

STATEWIDE PLANNING e-NEWS

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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 Great Places Workshops

Join RhodeMap RI for the second round of Great Places workshops in October across the state.

The purpose of the five public workshops is to get input from the public as well as municipal officials and staff on existing and potential future growth centers. Participants in the meetings will have an opportunity to discuss and review maps showing green assets, such as water and agriculture, and economic and social assets such as roads, job centers, and cultural sites. We need your help in determining if the maps are accurate and complete.

Additional workshops in November and January will start discussions on the implications of this mapping: where and how should we grow? What can the state do to reform regulations or provide incentives to support growth centers?

And if you can't attend a workshop, all maps are viewable and interactive online. For more information, visit <http://rhodemapi.org> and click on View Maps. All workshops except for Providence run from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Blackstone Valley & Northwestern

Wednesday, October 2nd
Smithfield Senior Center
1 William J. Hawkins Jr. Trail,
Smithfield, RI

Southern RI

Thursday, October 3rd
East Greenwich Police Dept.
Community Room
176 First Avenue,
East Greenwich, RI

Newport County

Tuesday, October 8th
Sandywoods Farm
43 Muse Way, Tiverton, RI

Greater Providence

Thursday, October 10th
URI Feinstein Campus
Room 243 (4:00—6:30 p.m.)
80 Washington Street,
Providence, RI

East Bay

Tuesday, October 15th, Burnside Memorial Building
400 Hope Street, Bristol, RI

Division of Planning Committee Meetings



State Planning Council

October 10th, 9:00 a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI Conference Room A

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

Technical Committee

October 4th, 9:00 a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI Conference Room A

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

Transportation Advisory Committee

October 24th, 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

From the R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission Certified Local Government grant applications available

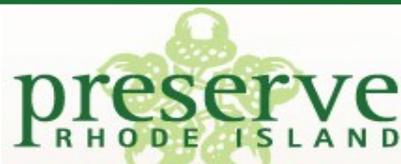
Each year the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission awards federal 50 percent matching grants to local governments whose municipal historic preservation program has been certified by the Commission. Currently, seventeen communities are eligible to apply for CLG grants: Bristol, Cranston, Cumberland, East Greenwich, East Providence, Glocester, Hopkinton, Narragansett, New Shoreham, Newport, North Kingstown, North Providence, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Providence, South Kingstown, and Warwick. The Commission will continue to give highest priority to projects which address important preservation needs within the applicant community or to a statewide preservation need. Applications are available now and due on December 6, 2013. To download the application and guidelines, visit http://www.preservation.ri.gov/local/local_grants2014.php. For more information about applying for a CLG grant, please contact Sarah Zurier at (401)222-4142.

Town of Cumberland Employment Opportunity Town Planner

Start Date: Immediately

The Town Planner works under the direction of the Director of Planning and Community Development. A qualified candidate's main focus will be preparing grant applications to state and federal agencies, and management of awarded grants. In addition, the candidate will assist with and/or coordinate individual projects implemented by the director of planning and community development and/or the Mayor. Additional responsibilities include assisting with zoning and commercial development plan review, subdivision review, historic district zoning. Attendance at night meetings is required at times.

The candidate must possess skills to work independently and take initiative of pending matters. In order to be considered, the candidates must possess a Bachelor's Degree in Planning, Public Administration, Urban Studies or related field and four years of experience in municipal Planning, or a related field; Master's Degree in planning and A.I.C.P. certification desirable; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. The salary for this position is \$47,338.00 and includes excellent benefits. Send resume and cover letter with a writing sample (no longer than 3 pages) to Kelley Nickson Morris, Director, Office of Planning and Community Development, 45 Broad Street, Cumberland, RI 02864. This position will remain open until filled.



5th Annual Rhode Island Preservation Celebration

Join us to celebrate historic architecture, local heroes and the return of the Historic Tax Credit!

Rhode Island Preservation Celebration & Rhody Awards

Sunday, September 29, 4:00-7:00 pm, Weekapaug Inn, Westerly, RI

Enjoy a reception and awards ceremony honoring recipients of the Rhody Awards for Historic Preservation.

