

STATEWIDE PLANNING e-NEWS

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HURRICANE SANDY CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY GRANT

The State of RI, Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) encourages citizens to participate in the development of the State's Hurricane Sandy CDBG Disaster Recovery Action Plan. The amended Plan shall set forth the method of distribution of this U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) \$19.9 million grant and will be submitted to HUD in accordance with the Federal Register Notice, Vol. 79, No. 200.

A **Public Hearing** will be held at the following time and location to obtain the views of citizens on disaster recovery unmet needs and proposed activities, including state agency projects:

DOA, One Capitol Hill, Providence, 2nd Floor, Conference Room B 2:00 PM on Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Members of the public are invited to attend the Public Hearing. The public is encouraged to **review and comment on Version 5 of the amended Plan**, available online at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/community/development/disaster/>. Alternatively, the public may review the Plan at the Office of Housing and Community Development, One Capitol Hill, 3rd Floor, Providence, RI 02908 during the hours of 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM by contacting Laura Sullivan at 401-222-6844. Comments will be accepted via e-mail at Laura.Sullivan@doa.ri.gov or at the address listed above, Attention: Laura Sullivan, through November 3, 2015 at 3 PM.

State of Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission

Call for Ideas

The **31st Annual R.I. Statewide Historic Preservation Conference** will take place on Saturday, April 30, 2016 in North Kingstown and Exeter. Have a suggestion for a conference workshop, tour, or speaker? Workshops run 75 minutes long and focus on topics like village revitalization, sea level rise, local history, archaeology, etc. Tours run 1.25, 2.5, or 3 hours long.

To share your idea, email Sarah Zurier at sarah.zurier@preservation.ri.gov

If you are suggesting a topic for a tour or workshop, please include the names of potential speakers or organizations that might participate.



Smart Growth America
Making Neighborhoods Great Together

Smart Growth American Announces Free Technical Assistance Workshops

Smart Growth America (SGA) annually offers a limited number of free technical assistance workshops to assist practitioners with creating more walkable neighborhoods through better public outreach. SGA's staff will work with communities to help them understand local planning goals, show how development strategies can help achieve those goals, and provide ideas about how to make it happen. Applications are now open for the 2016 free technical assistance workshops. Applications are due by Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 5:00 PM ET. More information is available at <http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/technical-assistance/free-annual-workshops>.

Statewide Planning's Committee Meetings

State Planning Council

October 8, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A

Technical Committee

October 2, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A

Transportation Advisory Committee

October 22, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A



WTS Rhode Island Construction Tour Apponaug Circulator

Please join WTS-Rhode Island for a construction tour of the Apponaug Circulator project on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM. The tour will meet at the public parking lot adjacent to Gorton Pond on Veterans Memorial Highway, Warwick, RI. Hard hat, safety vest, and appropriate footwear required.

Cost: WTS Members - \$10, Non-members - \$15, Students – Free. To register for this event, please contact Judy Zimmerman-Reisch at 401-573-3949 or wtsrhodeisland@gmail.com by 4:00 PM on Friday, October 16.

The rain date is Thursday, October 22. For the construction tour flyer, click: http://www.wtsinternational.org/assets/80/17/WTS-RI_October_20_2015_Apponaug_Circulator_Construction_Tour_Rev1.pdf

URI Landscape Architecture Lectures 2015-2016

- October 8, Elizabeth Kennedy, Elizabeth Kennedy Landscape Architect, Principal, Brooklyn, NY. Title: Oh, the Places You'll Go! The Evolution of a Small Practice, and a Path (of sorts) for the Future
- November 19, Kim Mathews, ASLA, Partner, Mathews Nielsen, New York, NY. Title: Contemporary Landscape Practice: Transformation through Design
- Dec 3, Erin Muir, Partner, The Figure Ground Studio, NY and RI and Nicholas Healy, CRJA/IBI Group, Boston, MA. Title: "Covering ground from Portland, Oregon to Abu Dhabi, UAE: Young practitioners reflect on water, resilience and design"
- March 3, Toby Wolf, Principal, Wolf Landscape Architecture Westwood, MA. Title: Just enough wildness: Designing places that connect people with the natural world"
- March 31, Chris Reed, STOSS Landscape Urbanism, Boston, MA. April 14 Emily McCoy, Andropogon, Philadelphia, PA. Title: Craft, Research, and Practice: performance-based design in landscape architecture.
- 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 series is co-sponsored by The College of Arts and Sciences, and the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Catherine Seavitt lecture is being co-sponsored by Rhode Island 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.



