

# STATEWIDE PLANNING e-NEWS

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## NOTICE OF RULEMAKING & PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD BY STATE PLANNING COUNCIL STATEWIDE PLANNING PROGRAM

The State Planning Council has given notice of its intent to amend its *Rules of Procedure* and the *Public Participation Guide/Plan*. A public hearing was held on December 20<sup>th</sup> at the RI Department of Administration.

The purpose of the amendments is to streamline the process by which the State develops its Transportation Improvement Program ("TIP"). The TIP is developed as a cooperative effort between Statewide Planning and the RI Department of Transportation. Revisions include:

- 1) reducing the length of notice required prior to a public hearing to 10 days;
- 2) eliminating the requirement for municipal governments to hold a public hearing on projects they intend to submit to the TIP;
- 3) striking the requirement for TIPs to identify the phase of work programmed for each year;
- 4) removing the requirement for the Division and the Transportation Advisory Committee to hold public workshops for the purpose of accepting TIP applications,
- 5) reducing the required public review and comment period to 30 days. Streamlining the TIP process through these amendments will reduce the administrative burdens placed upon municipalities and reduce the time needed to complete annual updates to a 6 month timeframe.

In the development of the amended rules, consideration was given to:

- 1) alternative approaches;
- 2) overlap or duplication with other rules, and
- 3) significant economic impacts on small businesses. Copies of the proposed amendments along with a concise summary of all non-technical amendments being proposed are filed with the Secretary of State's Office.

The proposed revisions in hardcopy are available for review at the Rhode Island Division of Planning, Third Floor, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or online at [www.planning.ri.gov](http://www.planning.ri.gov). All interested parties are invited to submit written comments concerning the proposed amendments to the Rules and/or the Public Participation Guide/Plan by Monday, January 23, 2017, to Parag Agrawal, Secretary of the State Planning Council at R.I. Department of Administration, Division of Planning, William Powers Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908



## Winter Workshops for Farm and Forest Land Owners

From RI's Conservation Districts and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service



USDA NRCS and Rhode Island's Conservation Districts provide **financial and technical assistance** to land owners and managers who would like to maximize their land's **crop productivity, forest health, wildlife value, soil quality**, and more! Join us to learn more about applying for assistance and how you can **do more with your land**.



Already managing your land? Join us to hear about the revamped **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)** which offers minimum yearly payments of \$1500 to qualifying land managers who exhibit high levels of stewardship of their land's resources! The deadline to apply for 2017 funding is **February 3**, so join us at a workshop or contact your local conservation district to learn more today!

Visit [healthylandsri.org](http://healthylandsri.org) any time to learn more.

Registration Is Mandatory For These FREE Events So We Can Keep You Updated About Snow Dates!

USDA is an equal opportunity employer, provider, and lender.

Northern RI Conservation District  
North Scituate Community House  
Monday, January 9  
5:30-6:30 546 West Greenville Road North Scituate, RI 02857  
Visit [nriscd.org](http://nriscd.org) or call 401-934-0840 to register!

Eastern RI Conservation District  
Tiverton Library  
Wednesday, January 11, 5:30-6:30  
Tiverton Public Library  
34 Roosevelt Avenue Tiverton, RI 02878  
Visit [easternriconservation.org](http://easternriconservation.org) or call 401-934-0842 to register!

Southern RI Conservation District  
Wednesday, January 25, 5:00-6:30  
Narragansett Indian Longhouse  
4375 South County Trail Charlestown, RI 02813  
Visit [sriscd.org](http://sriscd.org) or call 401-500-0422 to register!

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### Statewide Planning's Committee Meetings

#### State Planning Council

**Please note date change**  
**Thursday, January 26, 2017, 9:00 a.m.**  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, Conference Room A

#### Technical Committee

**Friday, January 6, 2017, 9:00 a.m.**  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, Conference Room A

### Transportation Advisory Committee

**Thursday, January 26, 2017, 6:30 p.m.**  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, Conference Room A

### RIGIS Executive Committee

**Thursday, March 16, 2017, 1:00 p.m.**  
USDA-NRCS, Main Conference Room  
60 Quaker Lane,



## 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](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<sup>®</sup>, 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.



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# LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LECTURE SERIES

THE  
UNIVERSITY  
OF RHODE ISLAND  
COLLEGE OF  
ARTS AND SCIENCES

SPRING

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](mailto:wagre@uri.edu).



## 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



- Monday, January 30, 2017, 6-7 p.m  
East Greenwich Police Dept. Community Room
- Monday, March 20, 2017, 6-7 p.m.  
Greenville Public Library, Smithfield

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](http://www.riweltesting.org)



The 2011-2015 5-Year American Community Survey estimates were released in December 2016.

The ACS releases 5 year estimates annually providing refreshed statistics for many geographies including the nation, all 50 states, counties, cities and towns, census tracts, and block groups. These estimates give even the smallest communities timely information on more than 40 topics, such as educational attainment, income, occupation, commuting to work, language spoken at home, nativity, ancestry and selected monthly homeowner costs.

To access the estimates tables for all published ACS geographies except those at the block group level, please visit the Census Bureau's American FactFinder.

<https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>

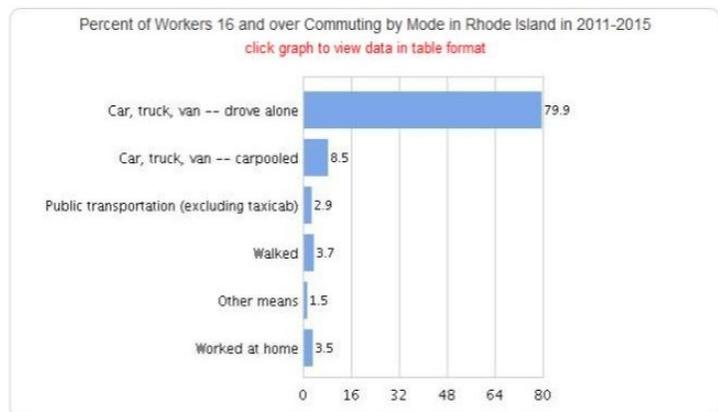
(to find the new data, select Advanced Search, and then Topics>Dataset>2015 ACS 5-year estimate).

The Census Bureau also produces Narrative Profiles at various geographic summary levels that utilize the new 2011-2015 5-year estimates data narratives are available from the Census Bureau website. <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles/2015/>

The following graphics are just two examples of topic areas available at the Rhode Island State level.

► **Commuting to Work**

An estimated 80 percent of Rhode Island workers drove to work alone in 2011-2015, and 9 percent carpooled. Among those who commuted to work, it took them on average 24 minutes to get to work.



► **Occupations**

Occupations for the civilian employed population 16 years and over in Rhode Island in 2011-2015:

Civilian employed population 16 years and over	Number	Percent
Management, business, sciences, and arts occupations	191,163	36.9
Service occupations	104,636	20.2
Sales and office occupations	126,595	24.4
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	37,389	7.2
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	58,387	11.3