\$30 Advance Admission | Sign up by Wednesday, Sept. 25, Space is limited! \$35 Admission after 9/25.

<http://www.preserveri.org/2013-preservation-celebration>

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GrowSmartRI
Sustainable Economic Growth
& Quality of Place

Municipal Training Offered Rhode Island Community Profiles Training

Rhode Island Community Profiles is a set of comprehensive maps and data on neighborhoods across Rhode Island. Find data on race, income, housing, transportation, employment, education, and more. RI Community Profiles was developed by The Providence Plan Information Group which provides Rhode Islanders and state agencies with data and information to support critical decision making.

This workshop is designed for municipal planning staff and others who need to access data for comprehensive planning or grant proposals. You will learn to navigate the site including some hands-on exercises, margin of error issues, RI data quirks, and how data is collected. There will also be some additional data hunt exercises using typical comprehensive plan information retrieval and the use of the search function and the data displays. At the end there will be time for discussion and feedback about how Community Profiles can be made even more useful for planners.

The workshop will be held on:

- Wednesday, October 16, 2013 from 9:30 am until 11:30 am at Salve Regina University, 100 Ochre Point Avenue, McKillop Library, Computer Lab 006, Newport, RI.

2 CM credits have been request from RIAPA. This workshop is free of charge, but limited seating is available. Advance registration by October 10th is required. Registration will be closed once capacity has been reached. For full information go to www.growsmartri.org. or contact Jodi Castallo, Training Coordinator, jcastallo@growsmartri.org or 401-273-5711 ext. 6.



Narragansett Bay Research Reserve

Concerned about more severe storms, increased risk of flooding, and other climate change impacts? Wondering how cities and towns can address these risks?

The City of Cranston is working with the Narragansett Bay Research Reserve, MIT, and the Consensus Building Institute to test an innovative way to help communities understand and prepare for the potential impacts of climate change. Using "role-play simulations," the project engages participants in exploring ways to decrease vulnerability to flooding and its impacts on homes, infrastructure, economic stability, and quality of life.

Please join us for this unique opportunity! If you live in the Cranston area or are interested in the issue, your participation is strongly encouraged. Upcoming events will take place from 6:00 to 8:30 pm on: **October 23, November 19**, at the Cranston Senior Center, 1070 Cranston Street. Choose the date that works best for you*. These events are free and a light supper will be provided.

Please RSVP to Toral Patel at tpatel@mit.edu. And please encourage your friends and colleagues to RSVP and attend with you! Questions? Call Toral at (916) 817-7345.

*If none of the dates work for your schedule but you are interested in attending, please let us know. We will be hosting additional workshops during the fall, and can notify you of the dates as they are scheduled. We would also like to have groups co-host events, and can organize workshops according to their availability. Please let us know if you are interested.

For more information please visit: <http://necap.mit.edu>.



First Thursdays NEDA Webinar



Why Economic Developers Should Care About Transportation October 3, 2013, 3:30 to 4:30 PM

This is the first of three Transportation Webinars for Economic Developers, focusing on "why economic developers should care about transportation."

Transportation initiatives at the local, state and federal level affect local and regional competitiveness and economic development. Hear how investments in transportation improvements have bolstered economic growth and performance. Transportation improvements can be catalysts for expanding access to labor markets, multi-modal freight movement (including by truck, rail, sea and air) and logistics sector development, as well as more localized real estate and tax impacts associated with transit oriented development. Hear best practices in the Northeast and nationally from top speakers:

Richard A. Dimino, President & CEO, A Better City (ABC), Boston MA

Mr. Dimino has served as the President and CEO of A Better City (ABC) since 1995. Under his leadership ABC has achieved major accomplishments such as helping to keep Boston open for business during the construction of one of the country's most complex highway projects. In addition, he significantly influenced the planning, design and development of a twenty-seven acre corridor along Boston's waterfront and successfully launched ABC's Sustainability and Climate Change Initiative. Through Mr. Dimino's guidance, ABC recently played a key role in shaping Massachusetts' Transportation Reform Legislation which led to the launching of the new Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). ABC was also an integral part of a coalition that recently secured significant new statewide transportation revenue. Prior to his time with A Better City, Mr. Dimino served as the Vice President and Deputy Manager of Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation's Transportation Business Sector. This position followed nearly a decade of service as Boston's Commissioner of Transportation where Mr. Dimino oversaw a 400-plus member department that developed and implemented all transportation policies and projects for the City. Mr. Dimino received his Master's in Business Administration from Boston University, is a graduate of Northeastern University and completed a Loeb Fellowship at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design.

