

November 2018

## From the Associate Director

Before you know it, it's going to be Thanksgiving, and then Christmas, and then 2019 will march right in the door. Time flies, seasons change, and I'm looking out my office window at a landscape that's suddenly and rapidly changing colors, in the wake of two tornado warnings in Rhode Island in a single week. I can't help but think that the frequency and severity of storms are a sure sign of climate change, even as our beaches erode, or infrastructure is flooded or undermined, and wildlife migration patterns vary, reshaping local ecosystems. If you haven't, please take the time to read about the most recent IPCC statement and why it matters. I've found the following National Geographic article [is a good summation:](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/2018/10/ipcc-report-climate-change-impacts-forests-emissions/) <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/2018/10/ipcc-report-climate-change-impacts-forests-emissions/>.

This month, we've been to North Kingstown for a freight scan, attended SNEAPA and the URI Transportation Forum, received support for the Division and the strengths we can bring to the table, moved forward on a number of projects, and set the stage to reconnect Statewide Planning with all of our communities. Phew! That's a lot of work around holidays and the autumnal creeping crud.

I still have a lot to learn, and I really could use your help. What do you want me to see in your communities? I'll be coming to each city and town in November, one or two cities and towns at a time. While you are thinking about what your community does best, please don't forget to nominate plans and implemented projects for the APA-RI Awards! It's not too late, and it's a simple online process: please highlight the best and brightest: <https://www.rhodeislandapa.org/celebrate/apa-ri-awards/>.

As always, don't hesitate to e-mail [Meredith.brady@doa.ri.gov](mailto:Meredith.brady@doa.ri.gov) or call me at (401) 222-6496 and I'll do my best to respond as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued advice and support!

## RI Emerges Victorious in "Game of Zones"

This year's Southern New England American



Planning Association ("SNEAPA") Conference in Hartford featured a different take on the Connecticut APA Chapter's usual "Land Use Jeopardy" game: questions were based on scenarios that might be found in "Game of Thrones." Each of the three New England APA chapters chose one member to compete in each of three rounds. The RI contestants ("House Tully") were: (l. to r. in photo) Nate

Kelly, AICP, Principal Planner at the Horsley Witten Group; Jason Pezzuolo, AICP, Planning Director for the City of Cranston; and our own Associate Director Meredith Brady. Not only did the RI Chapter vanquish the competitors, but both Nate and Meredith got in the spirit by competing in costume!

One of the questions asked of contestants was: "In the North, the Wildlings are planning to start a Valyrian Steel smelting plant to create swords to aid in the fight against white walkers. The Starks in Winterfell dislike white walkers, but do not want this smelting use so close to their castle. What acronym is commonly used to describe opposition to a land use in close proximity to the opposing residents' property?" (Answer: "NIMBY," which stands for "not in my backyard").

## Quonset Freight Scan



On October 23, twenty state, local, and private-sector freight partners participated in a half-day event at Quonset Business Park to learn about the impact freight movements have on the community and the importance freight companies have on the local and state economy. The RI Division of Statewide Planning organized tours of two of the largest freight companies in North Kingstown: automotive importers North Atlantic Distribution Inc. and the

newly-expanded distribution warehouse of Ocean State Job Lot.

The goals of the municipal freight scan are to give municipal staff and partners an increased understanding of freight and goods movement within their community and help develop a greater capacity to address freight issues through short-range and long-range planning. This event is part of the Division's municipal freight planning effort that will target other communities in the coming year. A freight planning web page will soon be developed for North Kingstown, along with a new page on the Division of Statewide Planning's website to summarize the economic impacts of freight. Anyone interested in learning more about this effort can contact Supervising Planner Josh O'Neill at [joshua.oneill@doa.ri.gov](mailto:joshua.oneill@doa.ri.gov) or 401-222-4849.

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning are seeking public input on outdoor recreation across our state to help to inform the Rhode Island Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan ("SCORP"). Your feedback will help create better outdoor opportunities for all Rhode Islanders and visitors and will be used to help prioritize funding for future projects.



