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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.

RhodeMap RI Plans: Taking Shape



The RhodeMap RI initiative recently completed an extensive public outreach program, which involved the largest outreach effort ever conducted by the Division of Planning. Since August 2013, hundreds of people have participated and shared their ideas on how to build a better Rhode Island. Here's a summary of what's happened:

- Four public forums in August
Over 200 business leaders participated in a number of 'Economic Intersections' Forums, sponsored by the Rhode Island Foundation and Commerce RI. Read a full report of the outcome here: <http://www.commerceri.com/>
- 23 'Great Places' workshops across Rhode Island
- Over 30 Focus Groups and Meetings in a Box ranging from small gatherings in people's homes to resident associations to larger membership organizations
- Over 900 visitors to the online MindMixer site, with 150 ideas shared
- Over 220 followers of the RhodeMap RI twitter feed @rhodemapri
- Over 160 likes on the RhodeMap RI Facebook site at [facebook.com/RhodeMap](https://www.facebook.com/RhodeMap)

Entering its third year, RhodeMap RI is a partnership and forward-looking effort to ensure that all Rhode Islanders have access to housing, jobs and a great quality of life. This project, funded through the competitive U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Sustainable Communities program, will result in a new Housing Plan, Economic Development Plan, and Growth Centers Strategy. An action plan or 'Regional Plan for Sustainable Development' will then be created to pave a path for implementing top priorities in the short and long term.



Draft plans are currently being completed for Housing and Economic Development and members of the public will be invited to comment on goals and strategies in events across Rhode Island in early April. Stay tuned to the RhodeMap RI website at rhodemapri.org for information on the April event dates and locations, as well as how to read and comment online.



Division of Planning Committee Meetings



State Planning Council

March 13th 2014, 9:00 a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

Conference Room A

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

Technical Committee

March 7th 2014, 9:00 a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

Conference Room A

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

Transportation Advisory Committee

March 27th 2014, 6:30 p.m. a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

Conference Room A

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

RIGIS Executive Committee

March 20th, 1:00 p.m.

60 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI

USDA-NRCS, Main Conference Room

<http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/committee.html>

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.

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URI Landscape Architecture Lectures 2014

- 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>

RI Municipal GIS User Group GIS in Emergency Services And Public Safety

Thursday March 6th, 1:30 pm to 4:00pm

More specific agenda to follow but we will have speakers from RIEMA, E911, City of Providence, and City of Cranston

RI E911 Facility Tour to follow presentations (limited availability).

Reserve your spot for the Facility Tour by emailing mgjarusso@cranstonri.org

Location: RI State Police HQ/RI E9-1-1, Conference Colonel Stone Center, 311 Danielson Pike, North Scituate, RI 02857

March 2014 GIS Training at URI Kingston Campus

To Register: <http://geospatial.uri.edu/training/default.html>, Questions?
Contact Alyson McCann at alyson@uri.edu or 874-5398

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

Summary: This three-day hands-on computer course provides an introduction to the capabilities of GIS. Using [ESRI's ArcGIS 10.1](#)®, 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 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

2. Working with ArcGIS Online: Maps and Geographic Data on the Web

Dates: 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 FREE 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

Immigrants in Rhode Island

Immigrants are a growing share of our state's population at a time when overall population numbers have stagnated. In the first decade of the century, the number of foreign-born Rhode Island residents grew from 120,000 to 140,000, accounting for 13.3% of the state's population. Planners need to pay attention to characteristics of foreign-born communities so that plans, policies, and development reflect the needs of the state's diverse population. Immigrants, as an increasing share of residents, will shape Rhode Island's future. This month's Bulletin explores a demographic profile of foreign-born populations in Rhode Island. It will be published online at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/geodeminfo/data/bulletin.php>





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**RHODE ISLAND
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CONSERVATION
SUMMIT**
Working together to protect our communities

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014
7:45 AM to 4:30 PM — URI Memorial Union, Kingston Campus
Sponsor the Summit, order your program ad,
and reserve a display table online now at:
www.landandwaterpartnership.org

A row of four logos: 1. Narragansett Bay Estuary Program logo with a stylized building and water. 2. Rhode Island Blueways logo with a sailboat on a triangle. 3. Rhode Island Land Trust Council logo with a tree and wavy lines. 4. Rhode Island Association of Conservation Commissions (RIACC) logo with a map of Rhode Island.

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