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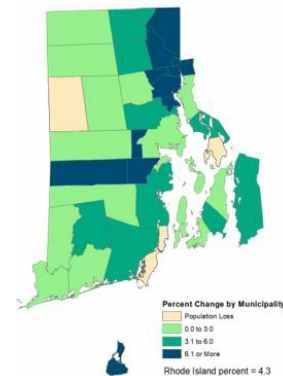
## October is Community Planning Month!

"By far the greatest and most admirable form of wisdom is that needed to plan and beautify cities and human communities." –Socrates

## Census Bureau Releases 2021 ACS, Income, and Poverty Data

The U.S. Census Bureau has released the 2021 Income, Poverty and Health Insurance statistics from the Current Population Survey Annual Social/Economic Supplement and the American Community Survey (ACS):

- *National 2021 Income statistics*: Annual release of estimates on income, earnings and inequality in order to evaluate national economic trends and to understand their effect on the well-being of households and individuals.
- *National 2021 Poverty statistics*: Annual release of official poverty and Supplemental Poverty Measure estimates to help understand the economic well-being of households, families and individuals based on national poverty rates and SPM rates for the nation and states.
- *2021 American Community Survey*: Statistics on numerous demographic, social, economic and housing characteristics (including language spoken at home, educational attainment, commute to work, employment, mortgage status and rent, as well as income, poverty and health insurance coverage) will be available for geographic areas with populations of 65,000+.
- *2021 American Community Survey Data Profiles, Detailed Tables, Comparison Profiles, Selected Population Profiles, Subject Tables and Summary File*.



If you have Census questions or data needs, please see Statewide Planning's website

## SNEAPA is October 6 & 7



Join fellow planners and friends *in person* in Providence on **October 6 & 7** at the 2022 Southern New England Conference of the American Planning Association (SNEAPA).

This year's SNEAPA features two days of high quality, hands-on and interactive sessions, mobile workshops, networking, and a fun reception at Waterplace Park! The Conference will be held at the Rhode Island Convention Center in beautiful downtown Providence.

Online registration is now closed, but you can register onsite at the Convention Center on October 6 & 7. (Please note that walk-in registrants are not guaranteed a lunch on either day).

Go to [www.sneapa.org](http://www.sneapa.org) for the full program and details. Don't miss it!

## Planner Spotlight

**Krista Moravec, AICP**, has over twenty years of experience in community planning with private and municipal clients across New England and the USVI. She works as a Senior Planner at Horsley Witten Group in Providence, where her focus is comprehensive and master plans, open space and recreational planning, and equity and environmental justice issues. A graduate of the University of Rhode Island, she holds a master's degree in Community Planning and a B.A. in Marine Affairs.



"As a professional planner, I've always worked as a consultant. I love consulting, because I meet new people and I have the opportunity to hear their unique stories. With every project, I learn something new about the planning field and about myself." Krista also enjoys developing creative and inclusive outreach programs that engage all members of a community, and is a member of HW's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion group.

In her free time, Krista can be found with camera in hand, capturing the beauty of Rhode Island, or attending a yoga class. Krista and her husband enjoy walking their dog Stella, watching soccer, and seeing live music. When her schedule allows, she likes riding her bike from Riverside to her office in downtown Providence.

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## Small Business Resiliency Training Opportunity

The RI Division of Statewide Planning is partnering with with the National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP) to host a [free](#) virtual training



on post-disaster economic recovery for small businesses. The focus is to help local planners, economic development committee members, and small business owners better prepare for (and bounce back from) catastrophic events by planning for disruptions that could potentially close businesses (and business districts) for days, or even for weeks.

The virtual workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 16 from 9AM-3PM (with time for lunch and breaks). The best part? It's free!

For more information and to register for the course, please go to the **NCDP webpage**. If you have any questions, please contact Roberta Groch, Assistant Chief, at [roberta.groch@doa.ri.gov](mailto:roberta.groch@doa.ri.gov). This training is made possible by a grant from FEMA.

## Photo Trivia



Do you know where in Rhode Island you can find this structure?

See the answer at the bottom of the newsletter!

## Upcoming Statewide Planning Meetings

All meetings are open to the public.  
Click on the links for virtual attendance information.

### [State Planning Council](#)

**October 13 - 9AM**

Room 2A (Cornelison Conference Room), 1 Capitol Hill, Providence

### [Technical Committee](#)

**October 14 - 9AM**

Room 2A (Cornelison Conference Room), 1 Capitol Hill, Providence

### [Water Resources Board](#)

**October 21 - 9 AM**

Room 300, RIDEM, 230 Promenade Street

### [Transportation Advisory Committee](#)

**October 27 - 5:30PM**

Room 2A (Cornelison Conference Room), 1 Capitol Hill, Providence

## Events

*Events may be held in person, virtually, or in a hybrid format.*

**October 1-24 [RI Archaeology Month](#).** Join the RI Historic Preservation & Heritage Commission for "ArchTober" events highlighting Rhode Island's archeological heritage! All events are free and open to the public.

