



June 2024

"Resilient Route 114" Workshops



The Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning and the Towns of Barrington, Warren, and Bristol are partnering on a plan to identify existing problem areas along Route 114 in Bristol County and assess the best ways to prevent future issues caused by flooding from extreme storm events and sea level rise.

There are two upcoming informational public workshops:

- **June 4 at 7PM** at Bristol Town Hall, 10 Court Street; and
- **June 6 at 7PM** at Barrington Town Hall, 281 County Road.

These workshops will introduce the project and present the existing and future conditions analysis, and allows members of the public to offer feedback on observations, concerns, and project goals, and to ask questions.

The goal of the plan is to engage local, regional, and state stakeholders to develop an actionable plan that allows the Barrington, Bristol, and Warren communities to maximize the value of future investments that will be required to make the Route 114 corridor more resilient to flooding. The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) and the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) are also members of the project management team, along with consultant Fuss & O'Neill.

The plan is part of Statewide Planning's "Planning for a Livable Future" technical assistance program. For more information, please see Statewide Planning's webpage about the project or contact Principal Planner Caitlin Greeley.

Next Planners' Roundtable - June 6

The next Planners' Roundtable discussion will be held on:

Thursday, June 6 at 2:30PM
at the
Barrington Public Library, 281 County Road
in the Collier Family Gallery.



The roundtable will feature a presentation about the link between

economic development and schoolchildren, and a presentation/discussion about the 2024 legislative session. If you cannot attend in person, you can also join virtually [via Zoom](#).

Co-sponsored by the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Planner Spotlight

Daniel Geagan, Deputy Director of Planning, has been with the Warwick Planning Department since 1996. He manages all major commercial development projects, grant writing, and also maintains the City's GIS and telecommunication leases. Dan's interests in planning include commercial development/redevelopment, coastal planning, and protection of public access to the shore.

Some of the notable projects that Dan has worked on include serving as lead planner for the acquisition and development of Rocky Point Park. Along with former Director Bill DePasquale; managing the rewrite of the City's Comprehensive Plan; and the substantial planning and development related to City Centre Warwick. He was also the lead municipal planner for planning and development of the Interlink Intermodal facility and has served on multiple committees, including the T.F. Green Master Plan Technical Advisory Committee and Governor Almond's Task Force on Narragansett Bay.

Dan received a B.A. in Environmental Science from Wheaton College and a Master's degree from the University of Rhode Island in Marine Affairs. Outside of the office, he coaches youth soccer, spends time with his family, plays hockey, enjoys saltwater fishing, and watches his two daughters' soccer and lacrosse games.

Dan is retiring at the end of the month, so please [reach out](#) and congratulate him!

Last Call for Check-ins!



It's time for Statewide Planning to wrap up our annual check-ins with municipal planners around Rhode Island.

To stay connected to municipal planners in the State, we reach out annually to local planners to find out how they are doing, what they are working on, and how we can help them.

Municipal planners can always contact Statewide Planning is always available for assistance with an issue or problem. As a result of our visits, we have helped local planners by researching ordinances and regulations in other places, connecting planners who are working on similar projects, provided leads on potential funding sources, and much more.

If you missed our first email request for a check-in, please contact [Roberta Groch](#) before June 30 to schedule a virtual (or in-person) thirty-minute meeting. We look forward to meeting with you!

Upcoming Statewide Planning Meetings

[Planners' Roundtable/Technical Committee](#)

June 6 - 2:30PM

[RIGIS Executive Board](#)

June 20- 2PM

William Hall Library Auditorium

Barrington Public Library
281 County Rd.- Collis Family Gallery

State Planning Council

June 13 - 9AM

Room 2A, 1 Capitol Hill (DOA)
Providence

Water Resources Board

June 12 - 9AM

Rm 300, 235 Promenade St. Providence

All meetings are open to the public.

1825 Broad Street, Cranston

Transportation Advisory Committee

June 27 - 5:30PM

Rm 300, 235 Promenade St. Providence



"Conducting Public Meetings" Workshop

The Statewide Planning Land Use and Education Team will hold a three-hour introductory training workshop, "Conducting Public Meetings," for municipal board members on **Wednesday June 26, 2024** via Zoom, in the evening.

