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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.

Directory of City & Town Officials: This 2012 directory, updated through March 13 is available at www.muni-info.ri.gov/publications. The 2012 edition is only available electronically.

Road Map to Mill Redevelopment Seminar

The New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities (TAB) team is hosting three free seminars in New England geared to the public sector and non-profit organizations interested in cleaning up and redeveloping former mill sites. One of the seminars will be held on Tuesday, June 12, in Whitinsville (Northbridge), MA, which is a 15 minute drive north of the Rhode Island / Massachusetts border off Route 146.

This free seminar is geared toward the public sector and non-profit organizations interested in cleaning up and developing former mill sites. The seminary will provide:

- Case Studies of prior successes and lessons learned
- Addressing structure, infrastructure, and constraints of mill sites
- Financing the redevelopment process
- Assessing free resources available to government and non-profit entities
- Brownfield assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment methodologies

Attendees should include all interested parties and entities including:

- Local/regional elected officials or their representatives
- Economic Development/Redevelopment agencies and authorities
- Non-profit organization and community leaders interested in mill site redevelopment
- Community employees involved in mill site redevelopment

This is an all-day seminar beginning at 9:30 a.m. (registration at 9:00 a.m.) and ending at to 3:30 p.m. For more information please contact the NJIT TAB at (973) 642-4165, or at tab@njit.edu, or visit their [website](#)

The New Jersey Institute of Technology Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities team is a United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) funded technical assistance program intended to provide free independent resources to communities and nonprofits pursuing the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields sites in New England and the Middle Atlantic states.



HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Update

Much has been done over the past month laying the groundwork for Rhode Island's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant, and taking care of necessary logistics before the planning processes begin. The grant consortium has written and approved a 36-month work plan for the duration of the grant, as well as a Consortium Agreement that lays out the governance structure for the consortium throughout the grant period and perhaps beyond. Both of these documents have also been approved by HUD as submitted and will serve to keep the process on track over the next three years.

The consortium has held two meetings so far, and has set a monthly meeting schedule for the coming year. As of May, the consortium began establishing subject-specific committees to work on tasks with staff, consultants, other partners and the public. Consortium members are welcome to participate in the committees that most closely match their work and interests, but are also encouraged when possible to serve on committees with topics outside their usual work in order to encourage cross-fertilization of ideas. Committees are open to all, and Statewide Planning would like to invite anyone interested in these topics to join us. So far, committees are forming around the issues of housing, economic development, growth centers, social equity & community engagement, and data & performance measures. Committee members will form partnerships, identify opportunities and challenges,

develop strategies and look for ways to implement projects identified in the planning process. Collaboration amongst committee members and across committees will be a critical element of the project. Wherever possible, this work will be coordinated with existing committees or groups already engaged in these issues so as to avoid duplication of work or work at cross purposes.

This work is already garnering attention from HUD's partners at the national level. A team of five people from the consortium, representing Statewide Planning, Rhode Island Housing, RI Legal Services, RIPTA and RI Economic Development Corporation, has been offered a scholarship to attend the Sustainable Communities Learning Academy training in Baltimore from June 18-20. The team will work with other Sustainable Communities grantees from across the country to discuss their work and ways to be leaders on the topic of sustainability. This event is organized by the Sustainable Communities Learning Network, a technical assistance collaborative offering services to all Sustainable Communities grantees. The Learning Network is also providing free one-on-one technical assistance from Policy Link, head of its Social Equity Team. A group from Policy Link will be visiting Rhode Island over the summer to help us frame a process for our community engagement and social equity work, and prioritize the universe of strategies we may pursue. As mentioned last month, Statewide Planning will be hiring two new grant-funded planners to manage the grant and related planning processes. These new

positions should be in place later this month. We still expect to release an initial RFP for consultant services later this summer, and hope to begin the public planning process no later than early next year. Feel free to contact Jeff Davis, Principal Planner, at 222-4718 or jeff.davis@doa.ri.gov with any questions, to sign up for a committee, or recommend someone else for one. Sustainable Communities related documents can be found on the Statewide Planning website at www.planning.ri.gov/misc/communities/sustainable.html

Rhode Island at Work Occupational Trends

This month's Census Data Bulletin explores trends in the occupations of the state's residents.

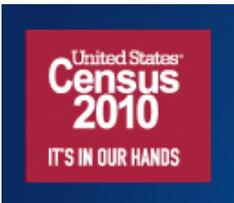
During the economic boom and recession of the first decade of the century, the mix of jobs held by Rhode Island residents shifted. Between



2000 and 2010, the number of residents with service occupations (including food service, healthcare support, police, fire, maintenance, and others) grew by 22.1 percent. Growth also occurred in management, business, science and arts occupations, which comprise much of the "knowledge-based economy." While the number of residents with production, transportation, and material moving jobs declined, the share of residents in these positions is the highest of any New England state, at 12.5 percent. Learn more about trends in Rhode Island residents' occupations at www.planning.ri.gov/census/june2012.pdf.

