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Office of Training and Development

The Office of Training and Development winter course schedule of classes is available at www.admin.ri.gov/otd/. This schedule includes Microsoft Access, Excel Publisher, and Word computer classes. A course on Effective Writing is available along with information on Rhode Island College Office of Education incentive Courses.

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 have any suggestions for future course offerings.

Transportation Improvement Plan: FY 2013-2016

The development process for the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is progressing on schedule toward a final approval by the State Planning Council in July. The TIP is a multi-year program listing transportation projects the State of Rhode Island intends to implement using United States Department of Transportation funds; in order for transportation projects to utilize federal funds they must be included in the TIP. The TIP lists projects by category which include: Bicycle / Pedestrian, Bridge, Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ), Enhancement, Highway, Interstate, Major Projects, Pavement Management, Planning, Study and Development, Traffic Safety, Transit - Bus, Transit - Rail, Administration, and Earmarks. Descriptions of these programs can be found in the current TIP at www.planning.ri.gov/tip/tip912.pdf.

The TIP is the product of an extensive public planning and outreach effort to communities, public interest groups, and citizens throughout the state by agencies all involved in transportation planning and project implementation. A new TIP is developed every four years and must present a four year program, by year, and may present additional future year funding for projects. The TIP lists specific projects according to an anticipated phased schedule of expenditures. Project scheduling in the TIP denotes that implementation is expected to begin during the TIP's four-year timeframe. However the TIP schedule of project implementation is not fixed, rather it serves as the best estimate for development at the time it is adopted.

A total of over 200 TIP proposals were submitted by the municipalities in the state. This year the proposals submission was different in that communities were required to submit a prioritized list of projects which included projects from the current FY 09-12 TIP that they would like to move forward to the FY 13-16 TIP, as well as new project submissions. These proposals were presented to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) at a series of meetings in early November. All the projects were separated into the appropriate categories and have been scored and ranked by TAC subcommittees, assisted by staff from Statewide Planning, RIDOT, and RIPTA as was necessary. Statewide planning staff is preparing a draft report of the project scoring and rankings for presentation to the TAC at their March 1, 2011 meeting. This draft report, and any comments, will serve as the basis for a presentation at a public hearing on April 26 where public comments will be taken and incorporated into the report. A location for the public hearing has not been selected. Information on the public hearing including location and time will be posted on the Statewide Planning TIP website at www.planning.ri.gov/misc/TIP2013.htm, and time permitting, in this newsletter.

ArcGIS Classes

Introduction to ArcGIS 10

This three-day hands-on computer course provides an introduction to the capabilities and functionality of ESRI's ArcGIS 10®, software. Using the current version of the software, you will learn how to use ArcMap™, ArcCatalog™, and ArcToolbox™. In addition, you will be taught the fundamentals of working with GIS data; how to query a GIS database; edit spatial and attribute data; and how to present data using maps, reports, and graphs. There will also be extensive work with the Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS) database.

All students receive hands-on software instruction, course books with exercises and with accompanying training data. Upon successful completion of the course, students receive a URI Certificate of Course Completion. Classes are taught at URI's Kingston campus.

The course will be offered March 19 through 21. Registration for the course is \$750.00 and pre-registration is required. For more information and to register please visit http://geospatial.uri.edu/training/registration_geo.htm.

Working with ArcGIS Online

This half-day training will introduce students to ESRI's new online mapping service available at ArcGIS.com. The training will explore the ready to use maps available, and also explore the basic functionality of the applications available. This workshop will explore the mapping and querying tools available in ArcGIS Explorer Online application, and the ArcGIS Viewer application. There will also be a focus on the maps available from RIGIS and on creating your own maps. You will create your own maps, your own data and share these maps via email, Facebook, Twitter or embed the code into your own website.

The course will be offered March 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration for the course is \$100.00 and pre-registration is required. For more information and to register please visit http://geospatial.uri.edu/training/registration_geo.htm.

