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State Guide Plan Element Update: *Solid Waste 2038* Rhode Island Comprehensive Solid Waste Management plan

The State Planning Council approved an update to the State Guide Plan on May 14, 2015 for the management of solid waste in the State. *Solid Waste 2038* is a menu of choices for decisions that need to be made today to manage our solid waste system and to decide on a post-

Central Landfill disposal system well in advance of the landfill closure date of 2038. The Update was a cooperative effort with Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC) and Department of Environmental Management (DEM). Since concluding the public hearings in December of 2014, the Land Use Staff worked with RIRRC and the DEM to gain the support and endorsement from the RIRRC Board for the Plan. On March 25, 2015 the RIRRC Board voted to endorse and forward the Final Plan to the State Planning Council for approval.



The focus of the plan is on the management of solid waste in the State and addressing the operational, environmental, and fiscal issues pertaining to it. Because the Central Landfill in Johnston has only 23 years of remaining capacity at current disposal rates, adoption of this Plan was critical to start necessary actions needed for the future. It is intended to guide the activities of the Division of Planning, the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation and the Department of Environmental Management. It also serves to meet the need for a solid waste management plan as required by the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery act of 1976, as amended and the Statewide Resource Recovery System Development Plan. *Solid Waste 2038* describes existing practices, programs, and activities in all major solid waste management areas and develops recommendations specific to each. It is intended to advance the effectiveness of public and private stewardship of the State's disposal of solid waste. As an Element of the State Guide Plan, this Plan sets forth goals and policies that must, under state law, be reflected in future updates of comprehensive community plans.

The full plan is available on the [Division of Planning's](http://www.planning.ri.gov) website.

Statewide Planning's Committee Meetings

State Planning Council

June 11, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A

Technical Committee

June 5, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A

Transportation Advisory Committee

June 25, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A

RIGIS Executive Committee

June 18th, 2015, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

USDA-NRCS, Main Conference Room
60 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI 02886



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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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Private Well Water Workshops

Tuesday, July 14 2015

6:00 — 7:00 p.m. at

Cross Mills Public

Library, 4417 Old Post Road, Charlestown, RI

Hosted by the Charlestown
Conservation

Commission and the Cross Mills Public
Library

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

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

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.

NAPSG: Virtual Training

"Open Data, GIS and Civic Resiliency"

June 9th, 2:00-3:00pm, [Online via WebEx](#)

URISA: Leadership Academy.

June 22nd-26th, Denver Marriott City Center
1701 California Street, Denver, CO 80202



Hearings Begin on Planning-Related Bills

On Thursday, May 21st, the House Committee on Finance held a hearing on several bills whose passage could have an impact on planning in the state – H-5713, H-6040, H-6041, H-6042 and H-6043. There was much testimony at the hearing, both in opposition to and in favor of the bills, with Michael DiBiase, Director of the RI Department of Administration, and Kevin Flynn, Associate Director of the RI Division of Planning, testifying in opposition. Full video of the hearing is available on the RI Capitol TV website, where it is split into **Part 1** and **Part 2**. The RI Division of Planning encourages you to review the video and to contact your Representatives and Senators to share your opinion.

Part 1 link: <http://ricaptv.discovervideo.com/show/watch?id=13506765&t=1>

Part 2 link: <http://ricaptv.discovervideo.com/show/watch?id=6ea64ba2&t=1>



GrowSmartRI
Sustainable Economic Growth
& Quality of Place

Municipal Training Offered Conducting Effective Land Use Reviews

The Grow Smart Rhode Island Land-Use Training Collaborative is offering training for Planning Boards, Zoning Boards, and Town Councils. **Conducting Effective Land Use Reviews** is 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.

We will be offering the one-night training Thursday, June 25th from 5:30pm until 9:00pm (including a light dinner), in Bristol at a location yet to be determined.

The total training fee is \$30.00; the fee covers training, training manual, and a light supper. The Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust provides registration fee assistance for Trust members for this training.

Advance registration by Thursday, June 18th is preferred. Registration will be closed once capacity has been reached. For full information go to www.growsmartri.org or contact Annette Bourne, Training Manager, abourne@growsmartri.org or 401-273-5711 ext. 6.

The workshop is supported by the RI Division of Planning-Statewide Program with funding provided by the US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.



[PDF of Workshop Invitation-Farming with Nature: Improving Soil Health and Water Quality on Your Farm](#)

Please join us for a interesting workshop which includes presentations by many prominent local conservation professionals including Dr. Art Gold, Chair of URI Department of Natural Resources.

The free event will be held at beautiful [Sweet Berry Farm](#) with over 100 acres of fields and orchards including various berries, peaches, apples, and much more. This award winning property also includes a cafe and market where you may purchase local fruits and vegetables along with artisan foods created locally and from around the globe.

A rainfall simulator and organic/inorganic soil demonstrations will also be held at this informative event!

[Take a sneak peak to preview a video of the rainfall simulator!](#)

[Learn more on the importance of soil health in a 90 second video which can provide solutions to some of our planet's biggest challenges!](#)

Farming with Nature: Improving Soil Health and Water Quality on Your Farm

Sweet Berry Farm June 11 from 3:00-6:30 PM

This workshop, designed to benefit farmers who grow vegetables, fruit and field crops, will focus on the continued capacity of the soil to function as a vital living system that sustains plant, animal and human health. Healthy soils rich in organic matter drain better, have greater disease resistance, and better water holding capacity in times of drought.



Sweet Berry Farm encompasses 100 acres, 80 of which are under cultivation. In 1980, Jan and Michelle Tickham purchased Sweet Berry Farm and started a pick your own strawberry and Christmas Tree Farm. In 1996, they partnered with the Aquidneck Land Trust to preserve additional acreage and expanded the pick your own crops to include raspberries, blackberries, blueberries, peaches, apples, pumpkins and gourds.

[Farming with Nature: Improving Soil Health and Water Quality on Your Farm](#)

Thursday, June 11, 3:00-6:30 PM Sweet Berry Farm
19 3rd Beach Road, Middletown, RI 02842

RI Conservation Easement Guidance Workshop

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

9:30 am to 11:30 am

Warwick Public Library, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI

~~~~~2 AICP (1.5 law) credits offered~~~~~

Conservation Development and Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) are effective tools for communities to preserve meaningful open space through conservation easements as land is developed. Unfortunately, several sources have found that some conservation easements have not been properly recorded. To ensure that conservation values are preserved in perpetuity, conservation easements must be carefully drafted, properly recorded, and follow prescribed procedures for maintaining the desired conservation restrictions.

In addition to a review of the topics covered in the *Rhode Island Conservation Easement Guidance Manual* (RIDEM 2009), including ownership and management of conservation parcels, developing and writing conservation easements, and monitoring and insurance considerations, information from the new companion document *Guidance on Recording Conservation Easements in Rhode Island* (RIDEM 2013) will be provided. Workshop participants will learn about common weaknesses in the easement process and ways to improve the recording process.

**Speakers:** Scott Millar, RIDEM; Peter D. Ruggiero, Esq., Ruggiero, Brochu & Petracca; President of Sustainable Habitats, and town solicitor.

**Audiences:** Planners, solicitors, and other municipal staff, local officials, conservation commissioners, land trusts, non-profit conservation organizations, attorneys and other interested parties.

This workshop is free of charge. A light breakfast will be provided from 9:00-9:30 am. **Please register [here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/J3DYMSL)** (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/J3DYMSL>) by Friday, June 12.

**Questions?** Please contact Jennifer West at [jennifer@nbnerr.org](mailto:jennifer@nbnerr.org) or 401-222-4700, x 7413.