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PARAG AGRAWAL NAMED ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF PLANNING

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(Providence, R.I.) – Rhode Island Department of Administration Director Michael DiBiase has announced Parag Agrawal – Planning Director for the City of Bridgeport, Conn. – has been chosen as the Associate Director, Rhode Island Division of Planning. “Parag has a very impressive background, and we are fortunate that he will be leading our planning team at the Department of Administration,” said Michael DiBiase, Department of Administration director. “Bridgeport is a national model in sustainability and green planning. We look forward to tapping into Parag’s experience as we continue to work on plans for the physical, economic and social development of the state.”

“The Rhode Island Department of Administration is fortunate to have a very talented and multifaceted Planning Division,” Agrawal said. “Additionally, I think Rhode Island has a unique collection of assets and potential, and I look forward to working with the Division of Planning and other state agencies to strengthen Rhode Island’s economy and to further enhance the quality of life for the state’s residents through the creation of employment, transportation and housing opportunities.”

Parag has a history of successful collaboration with state and federal agencies on various strategic planning and community revitalization projects. Under his leadership, the Bridgeport Planning Department launched its first-ever comprehensive waterfront plan to transform the city’s 24 miles of coastline into greenways and mixed-use destinations in order to promote more livable, walkable and flood-resilient communities.

Prior to his tenure in Bridgeport, he was a Senior Planner for the Montgomery County Planning Department in Silver Spring, Md., and a Long Range Planner for the Anne Arundel County Planning and Zoning Office in Annapolis, Md.

Parag holds a certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners, as well as a master’s degree in City and Regional Planning from Ohio State University and a bachelor’s degree in Architecture from Aligarh Muslim University in India.

Mr. Agrawal will begin his new role as Associate Director for Planning on April 18.

Updated RIDOT Roads Centerline Data is Available on RIGIS

In February, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) posted an update to the street center lines data layer for all transportation highways, roads, and streets for the entire State of Rhode Island on Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS). This dataset contains roadway attributes such as surface types, various categorizations, and ownership/maintenance responsibilities. The street centerline layer also contains the functional classification attributes for all roadways in the state. The functional classification defines a roadway’s systemic hierarchy classification as defined by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA, if it is on the National Highway System (NHS), and if it is eligible for federal-aid funding. In 2014, Rhode Island Statewide Planning and RIDOT collaborated on a comprehensive update to the State’s highway functional classification. More information on highway functional classification is available on Statewide Planning Program’s website at www.planning.ri.gov/statewideplanning/transportation/highway.php. The updated RIDOT roads centerline layer, along with a variety of other transportation related GIS information, can be found on RIGIS at www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/data/data.aspx?ISO=transportation.



Statewide Planning’s Committee Meetings

State Planning Council, Thursday, April 14, 2016,
9:00 a.m., One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI,
Conference Room A

Technical Committee, CANCELLED
Friday April 1, 2016 One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI,
Conference Room A

Transportation Advisory Committee,
Thursday, April 21, 2016, 6:30 p.m. One Capitol Hill,
Providence, RI, Conference Room A

RIGIS Executive Committee
Thursday, June 16, 2016, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
USDA-NRCS, Main Conference Room
60 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI 02886

URI Landscape Architecture Lectures 2016

April 28, Catherine Seavitt, ASLA, AIA LEED-AP,
Catherine Seavitt Studio, NY, NY. Title: “Shifting
Sands: Sedimentary Cycles for Jamaica Bay”

Lectures begin at 7:00 P.M. and are held in the
Weaver

Auditorium on the Kingston Campus of URI. This se-
ries is co-sponsored by The College of Arts and Sci-
ences, and the Rhode Island Chapter of the Ameri-
can Society of Landscape Architects. Catherine
Seavitt lecture is being co-sponsored by Rhode Is-
land Sea Grant. All lectures are free and open to the
public. The lecture halls are handicapped accessible.
General questions about the series may be directed
to 874-2983 or to wagre@uri.edu.

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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.

State of Rhode Island
Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission

"Building and Preserving South County"—the 31st Annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference
North Kingstown and Exeter, Rhode Island
Saturday, April 30, 8:15am - 6pm

\$40 includes all activities plus morning coffee, lunch, closing reception

This year’s statewide preservation conference considers the distinctive sense of place and culture in South County and looks at the social, economic, and cultural history expressed by the built environment. The event gets underway at Wickford Middle School with a keynote speech on how the institution of slavery indelibly shaped South County. The speech is followed by 12 workshops, 3 walking tours, 3 boat tours, and 7 bus tours of historic places in Exeter and North Kingstown, including farms, factories, houses, wharves, cemeteries, and museums. Presented by the R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission, the annual conference is a great opportunity to explore the field of historic preservation and network with professionals in the field.