Economic Development Investment Assistance

The Office of Strategic Planning & Economic Development is seeking proposals for projects from eligible applicants interested in applying to the federal Economic Development Administration for public works or planning grants in Fiscal Year 2012. This is an opportunity to submit proposals for projects using federal funds to implement some of the state's long range economic development objectives and policies on the local and regional level. Project proposals will undergo a selection process. Selected projects that meet federal and state criteria will become part of a "Priority Project List" that will be presented to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). This will qualify these projects to compete for grants under the EDA's Public Works and Development Facilities Program. Application are received on an ongoing basis but must be received no less than 60 days prior to the beginning of the federal fiscal quarter in which the applicant intends to apply for funds.

Potentially eligible CEDS applicants include cities and towns, public agencies, academic institutions, and local and regional non-profit economic development organizations. They can contact via email [Robert Griffith](mailto:Robert.Griffith) if they are interested submitting a proposal and/or if they are interested in receiving application instructions and materials.

Division of Municipal Finance

Municipal Memo: This Legislative Reference Service can be found at www.muni-info.ri.gov/legislation. Both current and past issues are available at this site.

Directory of City & Town Officials: This 2011 directory, updated through January 9, is available at www.muni-info.ri.gov/publications. Paper copies of the directory are also available; please contact Susan Moss at 222-4468 or at Susan.Moss@dor.ri.gov for specifics.

URI Landscape Architecture Lecture Series 2011 – 2012

The University of Rhode Island 2011 - 2012 Landscape Architecture Lectures series continues through April. All lectures are held in the Weaver Auditorium on the Kingston Campus of the University of Rhode Island. 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, 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 Deb Hughes at Dmhughes@ds.uri.edu or at 874-2983 For directions please go to www.uri.edu/ce/wq/OWT/Directions/index.htm.

- February 23 - Catherine Weaver; Principal, Tupelo Gardenworks; Wakefield, RI. *Challenges From the Field*.
- March 8 - Marc Miller; Lecturer in Landscape Architecture, Cornell University; Ithaca, NY. *Prototyping Topography: Landscape, 3d Printing and Practice*.
- March 22 - Calvin Ahbe, FASLA; Principal, Ahbe Landscape Architects; Culver City, CA. *Mutualism: Sex Between City and Nature*.

Census

The 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-year estimates are now available for every state, county, city, town, place, American Indian Area, Alaska Native Area, and Hawaiian Home Land, as well as for census tracts. Block group estimates are available only in the ACS Summary File. The American Community Survey is available at www.census.gov/acs/.

The Census Bureau is releasing Summary File 2 (SF 2) data on a state-by-state flow basis from December 2011 through April 2012. Rhode island data has not yet been released. SF 2 provides detailed data on age; sex; households; families; and group quarters population and occupied housing units for up to 331 race, Hispanic or Latino origin, and tribal population, groups.

Division of Planning Committee Meetings

Technical Committee Meeting

Scheduled for February 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.

State Planning Council Meeting

Scheduled for February 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 please see the Committee Calendar at www.planning.ri.gov/misc/calendar.htm.

Rhode Island Water Resources

Scheduled for February 20 at 1:00 p.m.; meeting location will be posted on the Secretary of State's website at <http://sos.ri.gov/>. The Finance Committee meets one hour prior to the board in the same location. For the latest schedule information please see the Board calendar at www.wrb.ri.gov/meetings_schedule.html.

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Scheduled for March 1 at 6:30 p.m.; Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence. a location to be determined. For the latest schedule information please see the Committee Calendar at www.planning.ri.gov/misc/calendar.htm.

Engineers Week Billiards Event

Please join ASCE-RI Younger Member Group and WTS-Rhode Island for the annual Billiards Event for a night of socializing and networking to celebrate Engineers Week. This event, at Snookers Pool Lounge on Ashburton Street in Providence, includes reserved pool tables and complimentary appetizers. To register for this event, please contact Anita Marshall at 222-2023 Ext. 4044 or wtsrhodeisland@gmail.com by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10. Additional information on the Billiards Event can be found at the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/6olg836>.

