

# STATEWIDE PLANNING e-NEWS

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## 2010 FLOODS CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY ACTION PLAN

The Rhode Island Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) wishes to encourage citizens to participate in the development of the State of Rhode Island 2010 Floods CDBG Disaster Recovery Action Plan. The State is providing the opportunity for citizens to comment on the amended Plan, which will be submitted to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Action Plan will set forth the method of distribution of funds for this HUD grant.

Members of the public are invited to review the amended Plan online at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/> or during the hours of 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, at the Office of Housing and Community Development, One Capitol Hill, 3rd Floor, Providence, RI 02908.

Comments will be accepted via e-mail at [Laura.Sullivan@doa.ri.gov](mailto:Laura.Sullivan@doa.ri.gov) or the address listed above, Attention: Laura Sullivan, through September 14, 2015 at 3 PM.



American Planning Association  
**Rhode Island Chapter**

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**SNEAPA Registration is Open!**

On-line registration for SNEAPA 2015 (Sept. 24-25 in Hartford) is now open at [www.sneapa.org](http://www.sneapa.org).

In addition to a wide selection of sessions, an exciting keynote speaker (Peter Kageyama), and fun mobile workshops, we are offering some new options and programs this year, including:

- Our first-ever floating reception. Enjoy a sunset cruise on the Connecticut River at the Thursday evening reception. Sign up soon so you don't miss out! Special thanks to Robinson + Cole, our reception sponsor.
- For those arriving early, a free 1-hour Wednesday evening walking tour of Hartford, focusing on the City's recent complete streets and green street efforts.
- A SNEAPA Charrette, running all day Thursday with a show-and-tell on Friday. Join us for all or segments of this intensive, hands-on planning process for a neighborhood in Hartford.
- A Friday Story-Telling Lunch. Submit your tale of woe or wonder and you may get the chance to share your story with your colleagues. See website for submittal deadline.
- A mentor/mentee match, similar to National APA's program. We'll pair mentors and mentees to meet informally during SNEAPA.

On-line registration closes September 16. Questions? Contact us at [registration@sneapa.org](mailto:registration@sneapa.org).



**GrowSmartRI**  
Sustainable Economic Growth  
& Quality of Place

## Municipal Training Offered Writing Sound Decisions

Writing Sound Decisions is designed to help municipal planners, legal staff and boards and commissions write decisions whose content will hold up in court and whose clarity will make them readily understandable for both enforcement officers and property owners. It is specifically intended to address the problem, noted repeatedly in recent Superior Court and Supreme Court decisions, that written decisions coming out of municipal planning boards and zoning boards do not explain how the evidence contained in the record led the board to reach its conclusions. Taught by a Rhode Island land-use attorney, the program is grounded in Rhode Island law and cites recent Rhode Island Superior and Supreme Court decisions. The workshop handbook provides both a summary of material covered in the workshop and appendices that include templates for simple decisions, examples of appropriate content for more complex decisions and a glossary of terms. The workshop culminates in a hands-on writing exercise.

**Workshops run from 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM, including a light supper.  
Upcoming dates and locations are:**

- **Monday, September 14, Cumberland Public Library, 1464 Diamond Hill Rd.**

**REGISTRATION FEE ASSISTANCE!** The Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust is partnering with the Land-Use Training Collaborative to provide registration fee assistance for Trust members for this workshop. The registration fee for the workshop is scaled according to Member participation levels in The Trust. Trust Members who participate in both the Property/ Liability Pool and the Workers' Compensation Pool may register people free of charge. Trust Members who participate in only one Trust Pool may register people for 50% of the standard fee (ie, \$15.00). Non-Trust members pay the standard registration fee (\$30.00.)

For full information go to [www.growsmartri.org](http://www.growsmartri.org) or contact Annette Bourne, Training Manager, [abourne@growsmartri.org](mailto:abourne@growsmartri.org) or 401-273-5711 ext. 3.

The workshop is supported by the RI Division of Planning-Statewide Program with funding provided by the US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.



### **2014 ACS Release Schedule Announced** The 2014 ACS 1-year estimates are planned for release on Thursday, September 17, 2015.

