

STATEWIDE PLANNING e-NEWS

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We're Here to Help

One of the central missions of the Statewide Planning Program is to enable cities and towns to create great communities. The staff of the Statewide Planning Program is here to help, with everything from document review to data gathering, fact checking to facilitation. Our staff has expertise in a variety of topics, including GIS and mapping, public participation, data analysis, redevelopment planning and urban design. If you think your community could benefit from the assistance of the Statewide Planning Program, contact Jared Rhodes at 222-5772 or Jared.Rhodes@doa.ri.gov.

New Planning Website

The Division of Planning is pleased to announce the release of our redesigned website <http://www.planning.ri.gov/>. As the primary vehicle for distributing the most up-to-date planning information to our users, the site has a fresh new look, is easier to navigate, is consistent in look and style with other RI state agencies web sites and meets the accessibility standards established by State of Rhode Island.

Focusing on an improved user experience, the website contains an abundance of information and will be updated on a regular basis with news of events, as well as new content. In an effort to improve the overall user experience, over the next few months we will be further enhancing the site with high-quality graphics and layouts.

So please have a look, we would love your feedback on the site in general and your assistance in helping us integrate this new site with existing resources. Please forward any content additions, corrections, or suggestions, to [Kim Gelfuso](mailto:Kim.Gelfuso@ri.gov). Please update any old bookmarks you may have created from our old site.

A special thanks to Kim Gelfuso, of the Statewide Planning Program and Leslie Mann of RI.gov in implementing the redesign of the site.

Division of Planning Committee Meetings



State Planning Council

Scheduled for April 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence. Web address <http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/planningcouncil/>

Technical Committee

Scheduled for April 5, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence. Web address <http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/technical/>

Transportation Advisory Committee

Schedule for April 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence. Web address: <http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/transportation>

Census Data in Grant Writing and Community Needs Assessment

In recent years, funders have emphasized the importance of data to support grant applications. The Census recently held a webinar on using Census data for grant writing and for community needs assessments.



The webinar is available online at <https://census.webex.com/census/lsr.php?T=pb&SP=EC&rID=50866622&rKey=33682bf3ef711eb1> and the PowerPoint presentation that accompanies the webinar is available from Statewide Planning. Please contact Amanda Martin at amanda.martin@doa.ri.gov to receive a copy.

Web address:

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/geodeminfo/data/index.php>

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Statewide Planning Program Transportation Section News

Hailing originally from East Brunswick, New Jersey, Benjamin Jacobs majored in International Relations at Worcester's Clark University, and also achieved a concentration in Urban Development and Social Change. Moving back to New Jersey, he spent a summer as an intern at New York City's West-Side Park, before beginning a job as a GIS Specialist at his native Middlesex County's Planning Department. While working at the Planning Department Mr. Jacobs secured his Masters in City and Regional Planning at the Rutgers Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, with a concentration in Environmental Planning. Upon securing his new position as the Principal Research Technician for the Transportation section of the Statewide Planning Program, Mr. Jacobs moved to Providence and looks forward to many years of productive service to the State of Rhode Island. Web address: <http://www.planning.ri.gov/statewideplanning/transportation/>

University of Rhode Island

OSDRI-Combating Homelessness Among Veterans-Golf tournament

Operation Stand Down Rhode Island combats homelessness among veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces by providing housing, educational, and financial resources, and connecting them with vital human resources and social services.

<http://osdri.org/index.html>

OSDRI Spring Golf Tournament

Swansea Country Club

399 Market Street, Swansea, MA

\$75.00 per golfer, 10:00 AM SHOTGUN START / 9:00 AM REGISTRATION, Executive Course (Par3), 18 Hole with cart & lunch, Call Brian Sullivan for Details 401-383-4730

When: Sun Apr 28, 2013 9am – 2pm

Where: Swansea Country Club 399 Market Street, Swansea, MA

Operation Stand Down RI Golf Tournament Sponsorships available for \$50.00.

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April workshops **REGISTER NOW!**



- **GRANT** Writing Thursday, April 4, 2013
- Microsoft **ACCESS** Wednesday, April 10, 2013
- **PowerPoint & Graphics** Tuesday, April 16, 2013
- **EXCEL** Basics Tuesday, April 23, 2013

See our webpage for more details: http://www.uri.edu/prov/certificate_noncredit/noncredit/profdevelopment.html

All workshops meet at **URI Feinstein Providence Campus**, 80 Washington Street, Providence, 9am-4pm in Room 329.

Registration cost: \$99 per workshop.

All workshops use the Microsoft Office 2010 setting.

Handouts are filled with shortcuts, step-by-step guides/tips and include instructions for Office 2010, 2007, and 2003.

Free parking at the RI Convention Center Parking Garage.