Please attend an upcoming round table discussion to talk about Rhode Island's outdoor recreation network:

- Thursday, November 8, 6:00-8:00PM- Health Equity Zone HUB, 1229 Main Street, West Warwick. Focus Topic: Health.
- Tuesday, November 13, 6:00-8:00PM Cold Spring Community Center, 36 Beach Street, North Kingstown. Focus topic: General Recreation.
- Monday, November 19, 6:00-8:00PM- AARP, 10 Orms Street, Suite 200. (Please pull a parking ticket when arriving and bring inside for validation). Focus topic: Universal Access to Recreation.
- Tuesday, November 27, 6:00-8:00PM- Quinta Gamelin Community Center, 101 Asylum Road, Bristol. Focus topic: Biking.
- Wednesday, November 28, 6:00-8:00PM- Exeter Public Library, 773 Ten Rod Road, Exeter. Focus topics: Hunting/Fishing.
- Thursday, December 13, 6:15-7:45PM- Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, 100 Tinkham Lane, Harrisville. Focus topics: Camping, Winter Recreation.

Each discussion will also have time to cover additional issues and concerns outside of the designated topic area. Can't make it? Provide your feedback through an online outdoor map survey: it only takes a few minutes to fill out and you can enter to win a 2019 Season Pass to Rhode Island State beaches! Start the survey at [www.dem.ri.gov/outdoorsurvey](http://www.dem.ri.gov/outdoorsurvey) Visit [www.dem.ri.gov/scorp](http://www.dem.ri.gov/scorp) to learn more.

## Planning Employee Spotlight

**Lindsey Langenburg** is a Principal Planner and has been with the Division of Planning since 2017. Her focus is on active transportation and her interests within planning include participatory design, community engagement, and sustainable, equitable transportation. She is currently working on Rhode Island's first statewide Bicycle Mobility Plan, the Pawtucket/Central Falls Train Station Multi-modal Access Plan, and municipal outreach regarding complete streets design. She previously worked as an urban designer with the NYC Department of Transportation and as a landscape architect in Cape Cod and NYC. Lindsey has a B.S. in Landscape Architecture and a B.S. in Urban Studies from



Cornell University and attended Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation. Outside the office, Lindsey is President of the Rhode Island Society of Landscape Architects and volunteers to coordinate community events like PARK(ing) Day. In her free time, Lindsey enjoys baking, gardening, bicycling, and spending time outdoors with her dogs. Contact Lindsey at [Lindsey.Langenburg@doa.ri.gov](mailto:Lindsey.Langenburg@doa.ri.gov).

## Upcoming Meetings

### State Planning Council

**November 8 at 9AM**

DOA Conference Room 2A  
One Capitol Hill, Providence

### Transportation Advisory Committee

**November 15 at 5:30PM**

DOA Conference Rooms 2B & 2C  
One Capitol Hill, Providence

### Technical Committee

**December 7 at 9AM**

DOA Conference Room 2A  
One Capitol Hill, Providence

### PHOTO TRIVIA:

Do you know where in RI this building is located?

See the answer at the bottom of the newsletter.



## Upcoming Events

**November 8 & 9 "Game of Floods."** SustainPVD and partners invite you to play the "Game of Floods," an interactive game-based training to help decision-makers, community members, and other interested stakeholders better understand how Providence can prepare for current and future flooding, especially flooding related to sea-level rise, heavy precipitation, and storm surge. The event is free, but [registration](#) is required.

To accommodate both community members and government employees, identical training sessions will be offered on two dates:

- November 8, 4:30P-8P. Location: RWU School of Law, 1 Empire Street, Providence.
- November 9, 8:30A-12P. Location: RWU School of Law, 1 Empire Street, Providence.

**November 14 GIS Day at Rhode Island College**A demonstration and presentations of GIS software, as well as giveaways and refreshments at 11A. Location: 600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Gage Hall, Providence.