The American Community Survey (ACS) produces statistics on numerous social, economic and housing characteristics, including language, education, the commute to work, employment, mortgage status and rent, as well as income, poverty and health insurance. The 2014 ACS 1-year estimates will be available for the nation, all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, every congressional district, every metropolitan area, and all counties and places with populations of 65,000 or more.

**The 2010-2014 ACS 5-year estimates are planned for release on Thursday, December 10, 2015.**

The 2010-2014 ACS 5-year estimates will be available for all geographic areas including census tracts, ZIP Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs), and block groups. For the first time, users will be able to compare two non-overlapping 5-year datasets (2005-2009 and 2010-2014).

Please note that the ACS 3-year estimates have been discontinued. Every community in the nation will continue to receive a detailed statistical portrait of its social, economic, housing and demographic characteristics through 1-year and 5-year ACS products.

## Statewide Planning's Committee Meetings

### State Planning Council

**September 10, 2015, 9:00 a.m.**

**CANCELLED**

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI  
Conference Room A

### Technical Committee

**September 4, 2015, 9:00 a.m.**

**CANCELLED**

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI  
Conference Room A

### Transportation Advisory Committee

**September 24, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI  
Conference Room A



## WTS-Rhode Island September

Please join WTS-Rhode Island for a luncheon on Tuesday, September 29, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at Wyndham Garden in Providence, RI. The event will feature a presentation and updates on the replacement of the Providence Viaduct, a 48-year old bridge that carries over 220,000 vehicles per day through the heart of Providence.

To register for this event please contact Kimberly Vadenais at (401) 222-2495 ext. 4403 or [wtsrhodeisland@gmail.com](mailto:wtsrhodeisland@gmail.com) by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, September 22.



## URI Landscape Architecture Lectures 2015-2016

- September 24, Kyle Zick, Kyle Zick Landscape Architecture, Boston, MA. Title: Landscape Architecture Storytelling
- 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 handi-capped accessible. General questions about the series may be directed to 874-2983 or to [wagre@uri.edu](mailto:wagre@uri.edu).



**NARRAGANSETT BAY  
ESTUARY PROGRAM**



## What's New Around the Watershed?

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GREATER NARRAGANSETT BAY WATERSHED

The Narragansett Bay Estuary Program, in coordination with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, is inviting Requests for Proposals for Water Quality Management Grants within the Greater Narragansett Bay Watershed. This grant program is part of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Southeast New England Program and is funding nutrient, pathogen, and stormwater management projects within both Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Projects should be located within the Greater Narragansett Bay watershed including the Wood-Pawcatuck and Southwest Coastal Pond watersheds shown below:



Up to \$900,000 in grants is expected to be distributed, no single grant award may exceed \$200,000, and no grantee may be awarded more than \$250,000 cumulatively. Pre-proposals must be received by September 23, 2015 (12:00 noon EST). Full proposals will be sought by invitation only. For the Narragansett Bay watershed (in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts), the Request for Proposals can be found here: <http://neiwpc.org/contractors/opportunities.asp>

**Graduate Certificate in Community Planning  
Department of Landscape Architecture  
University of Rhode Island**

The University of Rhode Island will begin to offer a Graduate Certificate in Community Planning in Fall 2015 Semester. URI Graduate Certificate in Community Planning provides students advanced instruction and training in community planning and development to address contemporary planning challenges at different geographical levels in the United States. The certificate focuses on the knowledge of the principles and practices of community planning and development, specifically in areas of land use and environmental planning as well as urban design. The graduate certificate offers the knowledge and technical skills for those students interested in a career in governmental planning agencies, private sector consulting and/or real estate development companies as well as non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Those who already practice in the field and wish to enhance their skills and understanding of the community planning and development issues are also encouraged to consider the graduate certificate. The total number of courses required to complete certificate is five (15 or 16 credits). Information about the certificate and the requirements for admission are available at: <http://www.uri.edu/gsadmis/plans/Graduate%20Certificate%20in%20Community%20Planning.pdf> For more information, contact Dr. Farhad Atash at [fatash@uri.edu](mailto:fatash@uri.edu) in the Department of Landscape Architecture.