Each participant will receive a Certificate of Completion for the workshop.

Private Well Workshop Calendar

- Thursday, April 18, 2013, Scituate High School, 94 Trimtown Road, Scituate, RI
- Wednesday, May 1, 2013, Cross Mills Public Library, 4417 Old Post Road, Charlestown, RI

Pre-registration is required for workshops as space is limited. Programs are free.

Call (401) 874-4918 to register. Programs are held 7 - 9 PM.,

During the workshop you will learn how you can protect your private well through:

Regular testing, Private well maintenance, Good housekeeping practices for your well



The workshops are hosted by the Rhode Island Department of Health and the University of Rhode Island's Cooperative Extension Water Quality Program.

Sustainable Rhode Island Expanding Consortium



The Sustainable Rhode Island Consortium welcomed three new members in February and March. Roger Williams University, the Rhode Island Black Business Association, and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Rhode Island joined the group, which is responsible for leading the development of new statewide economic development and housing plans as well as a growth centers strategy.

The successful creation and implementation of integrated regional plans and strategies for the state will require cooperation and close collaboration among diverse constituencies. Through Sustainable Rhode Island, the Division of Planning seeks to expand beyond its traditional municipal and state agency partners to engage stakeholders in education, business, non-profit, and other sectors.

As the Sustainable Rhode Island planning process unrolls during the next year we will bring the project directly to the state's communities and residents. If your municipality, agency, local organization, or other group wants to learn more about the project, please contact Melanie Army (melanie.army@doa.ri.gov) or Chris Witt (chris.witt@doa.ri.gov). Web address: <http://www.planning.ri.gov/statewideplanning/sustainable/>

"Preservation Works"-- the 28th Annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference West Warwick, RI

Saturday, April 27, 2013, 8:30am - 6pm, \$40 includes all activities plus morning coffee, lunch, closing reception

The day-long "Preservation Works" conference examines how preservation works and what we work to preserve--historic mills and mill villages, downtown commercial districts, public works, and works of art. The event gets underway at the Church of St. John the Baptist in historic Arctic Village with a keynote speech on the industrialization of 19th-century southern New England. The speech is followed by 12 workshops and 11 bus, bicycle, and walking tours of historic places around the Pawtuxet River Valley, including restored industrial buildings like Royal Mill and Anthony Mill, 18th-century houses like the Paine Homestead and Gen. Nathanael Greene Homestead, and historic landscapes like Hopkins Hollow and scenes along the Washington Secondary Bike Trail. Presented by the R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission, the annual conference is a great opportunity to explore the field of historic preservation and the Pawtuxet River Valley.

For more information (and to register), visit <http://www.preservation.ri.gov/conference/13overview.php> or call (401)732-1009. Pre-registration is open until April 17; on-site registration will be available on April 27. Learning units available for architects and planners.

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401-222-4142 phone/401-222-2968 fax, www.preservation.ri.gov

Grow Smart Rhode Island Land Use Collaborative Trainings in April

MAKING DEVELOPMENT HAPPEN: THE CRITICAL ROLE OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Wednesday, April 3, 2012, 7:30 a.m. - 12 noon, Agawam Hunt Club, East Providence

Grow Smart Rhode Island is partnering with the ICSC Alliance Program, the Pawtucket Foundation and the RI Commercial Appraisers and Real Estate Board to this important discussion and networking opportunity. Designed for state and municipal officials, planners and economic development staff; property owners and developers; and the real estate, legal, banking and engineering communities, the program includes a panel discussion of three projects, including the Arcade, Rumford Center and the conversion of the former Industrial Trust Building into library/dorm facilities for RISD, plus breakout sessions focused on financing and permitting.



GrowSmartRI
Sustainable Economic Growth
& Quality of Place

- **Conducting Effective Land Use Reviews**

Planning and zoning boards and commissions and planning staff will have two opportunities in April to attend this core training program. To find additional information for any of the training sessions listed below please go to our website training page- <http://www.growsmartri.org/training/current-workshops/>.

- **Conducting Effective Land Use Reviews**

Thursday, April 11, 2013, 5:30pm – 9:00pm with a light dinner included, The Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Ave, Johnston, RI

- **Conducting Effective Land Use Reviews**

Thursday, April 25, 2013, 5:30pm – 9:00pm with a light dinner included, Kettle Pond Visitor's Center, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown, RI

The total training fee is \$30.00. Fee covers training and training manual. The Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust is partnering with the Grow Smart RI Land-Use Training Collaborative to provide registration fee assistance for Trust members for this workshop. The registration fee for the workshop is scaled according to Member participation levels in The Trust.