To register, potential participants should send the following details to [Nancy Hess](#) using the email they will use for the workshop:

- Name;
- Municipality;
- Board affiliation- Historic, Planning, or Zoning; and
- Phone number.



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

Find the answer at the bottom of the newsletter!

Events

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

June 4 [Cutting-Edge Solutions for Roadway Safety.](#) Hear how the state of Georgia improved its traffic safety-related projects and used a proactive and data-driven approach to roadway safety. Time: 2PM. Free.

June 6 [Building Social Capital for Climate Resilient Communities.](#) Forum will explore the connection between social capital and disaster response/recovery outcomes, and strategies for building social resilience. Time: 9:30AM-12:30PM. Fee: \$15-\$45 for virtual attendance.

June 6 [How Street Design Contributes to the Pedestrian Safety Crisis.](#) A startling 7,522 people were killed while walking in 2022. This webinar will dive into *Dangerous by Design 2024*, detail the national trends in the epidemic of pedestrian deaths, and more. Time: 1PM. Free. 1.5 CM.

June 6 [Planners' Roundtable Discussion.](#) See article, above. Location: Barrington Public Library,

261 County Rd., Collier Family Gallery. Time: 2:30PM-4PM. Free.

June 11 [Overcoming Barriers: Innovative Practices to Securing Federal Funding.](#) Interactive discussion exploring barriers and tips to accessing federal funding for trail and active transportation networks. Time: 2PM. Free.

June 12 [Community Gardens as a Resilience Tool.](#) Explore the many co-benefits of community gardens, including increased climate resilience, strengthened community connections, and increased accessibility to food growing. Time: 12PM. Free.

June 12 [RI Climate Justice Hour- Stormwater](#) How does addressing flooding issues benefit your communities and your neighborhood? How can you get involved? Find out in this interactive session hosted by OER. Time: 6PM. Location: Online and at Hope & Main, 691 Main St., Warren.

June 12 [Southeast New England Program \(SNEP\) Symposium.](#) Learn about the latest research on environmental issues facing our region and hear new approaches and solutions. Time: 8:30AM-5:30PM. Location: Roger Williams University School of Law, 10 Metacom Ave., Bristol. Free.

June 13 [Navigating Brain Drain: Knowledge Management for the Public Sector.](#) Learn ways to ensure that when team members leave, their invaluable institutional knowledge and key relationships don't go with them. Time: 1PM. Free.

June 13 [Three Ways to Estimate the Economic Impact of Trails and Outdoor Recreation.](#) Webinar will show ways to use research and data to estimate the economic effects of trails and outdoor recreation and how to quantify other types of economic benefits. Time: 1PM. Free. 1 CM.

June 13 [When Driving is Not an Option: Designing Transportation for Involuntary Non-drivers](#) When the needs of involuntary nondrivers are viewed as essential to transportation system design, the changes will lead to healthier, climate-friendly communities for everyone. Time: 1PM. Free. 1.5 CM.

June 14 [Meaningful Public Involvement in Transportation Decision-making.](#) Training will introduce key Civil Rights principles (including Title VI) and draw from examples that address Civil Rights compliance in the transportation decision-making process. Time: 12PM. Free.

June 14 [What Historic Maps Reveal About the Formation of Racial-Environmental Inequality in U.S. Cities.](#) Learn about the racialization of environmental risk, as nonwhite residents increasingly came to occupy the same neighborhoods as hazardous industry. Time: 12PM. Free. 1 CM.

June 17-18 [Electricity System Operability and Reliability Under Increasing Complexity.](#) Workshop will discuss improving the operational integrity of the U.S. electricity grid while incorporating new technologies and distributed elements. Time: 8:30AM-5:30PM. Free.

June 18 [Climate Change Research & Technology.](#) Hear the latest developments from leading experts in this U.S. DOT webinar. Time: 2PM-3:30PM. Free.

June 20 [Lessons from 40 Years of Public Housing Policy: Where Do We Go from Here?](#) Hear policies that have shaped public housing, ways public housing authority leaders are innovating with chronic underfunding, and future directions for public housing. Time: 1PM. Free.