Last month the U.S. Census Bureau debuted its newest data tool, the Census Business Builder: *Small Business Edition*. Over the past year, Census Bureau staff worked with and listened to feedback from small business owners, trade associations and government agencies to provide them with a powerful tool that combines demographic and economic data to guide their research into opening a new business or expanding an existing one. Census Business Builder: Small Business Edition

provides useful data – from the American Community Survey, Economic Census, County Business Patterns and several other data sets – in an interactive map, along with printable reports and charts.

This month's [Census Data Bulletin](#) provides a snapshot of the tool along with a link to start using it.



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
- **Monday, October 26, 2015 from 6 – 7 PM at the Glocester Town Hall, Glocester, RI**
 - **Tuesday, November 17, 2015 from 6 – 7 PM at Hopkinton Town Hall, Hopkinton, 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.

THE
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OF RHODE ISLAND



Currently accepting proposals:
Sept 22- Nov 20, 2015



SPOTLIGHT

Through a 2014 EPA Urban Waters Small Grant, Wilderness Inquiry, Inc., is creating opportunities for minority and underserved youth to experience, enjoy and learn about the Delaware River and its tributaries. A main program component is the Wilderness Inquiry Canoemobile. The Canoemobile is a roving fleet of six 24-foot, 10-passenger Voyageur canoes, staffed by seven highly trained outdoor educators. The Canoemobile spent three days in each of the four cities (Chester and Philadelphia, PA, Camden, NJ, and Wilmington, DE) where 2,400 underserved school children paddled the Delaware River or a major tributary, learned about the watershed and their community, and collected water samples for analysis and study.



ABOUT THE URBAN WATERS SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

The mission of EPA's Urban Waters Program is to help local residents and their organizations, particularly those in underserved communities, restore their urban waters in ways that also benefit community and economic revitalization. One of the ways the Urban Waters Program is accomplishing this mission is through the [Urban Waters Small Grants Program](#). This program recognizes that healthy and accessible urban waters can help grow local businesses and enhance educational, recreational, social, and employment opportunities in nearby communities.

Building a Movement One Partnership at a Time: The Urban Waters program strives to make a visible difference by working with a diversity of partners to support community-driven solutions that connect the intrinsic value of urban waters with improving the livability and economic health of the community.



Is My Organization Eligible?

Eligible applicants include States, local governments, Indian Tribes, public and private universities and colleges, public or private nonprofit institutions/organizations, intertribal consortia, and interstate agencies.

For the 2015/2016 cycle, proposed project activities must take place entirely within one of the Eligible Geographic Areas, as illustrated on the interactive

map provided on the Urban Waters Small Grants mapping website at: <http://www2.epa.gov/urbanwaters/urban-waters-small-grants-mapping>

In general, projects should meet the following four program objectives:

- Address local water quality issues related to urban runoff pollution;
- Provide additional community benefits;
- Actively engage underserved communities; and
- Foster partnership.

Additional Eligibility Information can be found in Section III of the RFP, available on our website at <http://www2.epa.gov/urbanwaters/urban-waters-small-grants>

Past UWSG Recipients:

The Urban Waters Small Grants are competed and awarded every two years. Since its inception in 2012, the program has awarded approximately \$5.3 million in Urban Waters Small Grants to 92 organizations across the country and Puerto Rico, with individual award amounts of up to \$60,000. View UWSG recipients by State by visiting our website at: <http://www2.epa.gov/urbanwaters/urban-waters-small-grants>

How to Apply: Proposals for the 2015/2016 UWSG cycle are currently being accepted. The Request for Proposals (RFP) open period is until November 20, 2015. Please check our website for information on applying and other opportunities and resources. <http://www2.epa.gov/urbanwaters>