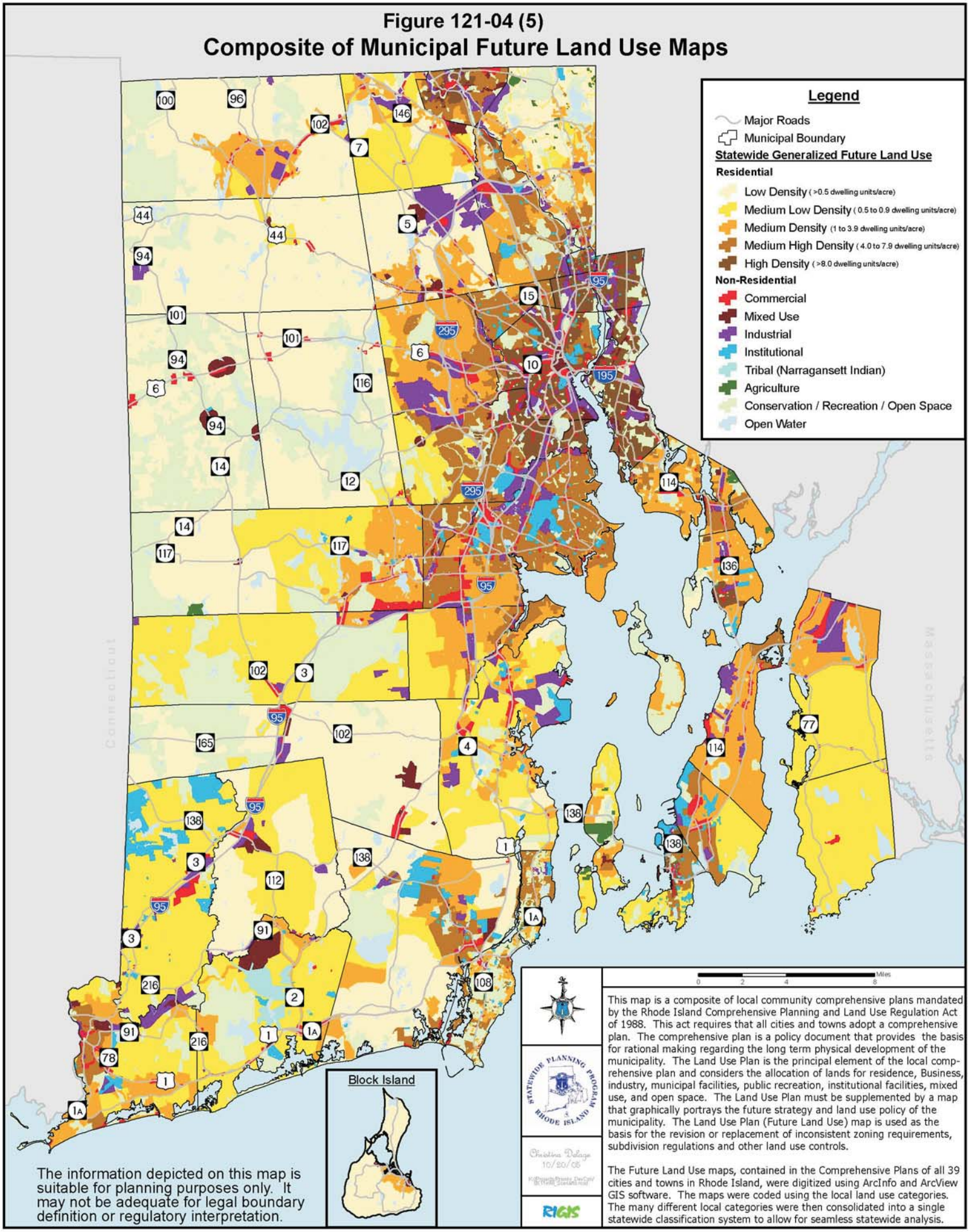
Figure 121-04 (5)
Composite of Municipal Future Land Use Maps



This map is a composite of local community comprehensive plans mandated by the Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation Act of 1988. This act requires that all cities and towns adopt a comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan is a policy document that provides the basis for rational making regarding the long term physical development of the municipality. The Land Use Plan is the principal element of the local comprehensive plan and considers the allocation of lands for residence, Business, industry, municipal facilities, public recreation, institutional facilities, mixed use, and open space. The Land Use Plan must be supplemented by a map that graphically portrays the future strategy and land use policy of the municipality. The Land Use Plan (Future Land Use) map is used as the basis for the revision or replacement of inconsistent zoning requirements, subdivision regulations and other land use controls.

The Future Land Use maps, contained in the Comprehensive Plans of all 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island, were digitized using ArcInfo and ArcView GIS software. The maps were coded using the local land use categories. The many different local categories were then consolidated into a single statewide classification system to allow for seamless statewide analysis.

The information depicted on this map is suitable for planning purposes only. It may not be adequate for legal boundary definition or regulatory interpretation.