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Power of Place Summit

The theme of this year's Summit, "Beyond Austerity: Leveraging the Power of Place for a Stronger Rhode Island Economy", will drive the keynote address and the more than 20 workshops at this day-long forum. The Summit will take place on May 11 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence. Early bird registration fees will range from \$50 (students), to \$75 (government and nonprofit), to \$100 (regular rate). Online registration will open in March. Watch for additional information on the Summit on the GrowSmart web site at www.growsmartri.org/index.cfm.

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 a.m. 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 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.



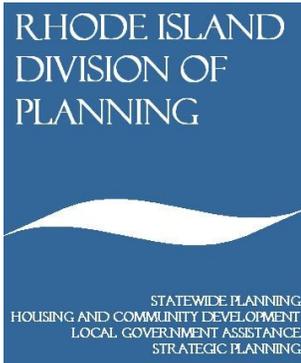
The registration fee is \$55.00 and includes lunch at the summit. For

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 mday@gw.doa.state.ri.us if you have any questions, or have any suggestions for future course offerings.

Division of Planning Positions Available



The Rhode Island Division of Planning is pleased to announce the availability of two professional planning positions within the Statewide Planning Program. These include the hiring of one Supervising and one Principal Planner. These positions are three year appointments that will be dedicated to implementing the States recently approved HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. Focal areas of this work will include working with consultants to:

- Draft new State Strategic Housing and Economic Development Plans;
- Develop a new integrated implementation program that links these plans with our existing Long Range Land Use and Transportation Plans;
- Identify specific geographic areas within the State that are most suitable for infill and development including areas most appropriate for infrastructure investment;
- Build capacity for sustainable development within state and local governments;
- Engage target populations in the planning process and ensure sustained participation throughout implementation of the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development (RPSD);
- Develop a communication strategy for sharing data, publicizing project outcomes and sharing lessons learned
- Develop meaningful performance measures that are easily tracked and correspond with HUD's eight mandatory outcomes of a RPSD.

For additional project information please see our complete approved grant application available at www.planning.ri.gov/misc/RISC_Application.pdf

The application deadline is February 29. Applicants who have interest in multiple positions must apply to each individually. The individual vacancy notices are now posted at:

- www.dlt.ri.gov/jobsri/StateJobs_files/Feb2012/SupervisingPlanner.pdf
- www.dlt.ri.gov/jobsri/StateJobs_files/Feb2012/PrincPlanner.pdf

For further information, please contact Jared Rhodes, Chief of the Statewide Planning Program at jared.rhodes@doa.ri.gov or 401-222-5772.

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.

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 12 through 14. 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 visit http://geospatial.uri.edu/training/registration_geo.htm.

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 is being offered twice: Thursday, April 12 at the Jesse M. Smith Memorial, 100 Tinkham Lane, Burrillville; and Thursday, May 24 at the West Warwick Senior Center, 145 Washington Street, West Warwick. The registration deadline for the Burrillville program is April 5 at 5:00 p.m.; the form is available at http://growsmartri.com/pdfs/CELUR_burrillville_2012%20regform.pdf. The West Warwick program has a limited seating capacity, the registration deadline is May 17 at 5:00 p.m.; the form is available at http://growsmartri.com/pdfs/CELUR_west_warwick_2012%20regform.pdf.

The registration fee for each program is \$30.00 and includes a light supper. Registration fee assistance is available to communities through the Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust and the Land-Use Training Collaborative. Please visit http://growsmartri.com/pdfs/celur2012flyer_sdbedits.pdf for additional information.



Division of Planning Committee Meetings

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. For the latest schedule information please see the Committee Calendar at www.planning.ri.gov/misc/calendar.htm.

Technical Committee Meeting

Scheduled for March 2 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 March 8 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 March 19 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.

RIGIS Executive Committee

Scheduled for March 21 at 3:00 p.m.; Large Conference Room of the USDA Service Center Building; 60 Quaker Lane; Warwick. For the latest schedule information please see the Committee Calendar at www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/calendar.html.

Rhode Island Housing Commission

Scheduled for March 30 at 8:30 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 Secretary of State calendar at http://sos.ri.gov/openmeetings//index.php?page=view_entity&id=1260



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 is available at www.communityconnectionri.org. Or for more information visit www.growsmartri.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageId=489



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.

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](mailto:Shane.White@rigis.org).

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 visit www.uri.edu/ce/wq/OWT/Directions/index.htm.

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*.

April 19 - Thomas Balsley, FASLA; Principal, Thomas Balsley Associates; New York, NY. *Uncommon Ground: The Process, Design, and Tactics of Urban Planning*

Private Well Water Workshops

Learn how to protect your private well through regular testing, private well maintenance, and good housekeeping practices. The programs are free, but pre-registration is required as space is limited. The workshops are hosted by the [Rhode Island Department of Health](#) and the University of Rhode Island's Cooperative Extension Water Quality Program. All programs run from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. To register and for other information call 874-4918.

Tuesday, March 27 at the [North Scituate Community House](#); 546 W. Greenville Rd. (Route 116); North Scituate. This program is co-sponsored by the Northern RI Conservation District and Providence Water.

Thursday, April 5 at the [Little Compton Community Center](#); 34 Commons, Little Compton.

