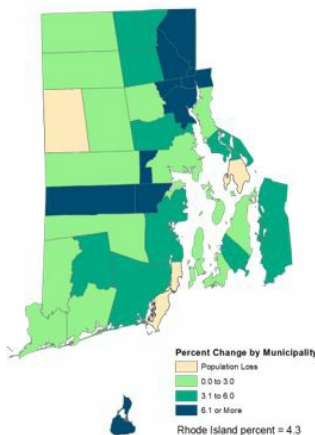




March 2022

2020 Census Population Changes



The release of the 2020 U.S. Census redistricting data this past fall provides new information about the demographics of our state and local communities.

Between 2010 and 2020, Rhode Island's population grew to 1,097,379 people, an increase of 4.3% from 2010. The U.S. saw a 7.4% increase in population, while the percent change in New England was 4.6%. Rhode Island saw the third highest increase in New England after Massachusetts (7.4%) and New Hampshire (4.6%).

Every county in RI saw a population increase in Rhode Island. Providence County experienced the largest numeric increase between 2010-2020, with an additional 34,074 residents, primarily located in Central Falls, Providence and...

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Land Use Commission- March Update

The Land Use Commission created by the RI General Assembly has been hard at work since November. The Commission has a broad charge: "To study the entire area of land use, preservation, development, housing, environment and regulation." Commission members have heard presentations on planning basics, the State Guide Plan and process and regulatory concerns

from the development community. The commission will be looking for varied approaches and input from the public and the planning community regarding needs. Commission Vice-Chair Maria Mack says, "Municipal input will be an essential part of the



process." Because of the Commission's scope, legislation has been submitted to extend the end date of its work from April 30, 2022 to June 8, 2023.

The APA-RI has submitted a document, "Better Land Use 2022," which can be found along with previous presentations on the [Land Use Commission page](#) within the General Assembly website. Meeting recordings can be found in the [Capital TV section](#) of the General Assembly website. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1 at 1PM, which will be a joint meeting with the Low and Moderate Income Housing Act Study Commission: the meeting will be held in the House lounge, as well as live-streamed on [Capital TV](#).

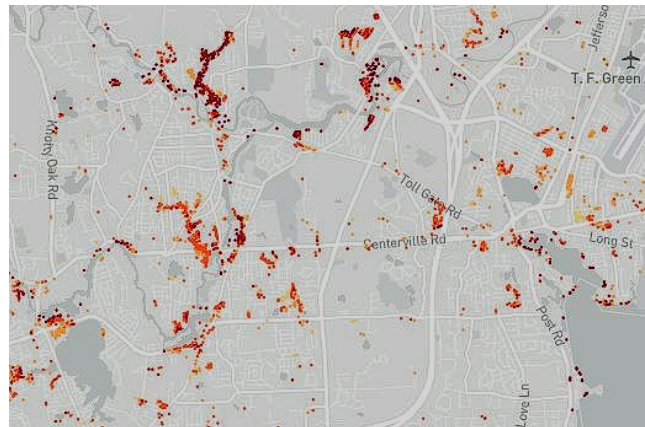
Planning Tool: Flood Factor

Flooding is the most expensive natural disaster in the United States, costing over \$1 trillion since 1980 (in inflation-adjusted dollars). [Flood Factor](#) is a free, online tool created by the nonprofit First Street Foundation that makes it easy for planners to view flood risk information at the property level and to understand how flood risks are changing.

Based on a location's history and geographic information (such as elevation, climate, proximity to water, and adaptation measures), the Flood Factor model analyzes select probabilities (0.2%, 1%, 10%, 20%, and 50%) to create hazard layers that show where and how deep flooding might occur for each probability. The model includes a location's probability of flooding from four major flood types: rain, riverine, tidal events, and storm surge.

Flood Factor also includes risk from urban stormwater flooding and future environmental changes, like sea level rise and precipitation patterns.

The resulting high, median, and low environmental scenarios are used to calculate current and future flood risks to show how risk will change in fifteen years and in thirty years. Flood Factor should be viewed as complementary to the adopted [FEMA flood maps](#), which are required for building and permitting purposes. But this additional tool for planners can provide a strong indication of where flood impacts are, and will be, greatest in their community.



Flood Factor risk map for Warwick/West Warwick.

Upcoming Statewide Planning Meetings

Please check the links for public meeting format information or cancellations.

[Technical Committee](#)

March 4 - 9AM

Room 2A, 1 Capitol Hill, Providence

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

State Planning Council

March 10 - 9AM

Room 2A, 1 Capitol Hill, Providence

RIGIS Executive Committee

March 17- 2PM

Cranston Public Library
140 Sockanosset Cross Rd.

