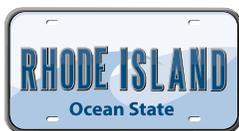


# STATEWIDE PLANNING e-NEWS

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## Rhode Island – Holiday Social

Come and celebrate the holiday season with WTS-Rhode Island on Wednesday, December 10 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at an informal gathering at P.F. Chang's at Providence Place Mall in Providence, RI. Complimentary appetizers and a cash bar will be provided. Reservations are required! To register for this event, contact Angela Saunders at 401-333-2382 or wtsrhodeisland@gmail.com by 4:00 PM on Monday, December 8, 2014.

For the **Holiday Social flyer**, click:  
[http://www.wtsinternational.org/assets/80/22/Holiday Social Rev2.pdf](http://www.wtsinternational.org/assets/80/22/Holiday%20Social%20Rev2.pdf)



## NRCS Announces Early Signup for EQIP and AMA in FY 2015-

### Deadline December 19, 2014 Financial and Technical Assistance Available for Farmers and Forest Landowners

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) wants farmers and forest landowners to plan ahead and sign up this year for NRCS conservation funding. Funding is available for private agricultural land and private forestry or woodland owners in Rhode Island under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA). Although NRCS accepts applications on a continuous basis throughout the year, **applications must be received by December 19, 2014 to be considered for FY 2015 funding!** The financial and technical assistance will assist private land owners to address farm, field, forest, wildlife, water and/or plant management issues including:

- Erosion Control
- Irrigation Systems and Water Wells
- Fencing
- Forestry Management Plans-improve natural resources and potentially reduce real estate taxes
- Forest Stand Improvement
- Grazing Plans
- Pasture and Hayland Planting
- Pollinator Habitat-increase crop yields
- Woodland Thinning
- Protections for Heavy Use Areas
- Riparian Buffers
- Seasonal High Tunnels-extend growing season
- Waste Storage Facilities
- Wildlife Habitat

For more information, contact: **Natural Resources Conservation Service** Web site: [www.ri.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ri.nrcs.usda.gov)  
E-mail: [NRCSInfo@ri.usda.gov](mailto:NRCSInfo@ri.usda.gov)  
Phone: (401) 822-8848

## Statewide Planning's Committee Meetings

### State Planning Council

December 11, 2014, 9:00 a.m.  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI Conference Room A

### Technical Committee -

December 5, 2014, 9:00 am **(CANCELLED)**

### Transportation Advisory Committee

**No December Meeting Scheduled**

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/>

### RIGIS Executive Committee

December 18th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
USDA-NRCS, Main Conference Room  
60 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI  
<http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/committee.html>

### NEURISA-Sponsored RIGIS User Group Meeting

December 4th, 4:00-7:00 p.m.  
Gas Lamp Grille, Upstairs Event Room  
206 Thames Street, Newport, RI  
<http://www.neurisa.org/event-1796007>

### Brown University: GIS Open House Poster Session

December 9th, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Faunce House, Kasper Multipurpose Room (Room 040)  
75 Waterman Street, Providence, RI  
<http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/calendar.html>

## SAVE THE DATES:

The State Planning Council has under consideration adoption of a draft plan entitled "**Solid Waste 2038**" an Element of the State Guide Plan. This draft plan focuses on critical issues and trends for solid waste management. It sets policy foundations for solid waste management in the State and provides goals, strategies and updated information for the effective management of solid waste in Rhode Island. Two public hearings will be held on the adoption of this Plan. The date, time and locations of the hearings are:

- Monday December 8, 2014**  
6:00 to 8:00 PM  
Board Room  
RI Resource Recovery Corporation  
65 Shun Pike  
Johnston, Rhode Island
- Monday December 15, 2014**  
6:00 to 8:00 PM  
Conference Room A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Department of Administration  
One Capitol Hill  
Providence, Rhode Island



Each hearing will begin with a brief informational presentation followed by opportunity for public comment. The draft plan may be viewed at Statewide Planning's website at: [http://www.planning.ri.gov/documents/LU/swmp/171\\_Preliminary%20Draft\\_9.26.14.pdf](http://www.planning.ri.gov/documents/LU/swmp/171_Preliminary%20Draft_9.26.14.pdf)

Applications are available for matching Certified Local Government grants to local governments whose municipal historic preservation program has been certified by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission (RIHPHC). We expect about \$50,000 will be available for these grants for the coming year. RIHPHC will give highest priority to projects which address important preservation needs within the applicant community or to a statewide preservation need. Applications may be submitted for surveys to identify and evaluate historic properties; preparation of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places; a variety of planning activities; and public education activities and print and digital media.

Currently, 18 communities are eligible to apply for CLG grants: Bristol, Coventry, Cranston, Cumberland, East Greenwich, East Providence, Glocester, Hopkinton, Newport, Narragansett, New Shoreham, North Kingstown, North Providence, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Providence, South Kingstown, and Warwick.