New 2010 Census Data Tables Available Online

The Rhode Island Division of Planning has posted on their website several new tables of data from the 2010 Decennial Census and the American Community Survey. Data on race, ethnicity, age,



households, and housing are available at the city and town level. At the state level, new tables tracking social, economic, employment, and housing characteristics from 2000 and 2010 are online. Historic population growth, from 1790 to today, is displayed for cities and towns, the state, and the New England region. These files are available at www.planning.ri.gov/census/ri2010.htm (scroll down to the list of data tables starting with "2010 Census – Statewide Data"). For more information about finding and using Census data, please contact Amanda Martin at amanda.martin@doa.ri.gov.

Census Data Bulletin Series

The Rhode Island Division of Planning is issuing a bulletin series that will explore data on topics of planning interest. This month, the bulletin looks at Rhode Island's population aged 65 and older. Senior citizens often have particular planning needs, such as access to appropriate housing and transportation options. While Rhode Island has a larger share of older adults than the average state, the absolute number of residents in this age bracket declined between

2000 and 2010. Read why experts believe this happened, and why we shouldn't expect the trend to continue, at www.planning.ri.gov/census/bulletin_may2012.pdf



RIGIS Upcoming Event Calendar

The RIGIS (Rhode Island Geographic Information System) [upcoming event calendar](#) displays basic information on the programs and events. If you are interested in adding an event to this calendar, please submit the event details to RIGIS Coordinator Shane White at shane.white@doa.ri.gov

ArcGIS Courses

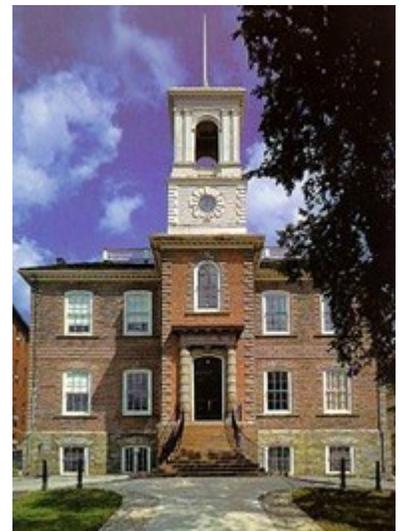
ArcGIS Online

In this half-day course, you will work with ESRI's FREE online mapping services available at ArcGIS.com giving you the tools to access the volumes of data being served from RIGIS. You will explore ready to use map services from RIGIS and others (hundreds of maps); query existing data; build your own maps using readily available data from RIGIS and other sources; create your own data (import: .csv, .txt, addresses, .gpx, heads-up digitizing); and share your maps via e-mail, Facebook, Twitter or embed the code into your own website.

This course will be held Tuesday, June 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will be held on the University of Rhode Island's Kingston Campus. The registrations fee for this workshop is \$100 and pre registrations if required. For details on this course and to register, please visit <http://geospatial.uri.edu/training/ArcgisOnline.html>

The Rhody Awards Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission

The R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission and Preserve Rhode Island are seeking nominations for the Rhode Island Historic Preservation Awards. The awards honor great preservation achievements, people who make a difference in their communities, and projects that inspire others to protect Rhode Island's special places. Save the date: the Rhody Awards for Historic Preservation will be presented on Thursday, October 18 at Rosecliff in Newport. The nomination deadline is Friday June 15. For more information and to download a nomination, visit www.preservation.ri.gov/conference/awards/awards_nomination.php.



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.

Office of Training and Development

The [Office of Training and Development course schedule](#) of classes is now available. This schedule includes Microsoft Excel, Power Point, and Word as well as an Advanced Workplace Writing course. Information on Rhode Island College Office of Education incentive Courses is also available.

Check the website for classes, times, and registration information. Please contact [Melissa Day](#) by email or at 222-2178 if you have any questions, or have any suggestions for future course offerings.



Division of Planning Committee Meetings

State Planning Council Meeting

Scheduled for June 14 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](#).

Rhode Island Water Resources Board

Scheduled for June 18 at 1:00 p.m.; meeting location will be posted on the [Secretary of State's website](#). The Finance Committee meets one hour prior to the board in the same location. For the latest schedule information please see the [Board calendar](#).

RIGIS Executive Committee

Scheduled for June 20 at 1:00 p.m.; 1st floor conference room; USDA, NRCS; 60 Quaker Lane; Warwick. For more information on the committee, please click [here](#). Meeting agendas can be found [here](#).

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Scheduled for June 28 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](#).