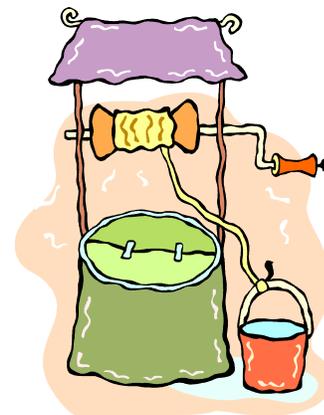
Thursday, May 3 at the [Cross Mills Public Library](#); 4417 Old Post Road Charlestown. This program is co-sponsored by the Charlestown Conservation Commission.

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](#) if they are interested submitting a proposal and/or if they are interested in receiving application instructions and materials.



Narragansett Bay Research Reserve Workshops

NBRR is hosting two workshops which will be lead by Eric Eckl. These workshops may be taken together or separately. There is no charge for these workshops, however, pre-registration required. For more information or to register please contact Jennifer West at jennifer@nbnerr.org or 222-4700, x 7413. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at each of the workshops. 6 AICP CM credits available for each workshop.

Water Words that Work & Combat Communications for Conservationists

Make a splash with your communications! Relearn the language that everyday citizens use and you'll become more confident and successful as you set out to enlighten the uninformed and persuade the undecided to take a stand or take action on behalf of our rivers, lakes, and oceans.



Part 1: Reconnect with the perspective that everyday citizens have on nature protection and pollution control, and discover the shocking secret of what motivates them to take action.

Part 2: Master steps 1 through 4 of the Environmental Message Method, a step-by-step process for transforming professional language into action language that will help make your next fundraising, issue advocacy, and behavior change campaign a success.

Combat Communications for Conservationists: Conservation and controversy go hand in hand. Sooner or later, the mud will fly and your work and your reputation will be on the line. In this training, you will hone messaging skills you need to set the record straight and come out on top!

This workshop will be held March 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Save the Bay Center in Providence.

More Than a Message

Even the strongest message won't deliver itself! Learn how the pros plan their campaigns, measure their accomplishments, and do it even better next time. The

More Than a Message series provides a conceptual framework and practical tips to get the most out of the dollars and hours you put into your communications and outreach efforts.

Part 1: Learn to take aim at target audiences - selecting the right message delivery tool for the task at hand. Participants will discover the strengths and weakness of public relations, advertising, direct mail, and online approaches for delivering issue advocacy, fundraising, and pollution prevention messages.

Part 2: Learn the lifecycle of a message out in the wild - and how to predict and measure the number of people who notice and respond to your advocacy, fundraising, or pollution prevention message. Discover what it takes to turn simple actions into big steps that really make a difference.

This workshop will be held March 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Save the Bay Center in Providence.

Census

In February, the Census Bureau released Summary File 2 (SF2) data for Rhode Island. SF2 features greater detail than SF1 by providing data on age, sex, households, families, and housing for 331 categories of race, Hispanic or Latino origin, and American Indian and Alaska Native tribes. Data is available to the Census tract level, and for confidentiality, data is only released for population groups that are greater than 100 in the specified geography. National figures will be released in May 2012. To access SF2 data, visit American FactFinder at <http://factfinder2.census.gov>.



Division of Municipal Finance

The Division of Municipal Finance is in the process of consolidating its sections into one location on the first floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building, Department of Administration. Local Government Assistance is currently moving, while the other sections will begin their move later this month. This move, although within the same building, has necessitated some contact changes.

While not all the contact changes have been completed, there is one firm change, that of the mailing address. No matter which office you are sending mail to, the street address should be: One Capitol Hill, 1st Floor. For updated information on telephone numbers and email addresses visit www.muni-info.ri.gov/contact/.

The Division of Municipal Finance provides assistance and guidance to municipalities through four activities: Local Government Assistance, State Aid and Property Tax Compliance, Tax Equalization, and Publications and information. main in complying with state law, to encourage cooperation between municipalities and the state, to calculate, evaluate, and distribute state aid and to maintain a data center of information of use to municipalities.

Two of the most popular Divisions' publications are the [Municipal Memo](#) and the [Directory of City & Town Officials](#). Several other publications and forms can also be found at the [Publications](#) and the [Forms](#) web page. The Divisions web page is www.muni-info.ri.gov/ where additional links including Finances, Forms, and State Aid can be found.



WTS Rhode Island

How to Say No and Still Get Yes

Please join WTS-Rhode Island for a professional development workshop on Thursday, March 8 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. in Providence. Joshua Weiss, a negotiations expert, will bring into focus the issue of how to say no in a negotiation or conflict situation and still reach an agreement that builds and/or preserves a relationship. To register for this event, please contact Lauren Viera at 457-0325 or wtsrhodeisland@gmail.com by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6. For the Professional Development Workshop visit <http://tinyurl.com/747tzfc>.

WTS-Rhode Island and RISPE Joint Dinner Meeting

WTS-Rhode Island is co-sponsoring a joint dinner meeting with the Rhode Island Society of Professional Engineers at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1 at the Radisson Airport Hotel in Warwick. Guest speaker Earl J. "Buddy" Croft III, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority will speak about "Recent Developments Regarding Tolling on Rhode Island Bridges." For the WTS-Rhode Island and RISPE Joint Dinner Meeting flyer, visit <http://tinyurl.com/7lh686r>.