

STATEWIDE PLANNING E-NEWS

Statewide Planning

Technical Committee Meeting Scheduled for April 1 has been cancelled. For the latest schedule information please see the Committee Calendar at www.planning.ri.gov/misc/calendar.htm.

State Planning Council Meeting Scheduled for April 14 has been cancelled. For the latest schedule information see the Committee Calendar at www.planning.ri.gov/misc/calendar.htm.

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Scheduled for April 28 at 6:30 p.m., meeting location to be determined. For the latest schedule information see the Committee Calendar at www.planning.ri.gov/misc/calendar.htm.

StormSmart

R.I. Coastal Hazard Web Portal Joins National Network StormSmart Coasts is a website designed for local officials whose towns face risks from storms, flooding, and sea level rise. Rhode Island is the seventh state nationally and only the second in New England to launch its own StormSmart website. The site contains resources to help communities take action to improve coastal resiliency.

The StormSmart Coasts Rhode Island site includes real-time data as a storm is approaching, information to prepare communities before the storm, emergency contacts during the storm, and advice on recovering after the storm. It also includes information about funding available to support emergency preparedness. The website is available at <http://ri.stormsmart.org>, and includes sections specifically for

town council members or town managers, planning boards, building departments, and public works departments.

Members can also interact with each other via the website to share information. This feature will be highlighted at the April 26 R.I. Flood Mitigation Association annual meeting, where participants in Rhode Island will link with other New England states for a webinar to discuss StormSmart Coasts resources and outreach tools.

StormSmart Coasts is supported by the NOAA Coastal Services Center (CSC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and was developed for Rhode Island by Rhode Island Sea Grant, the R.I. Emergency Management Agency, the R.I. Building Commission and the R.I. Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC). The Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC) is a regional sponsor.

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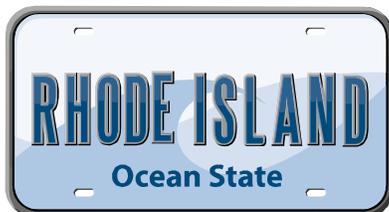
Economic Assistance Grants

The process for reviewing applications to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for Economic Assistance Grants is changing, based on revisions to the program adopted by EDA last year. In the past, applicants were required to submit proposals to the Rhode Island Division of Planning by a specified date following the annual solicitation of project applications. Now applications will be accepted throughout the year. Applications should be sent to Robert Griffith, Statewide Planning, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 at least 60 days prior to the first day of the quarter the applicant expects to submit a federal grant application to the EDA. Applications for the Federal Fiscal Quarter beginning July 1 should be submitted to Strategic Planning staff by May 1. Contact Robert Griffith Chief, Office of Strategic Planning and Economic Development at 222.5817 or at Robert.Griffith@doa.ri.gov for additional information.

American Planning Association

APA 2011 National Conference The National Conference of the American Planning Association returns to Boston in 2011. The Conference is scheduled for April 9-12, 2011 at the Hynes Convention Center. Information on the conference can be found from Massachusetts APA at www.apa-ma.org/events/apa-national-conference-boston-2011 and at www.planning.org/conference

New England Planning The latest issue of the New England Planning newsletter and a index to past issues can be found at www.massapa.org/index.php?page=mass-apa-newsletters. If you want to be added to the newsletter mailing list, please contact Sheryl@diprete-eng.com.



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Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission

Destination Block Island Tourism and Community in a Historic Place

On Saturday, April 30, the RI Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission presents *Destination Block Island: Tourism and Community in a Historic Place*--the 26th Annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference.

Pack your bags! The Rhode Island preservation conference is headed overseas to Block Island. Grand hotels,

well-preserved summer cottages, walking trails, historic sites, and attractive beaches beckon to visitors. Meanwhile locals keep the businesses humming, preserve local landmarks, and conserve open space--more than 43% of the island is protected. Whether you are an islander or a mainlander, you won't want to miss the chance to explore Block Island from a historic preservation perspective. Download a pdf copy of the program, or visit the con-

ference website for more information. Printed programs are in the mail and available at the RIHPHC office. For more information, contact [Janet Balletto](#), at 732-1009.

Pre-conference registration is open through April 11.



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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

New Funding Opportunity for the Narragansett Bay Watershed

EPA New England has just released an RFP seeking initial proposals for projects that target the Narragansett Bay watershed under the 2011 Healthy Communities Grant program. On April 14, 20, and 26, EPA will be hosting information sessions via conference call to explain the grant program and application process to potential applicants. To register for these sessions see Attachment F of the announcement at [epa.gov](#)

[region1/eco/uep/pdfs/2011-HC-Application-Guidance.pdf](#)

For projects addressing the Narragansett Bay watershed, eligible applicants may submit initial project summaries for proposals up to \$25,000 for single-state projects taking place in Massachusetts or Rhode Island, and up to \$40,000 for projects with a Narragansett Bay bi-state (Massachusetts and Rhode Island) watershed focus. In either case, a 25 percent match on the total proposal budget is required. Based on the quality of eligible initial

submissions, EPA will invite finalists to submit full project proposals for further evaluation. Project periods will be for one or two years, starting no earlier than August 1, 2011. Initial project summaries are due May 2. Application Guidance can be found at [epa.gov/region1/eco/uep/pdfs/2011-HC-Application-Guidance.pdf](#)

For more information, please contact Padula.Jennifer@epa.gov or 617-918-1698.