Planners can earn CM credits for designated session—see program for details.

For more information (and to register), visit <http://www.preservation.ri.gov/conference/16overview.php> or call (401)222-2078. Pre-registration is open until April 20; on-site registration will be available on April 30.



Cool, crisp, clear...safe to drink?

Learn how to protect your private well water.

Free workshop for private well owners

Protect yourself, your family, your property and your investment.

Learn:

- The importance of regular testing
 - How to protect your well water from pollution
 - Proper well maintenance
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- Monday, April 11, 2016, 6–7 pm, Little Compton Community Center
 - Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 6–7 pm, Block Island Free Library
 - Tuesday, June 12, 2016, 6-7 pm. Cross Mills Public Library, Charlestown, RI

To register, call URI at 401-874-4918. Space is limited; pre-registration is required.

For more information on private well protection, see: www.riweltesting.org

These workshops are conducted by the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension Water Quality Program and the RI Department of Health. Funding provided by the RI Department of Health Capacity Development Program.

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URI's Geospatial Training Program for March 2016

Using ArcGIS.com

June 2, 2016, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Cost \$100.00, For more information and to register:
http://www.edc.uri.edu/training/Arcgis_online



Web Maps and Geographic Data

This is a half-day training program that will introduce you to ESRI's FREE online mapping application available at ArcGIS.com and give you the tools to access the volumes of data being served from RIGIS which are easily accessible in this interface.

- Explore ready to use map services from RIGIS and others (hundreds of maps!)
- Query existing data
- Build your own maps using readily available data from RIGIS and other sources
- Create your own data (import: .csv, .txt, addresses, .gpx, heads-up digitizing)
- Share your maps via e-mail, Facebook, Twitter or embed the code into your own website

ArcGIS Viewer is an online service developed by ESRI® that allows users to upload, download, and create data. Users may choose to make their map data public or limit access by using groups.

Introduction to GIS

May 23 –25, 2016, 8:30 AM - 4 PM, Cost: \$750.00, For more information and to register:
<http://www.edc.uri.edu/training/intro-to-GIS>

This three-day hands-on computer course provides an introduction to the capabilities of GIS. Using ESRI's ArcGIS 10.2 @, software, we teach the fundamentals of working with GIS data, how to query a GIS database, edit spatial and attribute data and how to present data using maps, reports, and graphs. We also work extensively with the Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS) database.

All participants receive hands-on software instruction, training materials with step-by-step exercises and training data. Upon successful completion of the course, participants receive a URI Certificate of Course Completion. Classes are taught at URI's Kingston campus.



Executive Office of Commerce (EOC)

Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD)

CDBG-DR Planning Grants Available Statewide

Approx. \$500,000 in CDBG Disaster Recovery funds is available for planning-only activities.

The applicant must document a reasonable nexus between the proposed planning activity and the impacts of **Hurricane Sandy** (Oct. 2012); **Hurricane Irene** (Aug. 2011); and/or **Winter Storm Nemo** (February 2013); and resulting unmet needs. Eligible applicants include all Rhode Island municipalities, state agencies, and non-profit organizations that provide essential governmental services to low and moderate income persons.

Application materials are available at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/community/development/disaster/>. CDBG-DR application forms must be used. One CDBG-DR public hearing is required. (Applicants may coordinate the required CDBG-DR application hearing with the regular CDBG application hearing(s).) While applications may be submitted at any time, for maximum consideration submit applications to OHCD by May 13, 2016. Contact Laura Sullivan at 401-222-6844 or Laura.Sullivan@doa.ri.gov for more information.

Municipalities are also encouraged to submit applications for eligible Sandy/Irene/Nemo Disaster Recovery activities that meet the CDBG national objective of predominately benefiting low and moderate income persons.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE for PROPOSED RULE-MAKING and
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Proposed Amendments to the Coastal Resources Management Program
CRMC Shoreline Change Maps**

Pursuant to Chapter 46-23 of the State of Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the Coastal Resources Management Council proposes to amend and take public comment on the following sections only of the Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP): **Shoreline Change Maps**. Comments will not be taken on any other section of the Coastal Resources Management Program during this notice period. In accordance with the procedures of the RI Administrative Procedures Act (R.I.G.L. § 42-35-3) and the Rules and Regulations of the Coastal Resources Management Council, notice is hereby given of the intent of the Coastal Resources Management Council to hold a public hearing, accept public comment, and afford interested persons reasonable opportunity to submit data, views or arguments orally or in writing during the 30-day comment period and the public hearing.