Julie L. Lorenz, Sr. Strategic Consultant, Burns & McDonnell, Kansas City MO

Julie Lorenz, Sr. Strategic Consultant, leads Burns & McDonnell's strategic consulting and public engagement services for the transportation practice based on more than 20 years of experience in communication, public affairs and policy development in the transportation industry. Most recently, she served as Director of Public Affairs at the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), where she led strategic planning and integrated collaboration/communication efforts. Notably, KDOT secured an \$8.2 billion 10-year funding program in spring 2010, resulting largely from stakeholder collaboration and a focus on economic impact analysis. She is recognized as a national leader in areas of facilitation, collaboration and communicating economic analysis.

Costa Pappis, AICP, Policy & Planning Division, Vermont Agency of Transportation, Montpelier VT

Costa Pappis, Planning Coordinator, is a modal planner for the Vermont Agency of Transportation, specializing in highway, rail, and freight planning. He is responsible for managing the agency's major planning studies and coordinating planning activities regionally and with partners in Canada. He works closely with federal agencies and industry groups such as railroads and trucking companies. In the past few years, he worked on interstate weight limits policy, national transportation funding issues, and the rehabilitation of a major New England regional rail corridor. Mr. Pappis received his Master of Urban Planning from McGill University and a Master of Science Degree in Administration from California State University. He is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

For registration, please click [here](#).



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URI Landscape Architecture Lectures 2013-2014

Lectures begin at 7:00 P.M. and are held in the Weaver Auditorium on the Kingston Campus of URI. The series is co-sponsored by the College of the Environment and Life Sciences, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and the Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association. 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 the URI website at <http://www.uri.edu/ce/wq/OWT/Directions/index.htm>

October 17	Keith Wagner , Principal, Wagner Hodgson, Burlington, VT
November 7	Danielle Desilets , Associate and Kristina Stevens Landscape Architect Landscape Architect, Carol R. Johnson & Associates, Boston, MA
December 5	Ken Smith , Principal, Workshop: Ken Smith Landscape Architecture, New York City, & Irvine, CA
March 6	Todd Richardson , Principal, Richardson & Associates, Saco, ME
February 20, April 3, April 17	TBA



New Releases: 2012 American Community Survey Estimates; 2012 Current Population Survey Report: *Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States:2012*

On September 19, the U.S. Census Bureau released the 2012 one-year American Community Survey (ACS) estimates. One-year ACS estimates are available for geographies with populations greater than 65,000, and describe the social, economic, and housing characteristics of people and places. These data can be downloaded from American FactFinder at <http://factfinder2.census.gov/> (to find the new data, select *Advanced Search*, and then *Topics > Dataset > 2012 ACS 1-year estimate*). Additionally, the ACS published three new data briefs: [Household Income :2012](#), [Poverty: 2000-2012](#), and [Mitigating the Loss of Private Insurance With Public Coverage for the Under-65 Population: 2008-2012](#).

Also, on September 17th, The Report: *Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States:2012* was released and presents data based on information collected in the 2013 and earlier Current Population Survey (CPS) Annual Social and Economic Supplements (CPS ASEC) conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. The report, which is based on a sample of approximately 100,000 addresses focuses on national calendar-year estimates of income and official poverty numbers and rates along with other demographic and social characteristics. The report can be found here: <http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p60-245.pdf>

A general rule of thumb when using poverty and income estimates from the Census Bureau on when to use each survey is when looking at national estimates one should use the CPS, when looking at state or local level data or to compare states with each other, it recommended one use the ACS estimates. The differences between the CPS and ACS range from sample size, length and detail of questions, and reference period.