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You're Invited!

The Future of Clean Water: the Island Waters Forum
At the Community College of Rhode Island, Newport Campus
December 8, 2016, 6:00-8:00 pm



The second of AIPC's "Smart Island Series" of public forums

Admission is free and open to the public, but space is limited:

Water is the lifeblood of Aquidneck Island – residents and visitors value clean coastal waters for swimming, sailing and fishing, and rely on surface reservoirs for safe, plentiful drinking water. Stormwater runoff, which washes pollution into reservoirs and coastal waters, is a major problem throughout the U.S. With relatively little protected watershed, large surface reservoirs, and some of the state's most popular recreational beaches, Aquidneck Island is uniquely vulnerable to this type of pollution.

That's why this September, the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) and Sen. Jack Reed announced a \$1 million grant to the communities of Aquidneck Island for "[Island Waters](#)" – an innovative new program to protect and restore fresh and salt water quality on Aquidneck Island. The three-year program was developed by [AIPC](#) in partnership with the [City of Newport](#), Towns of [Middletown](#) and [Portsmouth](#), and nonprofits [Aquidneck Land Trust](#) and [Clean Ocean Access](#).

**Curt Spalding**

On December 8th in Newport, the Island Waters partners are hosting a community forum at CCRI's auditorium to provide an overview of the Island's interconnected system of fresh and salt waters, discuss pollution issues, and present new solutions for Aquidneck Island. This will be the second installment of AIPC's "Smart Island Series", sponsored by the [Newport Daily News](#), [van Beuren Charitable Foundation](#), and the [Rhode Island Foundation](#).

"We are so fortunate to be working with AIPC on this formative water project over the entire island," says Aquidneck Land Trust executive director Chuck Al-lot. "This forum will give us a chance to showcase the projects we are all currently working on individually and in partnership. We believe that "Island Waters" can really be the glue that brings it all together."

Speakers and presenters at the forum will include some of the state's leading advocates and decision-makers on clean water issues, including Curt Spalding, regional administrator for EPA's New England office and former director of Save the Bay.

"With their enormous value for recreation, drinking water, habitat, and agriculture, Aquidneck Island's waters are in danger of being loved to death. This forum is proof that communities can come together to launch a real partnership to protect the future for a critical but very vulnerable ecosystem," says Spalding. "As one of the funding partners, EPA is encouraged that the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission and the Island's towns are committed to creating solutions for the long haul."

The presentation will be followed by a discussion on the future of clean water for the communities of Aquidneck Island. Clean Ocean Access executive director Dave McLaughlin will also share information with Island residents on actions we can all take to help protect and restore clean drinking and coastal waters.

"Every drop of water that falls on the Island is fit to drink, but as soon as it washes into a drain it becomes stormwater," says McLaughlin. "Let's work together and treat the water that falls from the sky as a gift, something to hold onto."

AIPC board chair Richard Adams sums it up, "AIPC is grateful for the support of all our partners in bringing this important event to the Island. The Island Waters forum will introduce the cooperative, collaborative process needed for Aquidneck Island to restore and protect our drinking water supply and coastal resources – while continuing a terrific series of public conversations among Island communities."

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-future-of-clean-water-the-island-waters-public-forum-tickets-29152399612>



Statewide Planning's Committee Meetings

State Planning Council

Thursday, December 8, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI,
Conference Room A

Technical Committee

Friday, December 2, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI,
Conference Room A

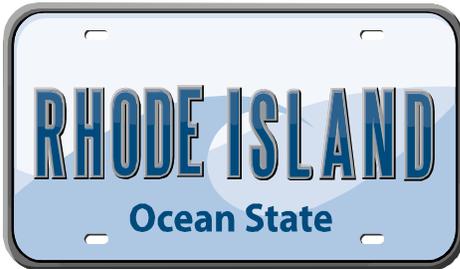
Transportation Advisory Committee

No meeting in December

RIGIS Executive Committee

Thursday, December 15, 2016, 1:00 p.m.

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



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Rupert Friday, RI Land Trust Council rfriday@rilandtrusts.org
401-932-4667

Workshop: NRCS Funding to Protect Farmland

When: Thursday, December 8 6-8 pm

Location: NRCS Conference Room, 60 Quaker Lane, Warwick

Cost: Free - Registration Required

Mary Bend Ellis at NRCS Mary.BentEllis@ri.usda.gov

401-822-8813 to register

Sponsors: NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) &
RI Land Trust Council

Who should attend: Land trust leaders, municipal planners and others who are working with farmers to protect their farmland.

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has funding to purchase conservation easements to protect farmland. The farmland protection program called Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) has new rules and procedures. The Rhode Island NRCS Program staff will present a workshop to discuss the program and the application process:

- How to apply?
- What to expect?
- Ranking and Evaluation Process
- Selection/ Cooperative Agreement
- Easement Support Process
- Agricultural Lands Easement Plan
- Conservation Easement Deed Options – Minimum Deed Terms
- Closing
- Common Issues
- Stewardship
- Success Stories

They will answer your questions related to the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.

