

STATEWIDE PLANNING e-NEWS

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Statewide Planning's Committee Meetings

State Planning Council
April 16, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A

Technical Committee—
April 10, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A

Transportation Advisory Committee
April 23, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/>

NEGIS Spring Conference
April 8th 2:30-5:00pm
April 9th 8:00am-4:00pm
Esri, 1st Floor Conference Room
35 Village Road, Middleton, MA
<http://negis.org/negis-spring-conference/>

RIFMA Annual Conference
April 9th 8:00am-4:30pm
Amica Conference Center
100 Amica Way, Lincoln, RI
<http://www.riflood.org/>



Statewide Planning and RIDOT Launch State Freight Plan

*Do you know what makes up the largest share of freight in Rhode Island or who our biggest trading partner is? **

Probably not. You're not alone; freight doesn't receive the same attention as other transportation system users, even though it plays a significant role in the state's economy.

The RI Statewide Planning Program and RIDOT seek to change that through the development of Rhode Island's first Freight and Goods Movement Plan. The plan will identify policy and infrastructure recommendations to improve freight movement in RI on all modes – truck, rail, air, water, and pipeline. Over the next year, Statewide Planning and RIDOT, with assistance from consulting firm HDR Engineering, and in partnership with the public and private sectors will use data and targeted stakeholder outreach to determine the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities of RI's freight system – all with the goal of driving economic growth.



Ultimately, the freight plan will help Rhode Island as it seeks federal transportation funding. MAP-21, the most recent federal transportation authorization, says that states with freight plans are eligible to receive increased federal matching funds, beyond the normal 80%, for freight-related projects.

For more information on RI's State Freight and Goods Movement Plan, visit www.freightforwardri.com or contact Chris Witt, Principal Planner, at chris.witt@doa.ri.gov.

**Scrap metal and Massachusetts.*



URI's Geospatial Training Program Scheduled Events

Introduction to GIS

June 2 - 4, 2015, 8:30 AM - 4 PM

Cost: \$750.00, For more information and to register:
<http://www.edc.uri.edu/training/intro-to-GIS>

This three-day hands-on computer course provides an introduction to the capabilities of GIS. Using ESRI's ArcGIS 10.2®, software, we teach 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. We also work extensively with the Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS) database.

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

Hurricane Sandy Funding Opportunity

Municipalities are encouraged to submit CDBG Disaster Recovery applications for eligible activities that meet the CDBG national objective of predominately benefiting low and moderate income persons. Applicants must be able to document unmet needs resulting from Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Irene, or winter storm Nemo (February 2013). For maximum consideration, submit your application to the Office of Housing and Community Development by May 1, 2015. Application materials and the State's Hurricane Sandy Action Plan are available at:

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/community/development/disaster/index.php>

Contact Laura Sullivan at Laura.Sullivan@doa.ri.gov or 401-222-6844 with questions.



Cool, crisp, clear...safe to drink?

Learn how to protect your private well water.

Free workshop for private well owners

Protect yourself, your family, your property and your investment.

Learn:

- The importance of regular testing
- How to protect your well water from pollution
- Proper well maintenance

These workshops are conducted by the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension Water Quality Program and the RI Department of Health. Funding provided by the RI Department of Health Capacity Development Program.

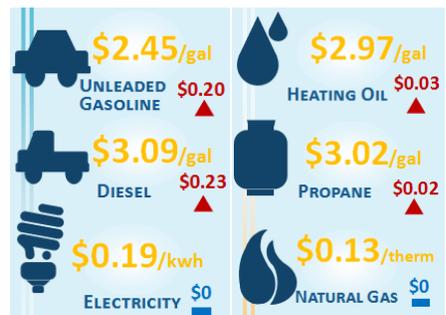
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- **Monday, April 27, 2015 from 6 – 7 PM, Brown Avenue School cafeteria, 14 Brown Avenue, Johnston, RI**
- **Tuesday, May 12, 2015 from 6 – 7 PM at Tiverton Town Hall, 343 Highland Avenue, Tiverton, RI**

To register, call URI at 401-874-4918
Space is limited; pre-registration is required.

For more information on private well protection, see:
www.riweltesting.org



EPA Healthy Communities Grant Program



The Healthy Communities Grant Program is EPA New England's main grant program to work directly with communities to reduce environmental risks in order to protect and improve human health and the quality of life, advance resilience, and preserve/restore important ecosystems. The Healthy Communities Grant Program will achieve these goals through identifying and funding projects that:

- Target resources to benefit communities at risk [areas at risk from climate change impacts, environmental justice areas of potential concern, sensitive populations (e.g. children, elderly, tribes, urban/rural residents, and others at increased risk), and/or Southeast New England coastal watersheds].
- Assess, understand, and reduce environmental and human health risks.
- Increase collaboration through partnerships and community-based projects.
- Build institutional and community capacity to understand and solve environmental and human health problems.
- Advance emergency preparedness and ecosystem resilience.
- Reduce pollution at the source.
- Achieve measurable environmental and human health benefits.

