal says that "The 'Planning for a Livable Future' program will provide much-needed technical assistance for studies/design of traffic calming, streetscape design, and safety improvements." The program will provide technical assistance only: no funding will be provided for project construction. Applications are due on **Friday, October 6, 2017**. For more information, please see our website planningri.gov or contact Roberta Groch, Assistant Chief: roberta.groch@doa.ri.gov

American Tourister Development Tour a Success



Twenty-five planners, architects, business-owners, and municipal officials took a tour of the American Tourister mixed-use project last week. Developer Chris Starr and Warren Town Planner Kate Michaud led the group and discussed the challenges and opportunities of redeveloping a large mill building, as well as the many other economic development activities underway in Warren.



Long Range Transportation Plan Public Meeting Dates



The RI Division of Planning- in conjunction with RIDOT and RIPTA- is holding four rounds of public meetings throughout the State to inform the development of the *Rhode Island Moving Forward 2040 Plan*, which will be the State's guide for future investments in all modes of transportation. The first round of workshops, entitled "Discovery and Outreach," will serve as a forum for local communities to learn more about- and to voice their opinions on- the Plan.

- **September 21-** 6:30PM, Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, 175 Main Street, Pawtucket
- **September 25-** 6:30PM, Narragansett Town Hall, 25 5th Avenue
- **September 28-** 6:30PM, Burnside Building, 400 Hope Street, Bristol

For more information, please see the Plan website: www.PlanRI.com

Division of Planning- Employee Spotlight



Nancy Hess, Supervising Planner Nancy has worked at the Division of Planning since 2000: her responsibilities include completion of updates to the State Guide Plan and technical assistance to communities through the Land Use Planning Collaborative Training program. She has worked for the US Bureau of Land Management and served as Planning Director in three RI municipalities. Nancy graduated from Roger Williams University and URI with a BS in Environmental Planning and a Master's in Community Planning. As a professionally-certified ski instructor, she is often heard humming in the office, "Let It Snow!" Contact her at nancy.hess@doa.ri.gov

Upcoming Meetings

State Planning Council

September 14, 2017 at 9AM

Conference Room "A"

One Capitol Hill

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Providence, RI 02908

[Transportation Advisory Committee](#)

September 28, 2017 at 6:30PM

Conference Room "A"

One Capitol Hill

Providence, RI 02908

[Technical Committee](#)

October 6, 2017 at 9AM

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Upcoming Events

- **September 18:** "Writing Sound Decisions" workshop for planning officials - Middletown Fire Department- Community Room, 5:30PM www.growsmartri.org
 - **September 20:** RI GIS Municipal Users Group workshop on Asset Management from 9A-1P, Cranston Public Library. Registration is [here](#).
 - **September 25-29:** National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) - Providence <https://www.nsgic.org/>
 - **September 26-27:** "Planning and Facilitating Collaborative Meetings" workshop- Newport, 8:30-4:30P. Fourteen CM credits offered. Register by Sept. 15. www.nbwctp.org/programs/PFCM.html
 - **September 26:** RI Infrastructure Bank's infrastructure Summit - Providence www.riib.org/summit
 - **October 1-3:** Northeast Economic Development Association (NEDA) - Providence www.nedaonline.org
 - **October 11:** A dialogue with Dr. S. Atyia Martin, Chief Resilience Officer for the City of Boston, 5:30PM, RISD Chace Auditorium, 20 North Main Street, Providence.
 - **October 26-27:** Southern New England American Planning Association (SNEAPA) - Providence www.sneapa.org
 - **November 5-8:** Northeast Arc Users Group (NEARC)- Newport, www.northeastarc.org
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