Eligible for Free Registration: Barrington, Bristol, Burrillville, Central Falls, Charlestown, Coventry, Exeter, Foster, Glocester, Hopkinton, Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Narragansett, New Shoreham, Newport, North Kingstown, North Smithfield, Portsmouth, Smithfield, South Kingstown, Tiverton, Warren, West Warwick

Eligible for 50% Discount: Cumberland, East Providence, Johnston, Lincoln, Pawtucket, Scituate, Warwick, West Greenwich

WTS-Rhode Island Annual Billiards Event



Please join ASCE-RI Younger Member Group and WTS-Rhode Island for a night of billiards and networking at Snookers Lounge in Providence, RI on Wednesday, April 3 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. There will be complimentary appetizers and reserved pool tables. To register for this event please contact Anita Marshall at 401-222-2023 Ext. 4044 or wtsrhodeisland@gmail.com by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 27. For the Billiards flyer, go to

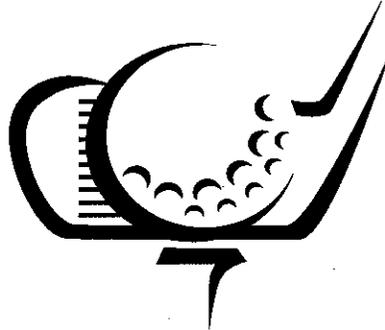
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**GOLF TOURNAMENT
SPONSOR FORM**

Sunday, April 28, 2013

Swansea Country Club

399 Market Street, Swansea, MA

\$50.00 per Sponsor

Tee Sign with Name, Program Sponsorship Recognition,
Tax Deductible 501©3 Letter for non-profit state

Name of Sponsor (Company, Person) _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Website: _____

Please mail check payable for \$50.00 to OSDRI and mail to:

Operation Stand Down Rhode Island

39 Sheldon Street

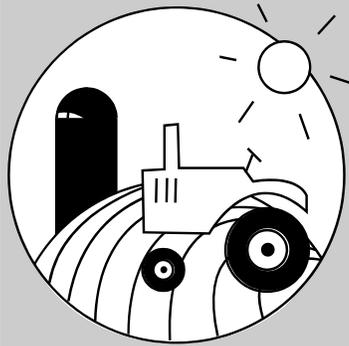
West Warwick, RI 02893

ATTN: Brian Sullivan

Please call Brian Sullivan for any information needed at 401.500.3355 or email
briansullivan@osdri.org

Operation Stand Down is a non-profit organization serving Veterans who are homeless, low income, and in need of housing, clothing, food, medical care and employment. This tournament will help make a difference in their lives. Thank you for supporting Operation Stand Down Rhode Island.

FEDERAL FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR CONSERVATION PRACTICES!



USDA-NRCS offers financial assistance programs designed to improve natural resources quality while enhancing agricultural production. Conservation plans available for financial assistance include (but are not limited to):

Grazing Plans	Irrigation Systems	Erosion Control
Forestry Plans	Heavy-Use Areas	Stream Crossings
Prescribed Thinning	Pollinator Habitats	Energy Audits
Nutrient Management	Riparian Buffers	Wildlife Habitat
High Tunnels	Watershed Protection	

EQIP is a financial assistance program designed to improve natural resource quality while enhancing agricultural production. Funding must address a resource concern.

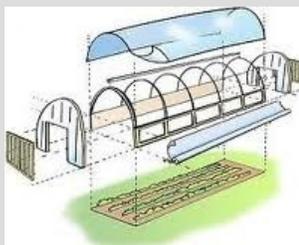
JOIN US for an open house to learn about funding through NRCS's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Separate stations will be set up (Agriculture, Forestry, Wildlife, and Easements) to allow for specialized focus on programs and practices. Stop by at your convenience to speak to NRCS representatives about your own individual needs/concerns.

Eastern RI Conservation District
(401) 816-5667
April 6, 10:00 to Noon
Norman Bird Sanctuary
583 Third Beach Road
Middletown, RI 02842
High Tunnel Tour at 10:45

Northern RI Conservation District
(401) 934-0840
March 26, 5:30-7:30
Chepachet Free Will Baptist Church
1213 Putnam Pike
Chepachet, RI 02814

Southern RI Conservation District
(401) 500-0422
April 9, 5:30-7:30
The Crandall House
188 Main Street
Ashaway, RI 02804



Practices in Action:

Seasonal High Tunnels are metal structures covered with plastic or other sheeting. Easy to build, maintain and move, they provide an energy efficient way to extend the growing season. And unlike greenhouses, they require no energy! A tour of a high tunnel in use will be held at the Norman Bird Sanctuary on April 6 at 10:45. Please see address above.

CALL TO REGISTER!

These workshops will assist you in understanding and applying for funding.

If you are unable to attend and are interested in possible EQIP funding, contact your local Conservation District.