**November 16 "Legal Strategies for Climate Adaptation in Coastal New England."**This symposium will focus on how state and local governments in coastal New England can overcome legal barriers to climate adaptation. Speakers will discuss the opportunities for state and municipal governments to proactively include adaptation into their planning, such as by incorporating climate risks into local laws, ordinances, regulations, and policies. Location: Roger Williams University School of Law, 10 Metacom Ave., Bristol. Cost: \$20.



### URI Landscape Architecture Lectures:

**November 29** Emily McCoy, Principal: Andropogon, Philadelphia, PA. "Integrative Research and Design in Practice-verifying Landscape Performance in an Era of Assumptions." Lecture begins at 7PM and will be held in the [URI Beaupre Center for Chemical and Forensic Sciences Center](#), Room 105, 140 Flagg Road, on the Kingston Campus.

**January 10** Save the date for the APA-RI Post-Holiday and Awards Party, 6-9PM. Location: The Pump House, South Kingstown. More details coming soon!

**January 24** [RI League of Cities and Towns Conference](#). The League's Annual Convention is its showcase event featuring eighteen workshops and seminars for local government officials. Over one hundred private companies, government agencies, and nonprofit corporations showcase their products and services, which are designed exclusively for city and town government. 8:30A to 4:30P. Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick.

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## Grant Opportunities

**November 9** Deadline for [10-Minute Walk Planning Grants and Technical Assistance](#) to support planning efforts that help cities increase access to high-quality parks within a 10-minute walk. Ten cities will receive \$40,000 to work alongside the National Recreation and Parks Association, The Trust for Public Land, and the Urban Land Institute to access to the following benefits: ongoing technical assistance from NRPA, TPL, ULI, and additional national and local experts to support local planning efforts; access and technical support for planning and mapping tools such as NRPA's Park Metrics, TPL's ParkServe® and Parkology; and peer-to-peer support and networking opportunities to share lessons learned and address challenges.

**November 30** Deadline for [AdvancingCities Challenge grant](#). JPMorgan Chase has launched a \$500 million, five-year initiative to source and seed innovative solutions that help drive inclusive growth in up to thirty communities. The AdvancingCities Challenge will make up to a \$3 million investment per city to support collaborative and sustainable solutions that address cross-cutting challenges and help more people benefit from a growing economy. Successful proposals will support existing local coalitions of elected, business and nonprofit leaders working together to address major social and economic challenges such as employment barriers, financial insecurity, and neighborhood disinvestment.

**December 3** Deadline for [Save America's Treasures grants](#). These grants provide preservation and/or conservation assistance to nationally-significant historic properties and collections. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and require a dollar-for-dollar, non-Federal match, which can be cash or documented in-kind. These grants are administered by the National Park Service in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**December 31** Deadline for [Home Depot Foundation Community Impact grants](#). The Home Depot Foundation offers grant awards up to \$5,000 to 501c designated organizations and tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot

gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services and are required to be complete within six months of approval date.

**December 31** Deadline for [Walmart Foundation Community Grant Program](#). Grants range from \$250 to \$5,000. Organizations applying must be an organization holding a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) or (19) organizations; a recognized government entity: state, county, or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes; and others. See the [grant guidelines](#) for more details.

**January 17** Deadline for [Access to Historical Records: Major Initiatives grant](#) (preliminary). The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks projects that will significantly improve public discovery and use of major historical records collections. The Commission is especially interested in collections of America's early legal records, such as the records of colonial, territorial, county, and early statehood and tribal proceedings that document the evolution of the nation's legal history. All types of historical records are eligible, including documents, photographs, born-digital records, and analog audio and moving images. A grant is for one to three years and for between \$100,000 and \$350,000.

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## Planning Articles of Interest

[Scituate Plan Commission approves Hope Mill master plan](#)

[US Census: Americans' commute time increased, transit ridership dropped](#)

[Airbnb has collected \\$4.6 million in taxes for Rhode Island](#)

[Woonsocket-Providence passenger rail on track for spring of 2020](#)

[New Florida Keys cottage are storm-proof affordable housing](#)

[Reclaiming of Woonasquatucket River has improved life in Providence's Olneyville neighborhood](#)

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North Campus Residence Hall (2009)

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