RIGIS Upcoming Event Calendar

The RIGIS (Rhode Island Geographic Information System) home page has an event calendar on the right hand side listing upcoming GIS programs and events. The calendar can be enlarged by clicking the 'Event Calendar' link at the top of the calendar.

Basic information on the programs and event is displayed; clicking the basic information will open a new screen with additional information. If you are interested in adding an event to this calendar, please submit the event details to RIGIS Coordinator [Shane White](#) for consideration.

Historic Preservation Conference

The Rhode Island Historic Preservation & Heritage Commission presents "Heritage in America's Great Outdoors," the 27th Annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference. The conference will be held on Saturday, April 21 in Woonsocket and sites throughout the Blackstone River Valley. The conference will highlight the bid to create a national park along the Blackstone River and other initiatives that promote history, tourism, and recreation outdoors. The keynote speaker will be Stephanie Smith Toothman, Ph.D., Associate Director for Cultural Resources at the National Park Service.

For more information, visit www.preservation.ri.gov/conference, or call 732-1009 to get on the mailing list for the conference program. The full schedule will be available, and registration will be open, in March.

Historic Building Capital Needs Assessment

Preserve Rhode Island is conducting a Capital Needs Assessment Survey for historic buildings in Rhode Island. If you are the owner or manager of an historic property that is open to the public and is owned by a municipality, the State of Rhode Island, or a private non-profit organization (sorry, not buildings in current church or school use), please take the 10 minute survey. Please complete a separate survey for each separate historic building. The survey can be accessed by clicking [here](#)

This survey will allow Preserve Rhode Island to gather data regarding the need for capital funds to repair Rhode Island's historic buildings and structures, as they consider spearheading a campaign to reinstate the State Preservation Grant Program administered by the [Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission](#). Please complete the survey by January 31 to be included in the data compilation.

Conducting Effective Land Use Reviews

Led by experienced Land Use Attorneys and Planners, Conducting Effective Land Use Reviews 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 course will be held February 23 in the Bristol state House, 240 High Street, Bristol from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and includes a light supper.

The registration fee is \$30.00, however, registration fee assistance is available to communities through the Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust and the Land-Use Training Collaborative. Please see the GrowSmart RI web page at http://growsmartri.com/pdfs/celur2012flyer_sdbedits.pdf for additional information. The registration form is available at http://growsmartri.com/pdfs/celur_2012%20regform.pdf; registration deadline is February 21.

Grow Smart Rhode Island Land-Use Training Collaborative/ Narragansett Bay Research Reserve Calendar

This 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. The calendar can be found on the web at www.communityconnectionri.org. Please see the visit www.growsmartri.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageId=489 for information about including a listing on the calendar.

Land and Water Conservation Summit

The day long, 9th annual, Rhode Island Land & Water Conservation Summit — *Working Together to Protect our Communities* will be held Saturday, March 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with registration and a continental breakfast between 7:45 and 8:30 a.m. The summit will be held in the URI Memorial Union, on the Kingston Campus. This conference provides Watershed Council, Land Trust, Conservation Commission board members, staff, volunteers, and others interested in land and watershed conservation with the information, skills and connections needed to be effective. There will be thirty workshops offered in three sessions during the summit to choose from.

The Keynote Speaker will be Lisa Wong, Mayor of Fitchburg, Massachusetts who will speak on *Urban Conservation as a Revitalization Strategy*. Lisa A. Wong is serving her second term as Mayor of the city of Fitchburg. She was first elected to that office in November of 2007 at the age of 28, and is the first minority mayor in Fitchburg and the first female Asian American mayor in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The registration fee is \$40.00 through February 17, when early registration ends; after that the registration is \$55.00. Registration includes lunch at the summit. For additional information on the summit and to register on line please go to www.landandwaterpartnership.org.