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You Are Invited
TO HELP PLAN OUR
Freight Future

Moving RI forward with the Statewide Freight & Goods Movement Plan

The Rhode Island Division of Planning has been working in conjunction with the state Department of Transportation to draft a strategic statewide Freight and Goods Movement Plan, and we'd like your input! The plan will prioritize strategic freight investments in Rhode Island's transportation network for the next 20 years and identify potential policies and next steps to support the efficient flow of goods within our state.

To hear about preliminary recommendations for improvements and discuss the future of freight and goods in Rhode Island, please join us for one of two free public sessions on **Wednesday, June 15, 2016**:

**Quonset Development Corporation Annex, 95 Cripe Street,
North Kingstown, RI 02852, 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.**

**Cranston Central Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road,
Cranston, RI 02920, 4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.**

Can't make it to the meeting? Join us for an online meeting at www.freightforwardri.com

You can also leave comments on our website or email us at Info@freightforwardri.com

Comments

Leave us a comment at the meeting, on the project website at www.freightforwardri.com, or email us at Info@freightforwardri.com

We look forward to your participation!

June 2016



Statewide Planning's Committee Meetings

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

Technical Committee, Friday, June 3, 2016, 9:00 a.m., One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, Conference Room A

Transportation Advisory Committee, Thursday, June 23, 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

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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.



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



- 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

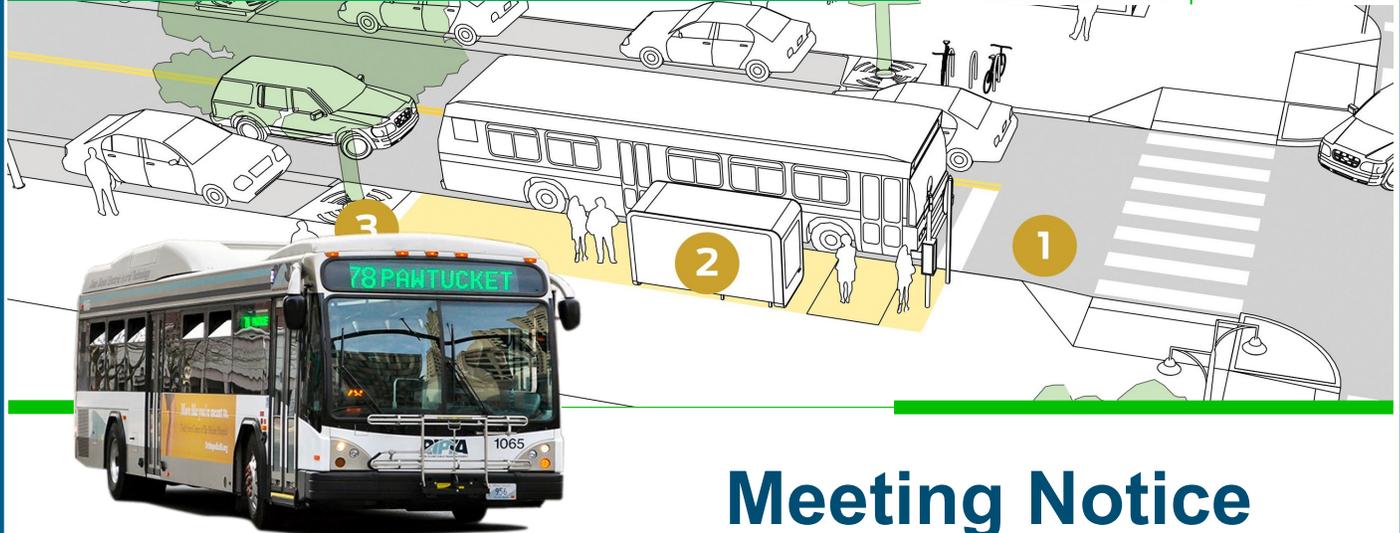
Check the latest Rhode Island QuickFacts from the Census Bureau, updated with 2014 employment data.



[QuickFacts Website](#)

QuickFacts is an easy to use application that shows tables, maps, and charts of frequently requested statistics from more than ten Census Bureau censuses, surveys, and programs. Profiles are available for the nation, all 50 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and all counties. Cities and towns with a population of 5,000 or more are also included.