**October 4 [The \(R\)evolution of Indigenous Food Systems of North America](#).** Learn about revitalization and awareness of Indigenous food systems. Time: 7PM. Location: Online and in person at URI's Edwards Auditorium, 64 Upper College Rd, Kingston. Free.

**October 4 [The Role of Technology in Modernizing Supply Chains](#).** Hear from representatives from the trucking, railroad, and port sectors about the new technologies and strategies they are using to address long term objectives related to safety, decarbonization, and efficiency. Time: 2PM. Free.

**October 4 [Using Grant Funding to Build Resilience](#).** FEMA webinar will provide information and an overview to applicants and sub-applicants on how to develop and submit applications for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Time: 2PM-3:30PM. Free.

**October 6-7 [SNEAPA 2022 in Providence](#)** The annual Southern New England Conference of the American Planning Association (SNEAPA) is one of the best learning experiences for planners in the region. See article, above. Location: Rhode Island Convention Center. Fee: \$50 -\$310. Walk-in registration is available.

**October 6 [Effectively Using Social Media to Market Your Trail or Organization](#).** This webinar will help "cut through the noise" of what the social media platforms actually do, who they target, and how to use them effectively. Time: 1PM-2PM. Free.

**October 6 [National Perspectives on Walking and Pedestrian Safety: Where We Are and How We Move Forward](#).** Look at national efforts on pedestrian safety, where things stand, and how the country is moving forward. Learn about the importance of the safe system approach to traffic safety in protecting vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians and bicyclists. Time: 1:030AM-12PM. Free.

**October 11 [Black Food, Black Liberation: Thinking, Writing, and Living Beyond Black](#).** Join a discussion of Black food culture, social justice, and community resilience. Time: 7PM. Location: Online, and in person at URI's Edwards Auditorium, 64 Upper College Rd., Kingston. Free.

**October 11 [Seeing the Future: Art Installations and Climate Change](#).** Part of the URI Landscape Architecture Lecture Series. Time: 7PM. Location: Pharmacy Building- Room 170, University of RI, 7 Greenhouse Road, Kingston. Free.

**October 11 [Supporting Small Businesses on Main Street](#)** Learn the top three types of support small businesses want and how to create effective programs to support your small business. Time: 10AM-11AM. Free. 1 CM.

**October 12 [Disability Equity Policy Initiative: A Conversation on Including Disability in Data Collection](#).** Webinar will discuss importance of advocating for disability inclusion in data collection and applying a disability lens to our work. Time: 12:30PM-2PM. Free.

**October 15 [RI Historic District Commission Professional Education & Training](#).** Free

Saturday training by instructors from the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions to make your commission work stronger! Time: 9:30AM-4:30PM (lunch included). Location: Peace Dale Neighborhood Guild, 30 Columbia St., South Kingstown. Free.

**October 17-19 [NNECAPA 2022 Planning Conference](#)** The Conference of the Northern New England Chapter of the APA (NNECAPA) will touch on all aspects of the planning world and will include an additional half-day of programming. Location: Sunday River Resort, Newry, Maine. Fee: \$110-\$330.

**October 18 [Building Connections: How Communities Can Use Federal Funds to Connect People to Place, Opportunity, and Each Other.](#)** Webinar will highlight federal funding that can be used to improve health, connectivity, community engagement, mobility, and sustainability. Time: 2PM-3:15PM. Free.

**October 18 [“Hot Topics” with the RIDEM Office Chiefs.](#)** This EBC Rhode Island leadership program will feature the Director and chiefs of key offices at RIDEM on “hot topics” ranging from PFAS to upcoming changes to site remediation regulations. Time: 9AM-12:30PM. Location: Matunuck Room, 225 Dyer Street, Providence. Fee: \$25-\$120.

**October 18-20 [Charting a Resilient Future for US Workers: Solutions to Navigate an Uncertain Economy.](#)** Learn innovative policies and practices aimed at improving job quality and economic mobility, and creative, cross-sector solutions so that workers, businesses, and communities can thrive. Time: 2PM-4:30PM. Free.

**October 19 [Creating Policy for Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure.](#)** This webinar will describe approaches and use cases for public charging infrastructure, considerations communities need to take in land use planning, and the best practices in regulations for EV charging. Time: 1PM-2:30PM. Free. 1.5 CM.