The **public hearing** will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 in Conference Room A at the Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI**. The room is accessible to the disabled and persons requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Council office at 401-783-3370 or RI 711 at least three (3) business days in advance of the hearing date so that such assistance can be provided at no cost to the person requesting.

Summary of Proposed Amendment to CRMC Shoreline Change Maps

The CRMC intends to adopt revised Shoreline Change Maps for the Washington County communities of Westerly, Charlestown, South Kingstown, Narragansett and North Kingstown. The purpose of the amendment is to replace older 2003 and 2004 maps that were adopted by the CRMC in 2008 with 45 newly updated maps based on 2014 orthophoto aerial images that have been prepared as part of the CRMC Shoreline Change Special Area Management Plan, also referred to as the Beach SAMP. Due to the very high image resolution and extremely large files sizes (294MB in total) the individual maps are not being uploaded to the Secretary of State's website. The 45 new maps are publically accessible on the CRMC website at: http://www.crmc.ri.gov/maps/maps_shorechange.html as PDF files and are listed under Washington County (2016).

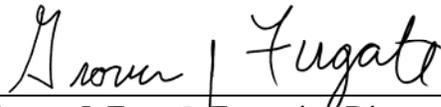
The Council has complied with the requirements of R.I. General Laws §§ 42-35.1-3 and 42-35.1-4 and has filed copies of the proposed regulations with the Governors Office and the Office of Regulatory Reform of the Department of Administration's Office of Management and Budget. The Council has determined that the proposed regulations do not overlap or duplicate any other state regulation and will not have any adverse effect on small businesses.

The proposed regulations are available on the CRMC website – www.crmc.ri.gov. Additionally, the proposed regulations can be reviewed in person at the Coastal Resources Management Council offices located at the Oliver Stedman Government Center, 4808 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Coastal Resources Management Council offices at 783-3370.

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All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed amendments to Section 145 of the Coastal Resources Management Program by the close of business on **April 21, 2016** to provide advance notice to the Council prior to the public hearing. All such comments should be directed to Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director, at the above address.

Signed this 22nd day of **March**, 2016



Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director
Coastal Resources Management Council

Proposed Amendment

RI Coastal Resources Management Program – Shoreline Change Maps

Revise existing Shoreline Change Map cover page (last page of Red Book) as follows:

Unaltered text is existing text, while new text is underlined and deleted text is ~~struck-through~~

Shoreline Change Maps

Watch Hill to Little Compton

The Coastal Resources Management Council ~~has developed~~ adopted in 2008 orthophoto aerial image shoreline change maps that were developed by the University of Rhode Island. These maps comprise the state's shoreline from Watch Hill to Pt. Judith, into and inclusive of Narragansett Bay and its islands, to the eastern shoreline of Little Compton.

The purpose of these maps is to show shoreline rates of change that will be applied to pertinent sections of the Council's regulatory programs to address issues including setbacks of activities from coastal features. These shoreline change maps detail accretion and erosion rates for the shoreline, ~~and are further detailed into~~ associated with shoreline transect segments for each map. In total there are ~~173-178~~ such maps, which are herein incorporated as regulations of the RICRMP. ~~A map~~ Maps for Block Island ~~is~~ are not currently included, however, setbacks and erosion rates for Block Island shall be assessed on a case-by-case basis. The Block Island maps will be added when analysis is completed at a later date.

The maps for the communities of Westerly, Charlestown, South Kingstown, Narragansett and North Kingstown are based on 2014 orthophoto aerial images and are listed under Washington County (2016). These maps show various shorelines from 1939, 1951, 1963, 2012 and 2014 aerial images. In addition, four new panels for the Narrow River have been included. The remaining maps adopted in 2008 include only the shorelines interpreted from aerial images of 1939, 1975 and 2003 for maps covering Narrow River northward into the Bay, islands and to Little Compton or 2004 for the shoreline from Napatree Point to Narragansett Beach.

These shoreline change maps are orthophoto aerial images which individually are very large digital computer files. They can be examined ~~at the Council's office in Wakefield, at the secretary of state's office, and~~ on-line at the Council's website:
http://www.crmc.ri.gov/maps/maps_shorechnage.html.



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News Release

For Release: March 24, 2016

Contact: Gail Mastrati 222-4700 ext. 2402

DEM AND ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION TEAM UP TO HELP HOMEOWNERS SAVE ENERGY, MONEY WITH FREE TREE PROGRAM

PROVIDENCE – The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) and the Arbor Day Foundation are teaming up to give away 1,000 trees this spring; the Energy-Saving Trees Program helps homeowners conserve energy, reduce utility costs, and beautify their neighborhood.