Applications must be submitted to the RIHPHC, 150 Benefit Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, no later than 4:00 p.m., December 8, 2014. Applicants should contact their local planning office well in advance of this deadline for needed signatures. To download a grant application, visit: [http://www.preservation.ri.gov/local/local\\_grants2015.php](http://www.preservation.ri.gov/local/local_grants2015.php). For more information, contact Joanna Doherty at (401)222-4136.

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R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission, 150 Benefit Street, Providence, RI 02903  
401-222-4142 phone/401-222-2968 fax, [www.preservation.ri.gov](http://www.preservation.ri.gov)

State of Rhode Island

## Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission

## URI's Geospatial Training Program for January 2015



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### Using ArcGIS.com

For more information and to register:

[http://www.edc.uri.edu/training/Arcgis\\_online](http://www.edc.uri.edu/training/Arcgis_online)

- Thursday, January 8, 2015, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Cost \$100.00

### 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.

Requirements: This course is intended for those interested in working with geographic data. Participants should be comfortable working in a windows environment. No prior GIS knowledge is necessary!

### Introduction to GIS

For more information and to register: <http://www.edc.uri.edu/training/intro-to-GIS>

- January 13 - 15, 2015, 8:30 AM - 4 PM, Cost: \$750.00

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.

Requirements: Participants should be comfortable working in a windows environment. Please visit ESRI's training website and try this free course on Getting Started with GIS (for ArcGIS 10) This will provide you with a comprehensive introduction to the topics that will be covered in the three-day course.

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## 2015 URI Landscape Architecture Lecture Series

- February 12** **Nathan Socha**, ASLA, Beta Group, Lincoln, RI & **Cheryl Russ**, Glen Gate Company, Wilton, CT  
"Divergent Paths and Common Themes"
- February 26** **Robert Golde**, ASLA, Partner, Towers|Golde, New Haven, CT  
"Balancing Long Term Sustainable Solutions with Short Term Client Needs"
- March 12** **Peter Trowbridge**, FASLA, Trowbridge, Wolf, Michael  
"Is this what we call infrastructure?"
- April 9** **Anne Whiston Spirn**, Author, Photographer, Landscape Architect, MIT, Cambridge, MA  
TBA
- April 23** **Kaki Martin**, ASLA, Klopfer Martin Design Group, Cambridge, MA  
TBA

Lectures begin at 7:00 P.M. and are held in the Weaver Auditorium on the Kingston Campus of URI. This series is co-sponsored by the URI College of the Environment and Life Sciences, The Graduate School of Oceanography, The College of Arts and Sciences, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects and Landscape Forms. The Kate Orff visit is being co-sponsored by Rhode Island Sea Grant and Anne Spirn by the URI Art Department. 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](mailto:wagre@uri.edu).

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Please join us for the following workshops!

## Transfer of Development Rights (TDR): How It Can Work in RI



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Research Reserve

Thursday, December 4, 2014, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Audubon Society of RI, 12 Sanderson Road, Smithfield, RI

~~~~~3 AICP credits pending~~~~~

This workshop will provide information on different options for the use of TDR in RI, key elements for successful TDR programs, market trends that support TDR in RI, and case studies and regulatory approaches for TDR implementation. The information will be from the recently completed Rhode Island Transfer of Development Rights Guidance Manual developed by the RI Department of Environmental Management.

## How to Engage the Public and Build Support for Community Planning Projects

Friday, December 12, 2014, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Audubon Society of RI, 12 Sanderson Road, Smithfield, RI

~~~~~3 AICP credits pending~~~~~

This workshop will provide information and tools to enhance the public engagement and consensus-building process for community planning projects. The process for building support for village growth will be discussed, and techniques such as identifying and engaging stakeholders, describing community values, shared fact-finding and game-playing exercises to explore alternatives applicable for other community planning projects will be presented. Case studies to highlight the most effective techniques will be used.

**Target Audiences:** Planners, local officials, developers, state agency personnel, and other interested parties.

**Speakers:** Peter Flinker, Dodson and Flinker; Nate Kelly, Horsley Witten Group; Scott Millar, RIDEM.

These workshops are a product of a Rhode Island Statewide Planning Challenge grant and are free of charge. A light breakfast will be provided from 8:30-9:00 am each day. **Please register [here](#) to attend** (or copy and paste <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/V7LJZ5G> into your browser). Please register by Monday, December 1.

**Questions?** Please contact Jennifer West at [jennifer@nbnerr.org](mailto:jennifer@nbnerr.org) or 401-222-4700, x 7413.

These workshops are sponsored by the [Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve](#), [RI Department of Environmental Management](#), and [RI Division of Planning](#)