This workshop is especially timely because NRCS is accepting proposals for the farmland protection program with deadlines: December 16, 2016 and February 17, 2017

Information & Questions about this workshop:

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State of Rhode Island Office of Housing and Community Development

OHCD announces our new website! Visit <http://ohcd.ri.gov/> for information on the Housing Resources Commission, housing and homelessness programs, and the Rhode Island's CDBG program. The new format is mobile device friendly.

Don't miss our updated [Rhode Island Environmental Review Guidance](#). It summarizes HUD's requirements, and provides detailed information on when/how to contact the R.I. Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission, the Narragansett Indian Tribe, and CRMC.

Please update your links accordingly.

URI's Geospatial Training Program for January 2017

Using ArcGIS.com

January 18, 2017, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Cost \$100.00

For more information and to register: http://www.edc.uri.edu/training/Arcgis_online

Web Maps and Geographic Data

This is a half-day training program that will introduce you to ESRI's FREE online mapping application available at ArcGIS.com and give you the tools to access the volumes of data being served from RIGIS which are easily accessible in this interface.

- 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)
- Share your maps via e-mail, Facebook, Twitter or embed the code into your own website
- ArcGIS Viewer is an online service developed by ESRI® that allows users to upload, download, and create data. Users may choose to make their map data public or limit access by using groups.

Introduction to GIS

January 10 – 12, 2017, 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 10.3.1[®], 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.



2016–2017 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LECTURE SERIES

THE
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ARTS AND SCIENCES

December 1

Lara Ajemian '07

Leblanc Jones Landscape Architects, Boston MA

Ken McClure '08

Halvorson Design Group, Boston MA

"Growing in the Profession"



March 2

Kristina Hill, Ph. D.

Associate Professor Landscape Architecture and
Environmental Planning. U.C. Berkeley

"Strategies for Future Shores: An Honest Assessment of
the Unthinkable"



March 23

Tara Vincenta, ASLA

Principal, Artemis, Bridgeport, CT

"Residential Coastal Landscapes:
Creative responses in balance with coastal regulations
and ecology at a post-Hurricane Sandy beachfront."



April 6

Cheri Ruane, ASLA

Spurr Design Group, Boston MA

"Interdisciplinary Practice: The Good, The Bad and
The Awesome"



April 20

Charles Birnbaum, FASLA, FAAR

President + CEO, The Cultural Landscape Foundation
Washington, D.C.

"Why Not Cultural Systems"



Lectures begin at 7:00 P.M. and will be held in the Chemistry Building BURP 105 on the Kingston Campus of URI. This series is co-sponsored by *The College of Arts and Sciences*, *the Gaetano and Pasqualina Faella Memorial Endowment* and the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Charles Birnbaum's lecture is being cosponsored by Victor Stanley. 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.



Grow Smart RI

Land Use Training Collaborative



TWO FREE TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOPS!

Tuesday, December 13 at The Providence Foundation
Also AICP credits, lunch & free RIPTA service!

Grow Smart RI is very excited to announce two new FREE workshops on transportation! Each 90 minute workshop offers 1.5 AICP CM credits--stay for one, or both to earn 3.0 credits! Registration also includes two RIPTA RIPTIKS--use them to get back and forth to the workshop, or another day of your choosing. We will also be serving lunch after the second workshop, please stay and enjoy a facilitated discussion.

Tuesday, December 13, 2016
8:30 - 10:00 AM
Providence Foundation, 30 Exchange Terrace



Role of Transportation in Building & Sustaining Your Economy
Keeping people and goods moving is the foundation to all economies. Whether it's walkable / bikeable communities or major improvements to bridges, roadways, ports and rail for the movement of goods by truck and other freight, this workshop will examine the connections between a variety of transportation improvements to a healthy economy, and review projects that have yielded proven results for residents. Presenters include Meredith Brady, RI DOT; Jan Brodie, Pawtucket Foundation; Joseph Wanat, VHB; Eric Weis, Cogent Services; and Chris Witt, RI DOP.



Approved for 1.5 AICP CM credits. No registration fee.
To register, click [here](#).



Tuesday, December 13, 2016
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Providence Foundation, 30 Exchange Terrace

Getting to Work: Transportation & Employment Center
Rhode Island has some catching up to do to match our New England neighbors' use of public transportation, especially for commuting. Learn how to be proactive in working with employers to locate in areas already served by or that can be served by public transportation, and help employers understand the tools available to make public transportation a preferred choice for employees. Presenters include Dan Baudouin, The Providence Foundation; Peter Friedrichs, Central Falls; Katherine Trapani, QDC; Andrew Zalewski, Foursquare, ITP; Sarah Ingle and Amy Pettine, RIPTA; Chris Witt, RI DOP.
Approved for 1.5 AICP CM credits. No registration fee.
To register, click [here](#).

Take the bus on us!

In order to encourage the use of public transportation, Grow Smart RI will provide participants with round-trip "RIPTIK" fare cards. If you are not sure about routes and schedules, use RIPTA's handy [trip planner](#) to make it easy. If you are unable to use public transportation to the workshop, please be in touch to discuss parking options. Don't forget to enjoy some holiday shopping downtown while you're in Downtown Providence!

For more information on workshops under development, please contact Training Manager Annette Bourne at abourne@growsmartri.org or call 273-5711 x103.