June 21 [Take Me Out to the Ballgame: Connecting Stadiums to Communities.](#) When carefully planned with their surroundings, sports facilities offer the opportunity to revitalize communities, promote economic development, and create great places. Time: 1PM-2:30PM. Free. 1.5 CM.

June 24-26 [4th International Conference on Access Management](#) "Safety and Design from the Curb to the Interchange for All Users." Learn techniques on the interaction between transportation

and land use. Location: Sheraton Boston Hotel, 39 Dalton Street, Boston. Fee: \$475-\$875.

June 25 [Moving Forward RI 2050: Public Workshop](#). Share your experience travelling around Rhode Island and help shape our state's twenty-five year transportation plan! Time: 5PM-7PM. Location : Newport Public Library, Friends Room, 300 Spring Street. Free.

June 25-27 [Planning Effective Projects for Coastal Communities](#). This virtual, interactive workshop (presented by NOAA's Office for Coastal Management) will teach how to design a project that has the intended impact and achieves measurable results. Time: 8:30AM-4:30PM. Free. 12 CM, 8 CFM.

June 26 [Conducting Public Meetings](#). To register for this Statewide Planning virtual workshop for municipal Board members, potential participants should send the following to [Nancy Hess](#) using the email they will use for the workshop: name, municipality, board affiliation (Historic, Planning, or Zoning), and phone number. Time: Evening. Free.

June 28 [Digital Tools for Water and Land Education](#). Learn about web-based tools to help educate the next generation of water and land planners and the general public about water sustainability. Time: 1PM-2:30PM. Free. 1.5 CM.

Grants & Deadlines

June 5 [Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement \(PRICE\)](#) grants are for the preservation and revitalization of manufactured housing and eligible manufactured housing communities.

June 7 [Rural Community Innovations: Transportation Planning Grant](#) fund transportation plans that address accessibility and equity. Eligible applicants are rural nonprofit or government organizations, including community organizations involved in the administration, delivery, or coordination of public transit, human services transportation, aging, or disability services.

June 7 [Southeast New England Program \(SNEP\) Opportunity to Advance Resilience \(SOAR\)](#) to improve ecosystem health and build resilience to the unique water quality, habitat and climate stressors faced within southeast coastal watersheds.

June 9 [Trail Grants](#) from the Rails to Trails Conservancy will fund projects and programs that create access to trails for more people across the country. Grants range between \$5,000 and \$25,000.

June 10 [HUD Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants](#) support the development of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans that focus on directing resources to address the three core goals of housing, people, and neighborhoods.

June 12 [Digital Projects for the Public](#) supports projects that interpret and analyze humanities content in primarily digital platforms, such as websites, mobile applications and tours, interactive touch screens and kiosks.

June 12 [Public Impact Projects](#) grants seek to assist small- and mid-sized cultural organizations by funding expansion of the scope, reach, and excellence of their public programs.

June 13 [Digital Humanities Advancement Grants](#) support innovative, experimental, and/or challenging digital projects to enhance research, teaching, and programming in the humanities.

June 17 [Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program \(ATIIP\)](#) is a new FHWA grant program that will award funds to develop plans and fund construction for active transportation

networks and active transportation spines.

June 20 [The STOP School Violence Program](#) is designed to improve school safety by providing students, teachers, and staff with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and prevent acts of violence.

June 21 [Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Fund Grants](#) DEM and CRMC are jointly soliciting project proposals for the OSCAR Program. Eligible adaptation and resilience projects include those projects on public lands that protect or enhance coastal or riverine habitats to address climate change impacts.

June 30 [T-Mobile Hometown Grants](#) are for projects in towns with fewer than 50,000 people and are for historic rehabilitation, creating a public asset or destination, or improving a public space.

Articles of Interest

[World's largest 3D printer in Maine creates houses out of sawdust](#)

[The Class of 2024 is applying to more government jobs](#)

[Carousel at bakery not a zoning violation](#)

[East Bay Bike Path replacement bridges approved](#)

[Transitional housing development will help at-risk women and children](#)

[RI receives funding to protect transportation infrastructure from sea level rise, flooding](#)

[Modular vs. manufactured homes: What's the difference?](#)

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