"We're happy to partner with the Arbor Day Foundation again this year to encourage homeowners to "green" their properties and promote a healthier environment," said DEM Director Janet Coit. "Trees play an important role in cooling our streets and homes, filtering our air, and reducing stormwater pollution. I hope Rhode Islanders will take advantage of this opportunity to plant a tree with their families and watch it grow; it will help with household expenses and benefit our environment for generations to come."

The trees are approximately four to six feet tall and will be distributed in three-gallon containers for easy transport. The RI Tree Council will provide planting and care instruction to homeowners – as well as guidance on how to maximize energy-savings. When planted properly, a single mature tree can save \$30 annually in heating and cooling costs.

Now in its second season, the Energy Saving Trees Program has resulted in more than 800 trees being planted across the state. Registration opens Monday, March 28 and is required in order to reserve a tree. For more information and/or to register for the program, visit www.arborday.org/RIDEM. Trees can be picked up during one of the following pick-up events:

Saturday, April 16 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.): Westerly Public Library, 44 Broad Street, Westerly

Saturday, April 23 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.): Portsmouth Public Library, 2658 East Main Road, Portsmouth

Saturday, May 7 (12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.): Knight Memorial Library, 275 Elmwood Avenue, Providence

Saturday, May 14 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.): Woonsocket Public Library, 303 Clinton Street, Woonsocket

For more information on DEM's programs and divisions, visit www.dem.ri.gov or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RhodeIslandDEM or via Twitter (@RhodeIslandDEM).

Water Words that Work

A workshop with communication expert Eric Eckl

Make a splash with your communications! Relearn the language that everyday citizens use and you will become more confident and successful as you set out to enlighten the uninformed and persuade the undecided to take action on behalf of our rivers, lakes, and oceans.

Thursday, May 5, 2016 | 10:00 am-4:30 pm
Save The Bay, Providence, RI



Part 1: The perils of preaching to the choir. Learn how and why most environmental messages miss the mark. After completing this training, you will be able to spot the signs of "preaching to the choir" and recognize when you are sending messages that go over your target audience's head.

Part 2. The Environmental Message Method, Steps 1-4. Learn to transform professional-level conservation writing into messages that are suitable for everyday citizens. You will learn steps 1-4 of the "Environmental Message Method": Begin With Behavior, Foolproof Photos, Swap the Shoptalk, and the Words That Work.

Part 3. The Environmental Message Method, Steps 5 and 6. You will learn to incorporate storytelling techniques into your message, and how to measure the reading level of your materials and determine if it is a good fit for your audience.

Updated in 2015 to include:

- Results of an in-depth national assessment that provides even deeper insight into what triggers environmental stewardship from everyday citizens
- Startling new findings on photos and logos
- Message approaches that conservation communicators can "borrow" from Amazon, Netflix, and other online powerhouses
- Tips on grammar choices that makes your readers mad -- and how to avoid them

Audiences: scientists, public officials, natural resources professionals, environmental educators, and anyone else interested in communicating environmental messages more effectively! **6 AICP credits available.** [Check out some of the testimonials.](#)

Cost: Thanks to NOAA funding, we're able to offer this workshop for the very low price of **\$25!** A light breakfast and lunch are included. Seats are limited so **[please register](#)** today (<http://asri.doubleknot.com/event/water-words-that-work/1899817>). Registration deadline is April 27, 2016.

Contact: Jennifer West, jennifer@nbnerr.org, 401-222-4700, x 7413.



Eric Eckl's role models include Aldo Leopold, Martin Luther King, Maximilian Berlitz, and P.T. Barnum.

Eric loves campaigns and would run for office if he could give the job to somebody else after winning. Instead, he helps conservation and environmental organizations with pollution prevention, fundraising, and issue advocacy campaigns.

Eric founded Water Words That Work LLC as a marketing and public relations firm for nature protection and pollution control organizations.

Since 2009, the company has assisted more than 200 conservation organizations, including the National Park Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts, the Ogeechee Riverkeeper, and many others.

Before launching Water Words That Work, Eric managed fundraising, media relations, and publishing activities for many conservation organizations. His past employers include Beaconfire Consulting, American Rivers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

Eric's skills include message development, online outreach, market research, training, and business development. He has appeared in countless media stories, including CNN and the New York Times. He is a frequent speaker at environmental, marketing, and technology conferences.