To qualify as eligible projects under the Healthy Communities Grant Program, proposed projects must: (1) be located in and/or directly benefit one or more of the Target Investment Areas; and (2) identify how the proposed project will achieve measurable environmental and/or public health results in one or more of the Target Program Areas.

In 2015, Target Investment Areas include: Areas at Risk from Climate Change Impacts, Environmental Justice Areas of Potential Concern, Sensitive Populations, and/or Southeast New England Coastal Watersheds. Target Program Areas include: Capacity-Building on Environmental and Public Health Issues; Clean, Green and Healthy Schools; Community and Water Infrastructure Resilience; Healthy Indoor Environments; Healthy Outdoor Environments; and/or Southeast New England Coastal Watershed Restoration. A description of these target areas can be found in the 2015 Application Guidance.

The Healthy Communities Grant Program is currently accepting initial proposals for projects that will benefit one or more of the New England states. Eligible applicants include State and Local governments, public nonprofit institutions/organizations, private nonprofit institutions/organizations, quasi-public nonprofit institutions/organizations, Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments, K-12 schools or school districts; and non-profit organizations (e.g. grassroots and/or community-based organizations). EPA plans to award a total of approximately 10-15 cooperative agreements, each up to a maximum of \$25,000 with the exception of projects identifying the Southeast New England Coastal Watershed Restoration Target Program Area which may request up to a maximum of \$200,000.

There is a two-step process for selecting projects to receive funding. The program requires the submission of an initial proposal (SF424 and Project Summary) as a first step; then applicants with the highest quality initial proposals will be invited to submit full proposals for consideration. The deadline to submit an Initial Proposal is April 30, 2015. Initial proposals must be submitted using www.grants.gov.

The 2015 Application Guidance can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/region1/eco/uep/pdfs/HC2015RFP.pdf>.

To help answer questions from prospective applicants, the Healthy Communities Grant Program will sponsor four conference calls before the Initial Project Summary is due. The information sessions are being offered on March 31, April 8, 16, and 21, 2015. These information sessions are optional, but RSVP's are required. A registration form can be found in the Application Guidance.

For more information, please contact Sandy Brownell at 617-918-1797 or brownell.sandra@epa.gov.

We're Here to Help

One of the central missions of the [Statewide Planning Program](#) is to enable cities and towns to create great communities.

The staff of the Statewide Planning Program is here to help, with everything from document review to data gathering, fact checking to facilitation. Our staff has expertise in a variety of topics, including GIS and mapping, public participation, data analysis, redevelopment planning and urban design.

If you think your community could benefit from the assistance of the Statewide Planning Program, contact Jared Rhodes at 222-5772 or Jared.Rhodes@doa.ri.gov.



April 9

Anne Whiston Spinn, Professor and Landscape Architect in City Design and Planning, MIT, Cambridge, MA

"THE EYE IS A DOOR: LANDSCAPE PHOTOS AND ART OF DISCOVERY"



April 23

Kaki Martin, ASLA, Klopfer Martin Design Group, Cambridge, MA

"INSERTED LANDSCAPE"



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 URI College of the Environment and Life Sciences, The College of Arts and Sciences, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects and Landscape Forms. Anne Spinn's visit is being co-sponsored by the URI Art Department. 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.

State of Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission

"Sticks and Stones"—the 30th Annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference, Gloucester, Rhode Island

Saturday, April 25, 8:30 am—6 pm, \$40 includes all activities, morning coffee, lunch, closing reception

This year's statewide preservation conference, "Sticks and Stones," examines historic rural landscapes and the long-term impact of changes on the land. The sticks are the forests, cleared for agricultural fields long ago, regrown, and now managed as conservation land, park, and private woodlot. The stones remain where they were placed to mark burials, to provide sturdy building foundations, and to build walls that separated farm fields and delineated property boundaries. The event gets underway at St. Eugene's Church in historic Chepachet Village with a keynote speech on the geology and cultural history of New England's stone walls. The speech is followed by 10 workshops, 6 films, and 11 bus and walking tours of historic places around Rhode Island's northwest corner, including farms and forests, mid-century modern residences, and village centers from Harrisville to North Scituate. Presented by the R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission, the annual conference is a great opportunity to explore the field of historic preservation for design professionals, students, history buffs, public officials, and everyone else.

To register, visit <http://www.preservation.ri.gov/conference/15overview.php> or call (401)732-1009. Pre-registration is open until April 11; on-site registration will be available on April 25.