**October 19 [Green Corridors, Blue Corridors: Planning to Protect our Natural Assets.](#)** Analysis techniques will be discussed to show how natural resources can be leveraged for ecological, recreational, cultural, and resiliency purposes/benefits. Time: 12PM. Fee: \$5. 1.25 CM

**October 20 [Autonomous Delivery Vehicles: How to Shape the Future with a Focus on Safety?](#)** Frequent stops and mobility among ADVs in residential neighborhoods cause safety-related concerns, leading to a need for a comprehensive safety impact analysis. Time: 11AM. Free.

**October 20 [Rethinking Effective Community Engagement Around Transportation Decision-Making.](#)** Webinar will discuss the Community Transportation Academy (CTA), why CTAs can be good for community members and transportation agencies, and how to bring a CTA to your city. Time: 2PM. Free. 1 CM.

**October 20 [GIS Visualization Tools for Land Use Decision Makers.](#)** This webinar will introduce the basics of geographic information system (GIS) technologies and their role in visualizing spatial information to help provide insights for land use decision makers and communicate to the public. Time: 6:30PM-7:30PM. Fee: \$20.

**October 20 [Microtransit Innovation in Rural Mobility.](#)** Microtransit is increasingly in urban areas but is still a relatively new model in rural communities seeking ways to expand affordable travel options, but challenging fixed-route transit. Time: 1PM-2:30PM. Fee: \$60. 1.5 CM.

**October 21 [Zoning for Equity, Resiliency, and a Post-Pandemic World.](#)** Learn about

how we can critically examine zoning codes to center equity, resiliency, and walkability in our land use policy. Time: 1PM-2:30PM. Free. 1.5 CM.

**October 26 [Smartphone-Based Incentive Framework for Dynamic Network-Level Traffic Congestion Management.](#)** Learn about using smartphone-based frameworks to develop/utilize incentives (monetary, value-based, travel-related credits, etc.) that influence drivers' decisions in congested traffic networks. Time: 12PM. Free.

**October 27 [Expanding Access to Pedestrian Infrastructure and Improving Public Safety: Tools and Case Studies.](#)** Learn how transit and pedestrian infrastructure can be improved to expand access and improve public safety, through tools and case studies. Time: 10:30AM-12PM. Free.

**October 28 [When it Rains, it Pours: A Dialogue on Urban Flooding Across the U.S.](#)** This session will educate planners on the causes of urban flooding and how it differs from river and coastal flooding. Learn how the decisions we make as planners can exacerbate the problem or improve outcomes. Time: 1PM-2:30PM. Free.

## Grants & Deadlines

**October 4 [FY22 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program.](#)** The purpose of the RCE Program is to provide funding for highway-rail and pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods.

**October 5 [Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants.](#)** This National Endowment for the Humanities program is to strengthen the institutional base of the humanities by enabling infrastructure development and capacity building. Awards of federal matching funds for capitol projects and digital infrastructure.

**October 6 [National Archives](#)** deadline for the following grant programs: [Public Engagement with Historical Records](#); [Archival Projects](#); and [Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions](#).

**October 7 [Community Wildfire Defense Grant 2022 Northeast-Midwest](#)** assists at-risk local communities and Indian Tribes with planning and mitigating against the risk created by wildfire, prioritizing at-risk communities in an area with high wildfire hazard potential, are low-income, and/or have been impacted by a severe disaster.

**October 10 [NRCS Wetland Mitigation Banking Program](#)** for the development and establishment of mitigation banks and banking opportunities solely for agricultural producers with wetlands subject to the wetland conservation compliance provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985.

**October 11 [NRCS Conservation Innovation Grants](#)** is a competitive program that supports the development of new tools, approaches, practices, and technologies to further natural resource conservation on private lands.

**October 13 [Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program: Planning Grants and Capital Construction Grants.](#)** USDOT funding to reconnect communities that were previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. Funding supports planning grants and capital construction grants, and technical assistance.

**October 18 [Healthy Homes Production Grant Program](#)** takes a comprehensive

approach to addressing multiple childhood diseases and injuries in the home by focusing on housing-related hazards in a coordinated fashion, rather than addressing a single hazard at a time.

## Articles of Interest

[An impending climate reality: flooding threaten vulnerable communities in RI](#)

[Judge puts brakes on unrelated renter ordinance](#)

[Here's what's being proposed for RI's last Friendly's](#)

[Rhode Island communities banding together to purchase electricity](#)

[Resident plans to appeal to RI Supreme Court after ruling on development](#)

[Rhode Island joins multi-state agreement to propose a regional hydrogen hub](#)

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## Photo Trivia Answer

**COVENTRY**

**Interlaken Mill Bridge** (1885)

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