Division of Municipal Finance

Municipal Memo - The Legislative Reference Service, can be found at [www.muni-info.ri.gov/legislation](#) You can view both current and past issues from this site. **Directory of City & Town Officials** - The 2011 directory, and updates as of March 22, is available at [www.muni-info.ri.gov/publications](#) Paper copies of the directory are also available; please contact Susan Moss at Susan.Moss@dor.ri.gov or at 222.4468 for specifics.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

New England New York Forestry Initiative

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced that \$250,000 in federal funding is available to assist Rhode Island forest land owners with forest land planning and management under the New England-New York Forestry Initiative

Forest land owners who would like assistance are en-

couraged to contact the local USDA Service Center to submit an application and complete the necessary paperwork to establish their eligibility. Applications are due by April 1. The Rhode Island USDA Service Center can be contacted at 822-8848 or NRCSInfo@ri.usda.gov at 60 Quaker Lane, Suite 40, Warwick. Application information is available at [www.ri.nrcs.usda.gov](#).

Emergency Management Agency

Vacancy Notice

Rhode Island Emergency Management is looking for a Senior Planner manage the Rhode Island Map Modernization/RISK MAP program; the application period ends April 12, 2011. This Vacancy Notice may be viewed at the States Current Vacancy List at [www.dlt.ri.gov/jobsRI](#)

Grow Smart Rhode Island

Land-Use Training Collaborative/Narragansett Bay Research Reserve Electronic Calendar

The calendar is available for use by elected and appointed municipal officials and planners, citizen advocates, the natural resource protection community and the design and development community. Please see [www.communityconnectionri.org](#) for more information.

Aquidneck Island Planning Commission

Energy Program Coordinator

Aquidneck Island Planning Commission is seeking a candidate for the position of Energy Program Coordinator with experience in the energy field and a bachelor's degree. This is a 20 hour per week contract position. It is flexible, and is funded for twelve months.

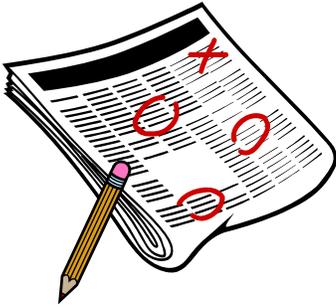
The Aquidneck Island Energy Program Coordinator will continue to expand an existing collaborative program of

the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission. The mission is to educate, involve, energize and empower Aquidneck Island communities to change the way they use and think about energy. This ongoing work is accomplished by forging close partnerships among municipalities, the Navy, utilities, businesses, schools, individuals and community organizations.

A key part of the position is leading and growing an "Island-wide Energy Alliance," which

includes over a dozen members dedicated to working together to raise awareness, conduct research, implement programs, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions on Aquidneck Island.

Please send letter of interest and resume to: Tina Dolen, Executive Director of the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission
tina@aquidneckplanning.org



Department of Administration

Office of Training and Development

Schedule of classes is available at www.admin.ri.gov/otd/. Check the website for classes, times, and registration information. Please contact Melissa Day at 222-2178 or at mday@gw.doa.state.ri.us if you have any questions, or would like to offer any suggestions for future offerings.

Department of Environmental Management

Open Space Grants The Department of Environmental Management (DEM) is accepting applications for Rhode Island Local Open Space Matching Grants for land preservation projects; the application period for submissions closes 4:00 p.m., Friday, May 27. These grants will provide up to 50 percent matching funding to municipalities, land trusts and nonprofit land conservation organizations to acquire or protect valuable open space in Rhode

Island. Grant applications, rules and regulations, and the application process can be downloaded from the DEM at: www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bpoladm/plandev/grants.htm. The Department may provide up to \$4 million for projects with a maximum grant of up to \$400,000. If you need additional information, please call Lisa Primiano, Deputy Chief, Division of Planning and Development at 222-2776 extension 4307 or email at lisa.primiano@dem.ri.gov.

In addition to these grants, DEM has funds available in its No-interest Loan Program to assist in the funding of open space projects. The Department will also provide overhead funds within set parameters to successful projects for appraisal, title and survey services provided the services are competitively bid with appropriate documentation. These overhead funds would be in addition to grant awards.

University of Rhode Island

URI Landscape Architecture Lectures 2010 – 2011 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 the Environment and Life Sciences, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association and Gates Leighton & Associates. 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.

April 7 - Marc Klopfer, Principal, Klopfer Martin Design Group, Cambridge, MA. "Work at the Steel Yard: Reinventing the Home of the Iron Chief".

April 21 - Mario Schjetnan, Grupo de Diseño Urbano, Mexico City, Mexico. "Landscape, Sustainability & Public Space".

WTS Rhode Island

Professional Development Workshop – Effective Communications Techniques in this Brave New World.

Please join WTS-Rhode Island on Wednesday, April 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Local 121 in Providence for a workshop on effective communication with modern technology. To register for this event please contact Judy Zimmerman-Reisch at 885-8619 or johnjudyr@cox.net by 4:00 p.m., Monday, April 11. For the Professional Development Workshop flyer visit : <http://tinyurl.com/4ovv3q5>.