Transportation Advisory Committee

March 24 - 5:30PM

Room 2A, 1 Capitol Hill, Providence



See the answer at the bottom of the newsletter!

Events

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

March 1 [Electric Vehicle Charging Networks: Strategies, Models and Data.](#) In this webinar, researchers will discuss the policy implications of the IIJA for how states should be planning for an electric future, with examples of stakeholder coordination and funding mechanisms. Time: 2PM-3PM. Free.

March 1, 8, 15 & 22 [How to Create Successful Markets](#) This Project for Public Spaces virtual training is for planners, policymakers, and advocates to learn the essentials for a public market that is economically sustainable and creates inclusive public places. Time: 10AM-12PM. Fee: \$375-\$500.

March 2 [Advancing Racial Equity Through Land Use Planning](#) Hear examples of two cities addressing racial inequity through their land use planning tools and codes during this virtual event. Time: 12PM-1:30PM. Free.

March 3 [Let's Get Down To Business: Making the Most of the Ground Floor.](#) Join ULI Boston's panel of experts as they share their insights as how the ground floor will be reprogrammed for a post-COVID world and where the opportunities to create value exist. Time: 10AM-11AM. Fee: \$20-\$40.

March 4 [Stories from the Bike Equity Network.](#) Stories from the Bike Equity Network will be shared by Adonia Lugo, author of the book *Bicycle/Race*, that define bike equity, mobility justice, and how to open the sustainable transportation and mobility field to more voices and experiences. Time: 2:30PM-3:30PM. Free. 1 CM.

March 4 [Unprecedented Funding for Unprecedented Times: Demystifying Federal Funds for Climate Resilience.](#) This virtual forum will bring speakers from various levels of government and community organizations to help us understand ways to leverage funds to boost climate resilience. Time: 10AM-12PM. Fee: \$5-\$10.

March 8 [Coastal Resources Management Program Public Hearing: Rules and Regulations Governing the Protection and Management of Freshwater Wetlands in the Vicinity of the Coast.](#) The CRMC proposes to repeal and replace the existing freshwater wetlands in the vicinity of the coast rules upon the adoption and implementation of proposed new rules identified as [650-RICR-20-00-9](#). Time: 6PM via Zoom.

March 8 [Land to Sea Speaker Series: Improving Climate Resilience at Fogland Beach](#)

Learn about collaborative efforts between the Town of Tiverton and Save The Bay to increase climate resilience by restoring coastal dunes and infiltrating stormwater to reduce flooding of roads and improve coastal habitats. Time: 6:30 PM-7:30PM. Free.

March 8 [Proposed RIPTA Service Changes in Downtown Providence](#) public listening sessions (virtual). Times: 12PM-1PM and 6PM-7PM.

March 9 [Mobility Hubs II: Lessons and Learnings from Pittsburgh and Cleveland](#)

experts who have implemented hubs in their cities to discuss their lessons learned, understand what's worked, what hasn't, and next steps they are planning. Time: 12PM-1PM. Free.

March 9 [Punitive and Cooperative Cities](#). Chicago's automated traffic enforcement fines are disproportionately borne by Black, Latinx, and low-income residents. Simultaneously, Chicago is about to implement a major community wealth building initiative: join to hear a lively and inspiring virtual conversation. Time: 12PM. Free.

March 10 [Exploring Data Fusion Techniques to Derive Bicycle Volumes on a Network](#)

Learn about a method for evaluating and integrating emerging sources of bicycle activity data with conventional demand data and methods to predict network-wide bicycle volumes. Time: 2PM-3PM. Free.

March 11 [RI Planners' Book Club](#). This month's book is *Know Your Price: Valuing Black Lives and Property in America's Black Cities* by Andre M. Perry. Perry provides a new value paradigm to limit the effects of racism in the future. Time: 12PM-1PM. Free. 1 Equity CM.

March 17 [The Comprehensive Plan: Sustainable, Resilient, and Equitable Communities for the 21st Century](#)

The practice of comprehensive planning is changing dramatically to address the need for more sustainable, resilient, and equitable communities. Learn about addressing the challenges facing communities today. Time: 1PM-2:30PM. Free. 1.5 CM.

March 18 [Adaptation Basics for Planners](#). Panelists will identify synergies between adaptation and mitigation, as well as the perspective required to blend these strategies in planning practice. Examples will be drawn from across the U.S. Time: 1PM-2:30PM. Free. 1.5 CM Sustainability.

March 18 [Addressing Gendered Harassment and Women's Travel Needs](#). Learn about disparities and solutions for gendered travel differences, with research from a worldwide survey of public transit harassment, and issues that make women's travel needs distinct from their male counterparts. Time: 2:30PM-3:30PM. Free. 1 CM.

