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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.



What About Streetlights?

Many towns and cities across Rhode Island are wondering what will happen now that the Municipal Streetlights Investment Act passed. We wrote the Act, so we are probably the best organization to answer these questions.

Driven to reduce municipal expenditures and more efficiently use electricity, the Washington County Regional Planning Council researched ways to save money on street lighting. Streetlights are one of the most expensive line items in a town's energy budget, and the price is much higher than the simpler kilowatt-hour charges of other uses. Municipal ownership and large-scale collaborative maintenance contracts will reduce street lighting costs by 30-40%. Our total statewide municipal streetlights expense is now almost \$17 million per year.

The Act is voluntary, and will allow any municipality to purchase the streetlights they now pay for, and then manager them efficiently. It requires that a provision be made for more efficient LED lights, and in what turns out to put RI ahead of the national curve, requires provision for solid-state controls of streetlights. It also sets how the purchase price is calculated—the original cost less depreciation.

Controls are important for public safety. Using these networked controls, each light could be brightened by a police officer in case of an accident or other incident. They can be set to dim or even turn off in the wee hours, and then come back on for the morning commute. In case of evacuation, lights along escape routes can be set to flash sequentially, leading even those unfamiliar with our roadways a path to safety. Other public interest uses, like wireless communication or security cameras can be mounted on the brackets. Finally, the controls accurately meter the electricity used by the lights, so municipal billing can be much more accurate that it has been.

The Act's implementing tariff, as proposed by National Grid, is now being considered at the RI Public Utilities Commission. Formal Interveners are the Washington County Regional Planning Council, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns (WCRPC and RICLT are sharing legal and witness expenses), the state's Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council, and the RI Office of Energy Resources. A decision is expected in February.

WCRPC is forming P.R.I.S.M., the Partnership for Rhode Island Streetlights Management to, assist towns and cities in implementing the Act. Collaborative purchasing of maintenance services will maximize savings. P.R.I.S.M. will provide this economy of scale, and will help towns with the cost/benefit analyses needed to make informed public decisions. P.R.I.S.M. will also help towns/cities considering converting to LED lighting—there are critical design, procurement, and cost implications to such a move. LED conversions can result it better-lit streets that use less energy.

For more information, please contact Jeff Broadhead, Executive Director of the WCRPC, and coordinator of P.R.I.S.M. He can be reached at jb@wcrpc.org or 401.792.9900.

Division of Planning Committee Meetings



State Planning Council

February 13th, **CANCELLED**
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A

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

Technical Committee

February 7th, **2014 9:00 a.m.**
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A

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

Transportation Advisory Committee

February 27th, 6:30 p.m. a.m.
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A

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

State of Rhode Island

Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission

Save the Date!

On Saturday, April 26, 2014, the RIHPHC presents the 28th Annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference "Pride in Preservation," in Warren.

Statewide leaders and mom-and-pop shopkeepers are urging Rhode Islanders to take pride in the local and homegrown. Preservationists are answering the call--after all, isn't historic preservation all about taking pride in local places and working to reuse, restore, and interpret them? Kick up your heels as you march down Warren's Main Street, discover its arts district, and walk along Water Street and the working waterfront. Bike to Bristol, bus across Barrington, go horseback riding in East Providence (on the Crescent Park Carousel). Join us at the 2014 conference, and take pride in preservation.

The conference program will be available in early March at www.preservation.ri.gov/conference

RIHPHC is working with RIAPA and AIA/RI to secure educational credits for planners and architects.



R.I. Trends: Non-Traditional Households, Owners Becoming Renters

In December 2013, the U.S. Census Bureau released the 2010-2012 3-year American Community Survey dataset. With this dataset, we finally have two comparable 3-year datasets to compare for Rhode Island: 2007-2009 and 2010-2012. These datasets, based on surveys, describe the populations in our state and its municipalities. For example, the data show us what kinds of households people live in, the occupations they hold, and the type of housing they live in. Rhode Island's households are shifting away from the two-person marriage model and toward nonfamily households, single-parent families, and grandparents who care for grandchildren. This month's Bulletin details those changes, along with changes in homeownership and the labor force demonstrated by comparison of 3-year datasets. Look for it at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/geodeminfo/data/bulletin.php>

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URI Landscape Architecture Lectures 2014

- February 27** **Anne Penniman**, Principal, Anne Penniman Associates LLC, Essex, CT
Title: *"Intersections: Nature/Culture"*
- March 6** **Todd Richardson**, Principal, Richardson & Associates, Saco, ME,
Title: *"Context Driven Design; Responding to What's Right in Front of You"*
- April 3** **Gary Hildebrand**, Principal, Reed Hildebrand LLC, Watertown, MA,
Title: *"Telescopic"*
- April 17** **Marion Pressley**, Principal, Pressley Associates, Cambridge, MA,
Title: TBA