Bus Stop Design Guide



Meeting Notice

RIPTA has scheduled three open house meetings in June to gather input on the Rhode Island Bus Stop Design Guide, to be used by RIPTA, RIDOT and municipalities when roads with RIPTA bus routes are reconstructed or improved. Your input is welcome at any of the three drop-in sessions, or by email to Pam Sherrill at sherrill6@cox.net:

Thursday, June 9, 2016 - 5:30 to 7:30 PM

[Newport Gateway Center](#)

23 America's Cup Ave, Newport, RI 02840
 RIPTA Routes 14, 60, 63, 64, 67

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 - 3 to 7 PM

[The Providence Foundation](#)

30 Exchange Terrace Conference Room, Providence, RI 02903 All RIPTA routes servicing the Kennedy Plaza area

Monday, June 20, 2016 - 6 to 8 PM

[The Woonsocket Depot](#)

1 Depot Square, Woonsocket, RI 02865
 RIPTA Routes 54 and 87

Meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities. RIPTA will provide translation and interpreter services for non-English speakers and the hearing impaired, provided such a request is made at least 72 hours prior to the hearing date. A request for these services can be made in writing or by calling (401)784-9500 x242 or 800-745-5555 (RI Relay TDD).

Further information is available at <http://www.ripta.com/rhode-island-bus-stop-design-guide>.



United States Environmental Protection Agency

EPA worked with the Rhode Island Division of Planning to develop this Planning Framework for a Climate-Resilient Economy (2016) to help communities assess their economic vulnerability to climate change and improve their economic resilience. A pilot community, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, tested and refined the framework. The framework consists of five basic steps, shown in the figure to the right. It can be adapted by communities anywhere in the country for their context and can be modified to cover small or large geographic areas and their economies. The framework can help communities ask the right questions to recognize their economic vulnerabilities and identify ways to be more climate resilient, with a focus on helping the business community prepare for and adapt to projected changes and think creatively about ways to prosper in a changing climate. It is designed to be flexible so communities with varying levels of analytical expertise, time, and funds can use it. Some communities can use it to get a "big picture" assessment of their vulnerabilities. Others could use more sophisticated tools such as GIS and other computer-based models and a team of experts to map out specific economic impacts or threats and business opportunities.

THE
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ENVIRONMENTAL
DATA CENTER

URI's Geospatial Training Program for August, 2016

[Introduction to GIS](#)

August 9 - 11, 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 10.3.1[®], 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.

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Rhode Island Farm Energy Program Farm Energy Workshops & Tour



Learn about the new **RI Agricultural Energy Program Grant!**

Are you a Rhode Island Farmer who has been curious about the potential of renewable energy or energy efficiency practices for your farm? The Rhode Island Farm Energy Program will be hosting three **FARM ENERGY WORKSHOPS** in June.

Topics to be covered in these workshops:

- **NEW GRANT Opportunity for 2016**
 - **RI Ag-Energy Program Grant**
- USDA Rural Development – Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)
- Commerce RI – Renewable Energy Fund (REF)
- USDA-NRCS – Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP) and Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)
- RI Office of Energy Resources – Farm Energy Efficiency Program

SAVE the DATE!

FARM ENERGY TOUR

Knight Farm & Restaurant

(Ground Mount Solar
Renewable Energy Systems)

Friday, June 10th

2:00 to 3:00 PM

(1 Snake Hill Road, North
Scituate, RI 02857)

CALL (or Email) TO REGISTER – these workshops will assist you in understanding the new RI Ag Energy Program Grant and the various other grant assistance programs available. **Call or email to register for the Farm Energy Tour too!**

Be sure to **NOTE WHICH** workshop you be attending - 401-500-0399 or info@rifarmenergy.org

West Greenwich Community Center

(behind the Louttit Library)

Wednesday, June 8th from 4:00-6:00 PM

(274 Victory Highway, West Greenwich, RI 02842)

Tiverton Library

Thursday, June 16th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM

(35 Roosevelt Avenue, Tiverton,, RI 02878)

North Scituate Library

Thursday, June 23rd from 5:00 to 7:00 PM

(606 West Greenville Road, North Scituate, RI 02857)

Funding and incentives may be available for energy practices on your farm! For more information, contact the Rhode Island Farm Energy Program at 401-500-0399 or info@rifarmenergy.org

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email: info@rifarmenergy.org website: www.RIFarmEnergy.org

Caring For Your Woods: A Workshop and Tour

Small Scale Forestry-A program of forestry concepts and practices catering to Forest Landowners with 5 acres or more presented by the RI RC&D Council and Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District with a grant from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service



Saturday, June 25, 9:00-12:00

Stone Laurel Farm
Preservation Way
Tiverton, RI 02878

Topics Will Include

- Caring for wetlands on your property
- Chainsaw safety
- Firewood marking
- Trails layout
- Federal funding and assistance opportunities

Save the Date for the Small Forestry Program's Fall Workshop!
Topics Include: Wildlife habitat, forest insects and disease, invasive species, and alternative forest products

Thursday, September 8, 5:30-8:00
Greenvale Vineyards
582 Wapping Road
Portsmouth, RI 02871



USDA NRCS is a non-regulatory agency, and all programs are voluntary. NRCS is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

Events are free, but space is limited. Please register by emailing rircd2283@gmail.com or calling RI RC&D at 401-500-0399