March 18 [Update on Rhode Island's Environmental, Energy, and Climate Programs](#)

. This EBC webinar features the leadership of the RIDEM, the Office of Energy Resources, and the Chief Resilience Officer giving an update on environmental and climate programs and priorities for RI. Time: 9AM-11:30AM. Fee: \$25-\$120.

March 22 [Housing 2022: The Devil is in the Details](#)

A frank conversation hosted by the APA Northern New England Chapter on the economics of development and the impact of land use regulations on housing supply and affordability, as well as strategies for engaging community on these issues. Time: 12PM-1:30PM. Free.

March 24 [Recreation Impact Monitoring System \(RIMS\) Mobile Application: How to](#)

Measure Resource Impacts From Our Favorite Outdoor Pursuits. Learn about the free RIMS app, which was developed by the Colorado Mountain Club for trail maintenance reporting, visitor use monitoring, conflict reporting, and more. Time: 1PM-2PM. Free.

March 25 [Digital Planning in a Digital World.](#) Covid has impacted public engagement and the soft costs of permitting and design: this webcast features cities that have made their backends (permitting, plan review) and front ends (comprehensive plans, maps) more accessible, engaging, and transparent. Time: 1PM-2:30PM. Free. 1.5 CM.

March 27-30 [2022 National Bike Summit.](#) Learn about the choices ahead about how the bike movement can shape the future for the next generation, from climate change to racial equity. The Summit is a hybrid event, with online content plus in-person programming in Washington, DC. Fee: \$55-\$450. Youth are free.

March 30 [RIDEM Freshwater Wetlands Training: Exemptions.](#) This virtual workshop for planners, consultants, and others preparing wetlands applications will discuss the new Freshwater Wetlands rules (250-RICR-150-15-3) that take effect on July 1, 2022. Time: 3PM-4:30PM. Free.

March 31 [Equity in Transportation Planning.](#) Historically, transportation infrastructure has divided communities: webinar speakers will discuss ways infrastructure can reconnect people across these divisions. Time: 12PM-1:30PM. Free.

March 31 [Identifying Obstacles to Development and Making Way for Small-Scale Change.](#) You need greater housing options, affordable commercial spaces, and small-scale development: learn about the obstacles preventing incremental development and entrepreneurship. Time: 1PM. Fee: \$25.

Anytime [SmartCitiesWorld](#) has free webinars about technology topics like traffic management, connected and autonomous mobility, public engagement, the impacts of 5G, data, sustainability, and more.

Grants

March 4 [Agricultural Land Easements Program](#) deadline. NRCS Program helps protect the agricultural use and conservation values of eligible land; in the case of working farms, the program helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture.

March 7 [Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity \(RAISE\)](#) funds from the US DOT help large and small communities fix/modernize their infrastructure, plus a variety of projects; examples of funded projects include: dedicated bus lanes, highway/bridge repairs, dock replacements, and rail-to-trail projects.

March 10 [RI Rebounds Take It Outside Small Business Assistance](#) deadline. Proposers are encouraged to create, design, and offer assistance that best meets the needs of negatively-impacted small businesses in communities. Eligible Proposers include nonprofit organizations, chambers of commerce, municipalities, merchant associations, arts/cultural organizations, and tourism regions.

March 10 [Save America's Treasures Collection and Historic Preservation Grants](#) deadline. One program is for preservation projects for properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places or designated a National Historic Landmark; and one for projects involving collections, including museum collections, documents, and art.

March 22 [AARP Community Challenge](#) provides small grants for quick-action projects to improve public spaces, housing, transportation and civic engagement; support diversity and inclusion; build engagement; and for innovative ideas that support people age 50+.

March 28 [Research Grants for the Arts](#). This National Endowment for the Arts program supports research on the value and impact of the arts, either as components of the U.S. arts ecology or as they interact with each other and with other domains of American life.

March 31 [RI Foundation Community Grants](#). Program provides up to \$10,000 for community-making efforts focusing on: building social networks, improving quality of life, and increasing community engagement; developing strong relationships; enhancing the role of shared public spaces; and helping to solve problems.

March 31 [Specialty Crop Block Grant](#) deadline. RIDEM funds for projects that enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops: fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, horticulture, and nursery crops, including floriculture.

Articles of Interest

[Two visions for city's downtown](#)

[Mass. law requires upzoning in communities](#)

[RI train station access details still being sorted out](#)

[Bowling alley to be demolished for mixed-used development](#)

[Milk Can's future still clouded](#)

[State lawmakers and broadband providers disagree about access in RI](#)

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