

# STATEWIDE PLANNING E-NEWS

## Statewide Planning

**Technical Committee Meeting** Scheduled for June 3 at 9:00 a.m., Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building, Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence. For the latest schedule information please see the Committee Calendar at [www.planning.ri.gov/misc/calendar.htm](http://www.planning.ri.gov/misc/calendar.htm).

**State Planning Council Meeting** Scheduled for June 9 at 9:00 a.m., Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building, Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence. For the latest schedule information see the Committee Calendar at [www.planning.ri.gov/misc/calendar.htm](http://www.planning.ri.gov/misc/calendar.htm).

**Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting** Scheduled for June 23 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](http://www.planning.ri.gov/misc/calendar.htm).

## Strategic Planning

**Economic Assistance Grants** Applications for Economic Development Administration (EDA) Economic Assistance Grants for the Federal Fiscal Quarter beginning October 1 should be submitted by August 1 to Robert Griffith, Chief, Office of Strategic Planning and Economic Development, Statewide Planning, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. For additional information contact Robert Griffith 222.5817 or at [Rob-ert.Griffith@doa.ri.gov](mailto:Robert.Griffith@doa.ri.gov).

## 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](http://www.communityconnectionri.org) for more information.

### Conducting Effective Land Use Reviews

Led by experienced Land Use Attorneys and Planners, this workshop will guide you through your legal responsibilities as a public official in Rhode Island and discuss in detail the legally required procedures and best practices that should be followed in conducting land use reviews. The workshop provides ample time for participant questions.

This program will be held twice: June 16 at the Johnston Senior Center from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and June 23 at the Middletown Police Department Community Room from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Pre registration is required, please use the [Registration Form](#).

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## Department of Revenue

### Municipal Finance

#### Municipal Memo

The Legislative Reference Service can be found at [www.muni-info.ri.gov/legislation](http://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](http://www.muni-info.ri.gov/publications) Paper copies of the directory are also available; please contact Susan Moss at [Susan.Moss@dor.ri.gov](mailto:Susan.Moss@dor.ri.gov) or at 222.4468 for specifics.

## UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

**Private Well Water Workshop** Learn how to protect your private well through regular testing, private well maintenance, and good housekeeping practices. The programs are free, however, pre-registration is required as space is limited. To register, and for other information, call 874-4918.

Tuesday, June 7, 7:00p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. Chariho Middle School Cafeteria, 455b Switch Road Wood River Junction

**Putting Maps on the Web** This half-day training introduces students to the basics of creating mapping "mashups" - interactive, online maps using free tools including Google Maps and Google Earth. This workshop explores the basics of Google's mapping tools and focuses on creating custom maps to share with others, or to embed on your own website.

This course is intended for those who work with geographic data, but requires only a modest level of technical skill. No prior GIS knowledge is necessary! Participants will create a customized Google Maps My Map, collaborate remotely with others to produce a single online map, learn how to embed a mapping mashup in a website, use tools and layers in Google Earth create, use and share KML files in Google Earth.

Tuesday, June 7, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, URI Kingston Campus. The registration fee: \$50.00. To Register: <http://geospatial.uri.edu/training/Mapsonweb.html>

## DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

### Office of Training and Development

The schedule of classes is available at [www.admin.ri.gov/otd/](http://www.admin.ri.gov/otd/). Check the web site for classes, times, and registration information. Please contact Melissa Day at 222-2178 or [mday@gw.doa.state.ri.us](mailto:mday@gw.doa.state.ri.us) if you have any questions, or would like to offer any suggestions for future offerings.

## HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & HERITAGE COMMISSION

### Rhody Awards for Preservation

The Rhody Awards honor great preservation achievements, people who have made a difference in their community, and projects that inspire others to protect special places in Rhode Island. HPHC is asking for Rhody Award nominations by June 24. Download a [nomination form](#) (pdf), or visit the [Rhody Awards website](#) for more information.

## WTS RHODE ISLAND

### WTS-Rhode Island - Road Safety Audit/Assessment Course

WTS-Rhode Island, in cooperation with the Rhode Island Division of FHWA, is pleased to sponsor the National Highway Institute's two-day Road Safety Audit/Assessment course on June 14 and 15 at the RIDOT Maintenance Headquarters in Warwick. To register for this event please contact Shana Gare at [garesm@cdm.com](mailto:garesm@cdm.com) or 457-0340 by 4:00 PM on Friday, May 27.

The Road Safety Audit/Assessment Course flyer, can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/3tzbp4c>.

## AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION

### 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](http://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](mailto:Sheryl@diprete-eng.com).

### SNEAPA Conference

The Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts APA chapters hold an annual regional planning conference in the fall each year. This year the Rhode

Island Chapter will host the conference on October 20 and 21 in Providence. The conference is an excellent opportunity for APA members to attend sessions and mobile workshops as well as chances to network with other Southern New England Planners. AICP members will also find the conference a great way to gain CM credits towards maintaining your certification.

## HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

### HUD Preferred Sustainability Status

Rhode Island was an applicant for HUD's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant in August of 2010. The grant application was not funded, however, our grant score qualified us for Preferred Sustainability Status. This Preferred Sustainability Status signifies to HUD that we are committed to continuing to advance sustainability in our region, and that we are interested in the federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities (comprised of HUD, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) supporting us in reaching that objective. One of the key benefits of Preferred Sustainability Status is that in FY2011, HUD will award 2 bonus points to applicants that are working with regions that have received Preferred Sustainability Status under the HUD FY2010 Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program.

The region that has qualified for Preferred Sustainability Status is the entire State of Rhode Island; therefore any applicant in the State is eligible to receive the bonus points. Although HUD may revise the list at any time, it is anticipated that the Preferred Sustainability Status bonus points will be made available in the following program NOFAs:

Asthma Intervention in Public and Assisted Multifamily Housing Grant Program  
Brownfields Economic Development Initiative  
Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facilities Program  
Choice Neighborhoods  
Continuum of Care  
Fair Housing Initiatives Program  
Healthy Homes Production  
Healthy Homes Technical Studies

Hispanic Institutions Assisting Communities

Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program

HOPE VI Main Street

HOPE VI Revitalization

Housing Counseling Program

Housing for Persons with AIDS

Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program

Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Programs Technical Assistance

Multifamily Energy Innovation

Rural Innovation Fund

Section 4 Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing (Limited Competition)

Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly

Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities Program

Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program

To be eligible to receive bonus points, an applicant is required to obtain a certification from the Designated Point of Contact (the Statewide Planning Program) using form HUD 2995 which will certify the nexus between the proposed activities of the applicant and the Livability Principles as they are being advanced in the State of Rhode Island. The form must be signed and dated anytime from the date of the publication of the funding opportunity on [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov) to the deadline date of the funding opportunity. The form can be found at [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/administration/grants/nofa11/2011gensecanncmt](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/nofa11/2011gensecanncmt). We are requesting that a copy of the grant application seeking certification for the

bonus points be submitted to

Karen Scott, Assistant Chief of the Statewide Planning Program, no later than **TWO (2) WEEKS** prior to the grant deadline. Please contact Karen Scott at 401-222-4411 or [karen.scott@doa.ri.gov](mailto:karen.scott@doa.ri.gov) with any questions regarding this process.