Lectures begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the Weaver Auditorium on the Kingston Campus of URI. The series is being co-sponsored by Bartlett Tree Experts, the RI Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects and the College of the Environment and Life Sciences. All lectures are free and open to the public. The lecture hall is handicapped accessible. General questions about the series may be directed to 874-2983. For Directions visit <http://www.uri.edu/ce/wq/OWT/Directions/index.htm>

GIS Training Classes

Introduction to GIS Desktop: Dates: March 10 - 12, 2014; 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Registration Fee: \$750

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Summary: 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 students receive hands-on software instruction, course books with exercises with accompanying training data. Upon successful completion of the course, students 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.

Topics Covered:

- Geospatial data types: storage and management
- Introduction to the ArcMap interface: toolbars, pop-up / drop-down menu
- How to display, symbolize, label geospatial data
- Using [ArcGIS.com](#) basemaps and other internet map services
- Printing and exporting maps
- Creating and Editing geospatial data
- How to perform attribute and spatial queries
- Creating X,Y location data, spatial analysis (overlay)
- Accessing the RIGIS data catalog

Working with [ArcGIS.com](#): Maps and Geographic Data on the Web

Date: March 13, 2014; 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Registration Fee : \$100

Summary: This is a half-day training program that will introduce you to ESRI's online mapping applications 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 Online](#), services developed by ESRI® that allow 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 and requires only a modest level of technical skill. **No prior GIS knowledge is necessary!**

Participants will:

- Create a customized ArcGIS Online map
- Become comfortable with the [ArcGIS.com](#) interface
- Learn to access the RIGIS ArcGIS Server maps
- Use tools to create layers on your custom map
- Import .csv files with location data (x,y, address) on to map
- Import Shapefiles on to an [ArcGIS.com](#) map
- Learn how to share a map via email, Facebook, Twitter or by embedding it into own website.



Private Well Workshop Calendar

Monday, February 24, 2014, from 7 - 9 PM at the West Kingston Elementary School cafeteria
3119 Ministerial Road, Kingston, RI.

Tuesday, March 18 2014, from 6 - 8 PM at the Jesse M Smith Memorial Library
100 Tinkham Lane, Harrisville, RI.

Pre-registration is required for workshops as space is limited. Programs are **free**.
Call (401) 874-4918 to register. For more information, see www.rivelltesting.org

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](http://www.rivelltesting.org) and the University of Rhode Island's Cooperative Extension Water Quality Program.

FEBRUARY

THINK YOU KNOW WORD? Tuesday: **February 11, 2014**

MARCH

EXCEL BASICS Tuesday: **March 4, 2014**

GRANT WRITING Tuesday: **March 18, 2014**

EXCEL ADVANCED Tuesday: **March 25, 2014**

Registration form on our webpage: 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.

All workshops use the **Microsoft Office 2013** setting.

Handouts are filled with shortcuts, step-by-step guides/tips and include instructions for **Office 2013, 2010, 2007, and 2003**.

Free parking at the RI Convention Center Parking Garage.

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

We can run any of our workshops on site at your organization. Contact me for more details.

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**Rhode Island Convention Center
Friday, May 23, 2014**

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Mark your calendar for Grow Smart's May 23rd Power of Place Summit

Join 500 state, local and federal officials, business and civic leaders, real estate professionals, investors, architects, developers, builders, farmers, and community stakeholders from across Rhode Island and New England for Grow Smart's 5th biennial Power of Place Summit



Always rated an excellent program, the theme of this year's Summit is **"The Power of Place: Positioning Rhode Island for an Economic Renaissance"**. This will drive the keynote address and the more than 15 workshops at the daylong forum.

Expect to hear the latest about Rhode Island's new emerging economic

development strategy as well as programs and policies that leverage our state's many strengths. We'll cover the future of the State Historic Tax Credit, urban revitalization initiatives, transportation and infrastructure funding, mass transit, housing, agricultural viability and farmland protection.

We'll also hear from those advancing game-changer community development projects such as the I-195 Development District (The Link), the Warwick Station Development District (Warwick City Centre) and the East Providence Waterfront Development Project, among many others.

This being a gubernatorial election year, we're inviting the candidates to a panel discussion for their views on the role of the Governor in shaping economic and community development. Providence Business News Editor Mark Murphy will moderate.



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So mark your calendar and plan to be with us on Friday, May 23rd.

Early bird registration fees will remain affordable again this year, ranging from \$50 (students) to \$75 (government and nonprofit) and \$100 (regular rate).

Online registration will open in March.