



5th Annual Rhode Island

Land & Water Conservation Summit

...Working together to protect our communities

Saturday, March 15, 2008 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
URI Memorial Union, Kingston Campus

This day-long conference provides Watershed Council, Land Trust, Conservation Commission board members, staff, volunteers, Municipal Commission Members and others interested in land and watershed conservation with the information, skills and connections you need to be effective.

Attend 3 Workshops of your choice from 30 offered during the Summit

Network with RI Conservation Leaders ♦ Visit Exhibits ♦ Learn how to be more successful

Program

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 – 9:45 **Welcome** - Emcee: Peter August, URI Coastal Institute
Keynote - **Gina McCarthy**, CT Commissioner – Dept. of Environmental Protection
No Child Left Inside: Reconnecting families with the outdoors and building the next generation of environmental stewards.
- 9:50 – 10:15 **Business Meetings - Networking - Visit Exhibits**
- RI Land Trust Council – Ballroom
- RI Association of Conservation Commissions – Atrium 1
- 10:20 – 11:30 Session I **Workshops** – *Your choice from 10 offered*
- 11:30 – 11:45 Break
- 11:45 – 12:55 Session II **Workshops** – *Your choice from 10 offered*
- 12:55 – 2:30 Lunch, **RI Legislative Policy Update & Awards**
- **House Majority Leader Fox** – Chair, Special Commission on Water Use & Distribution
- **Senate Chairperson Sosnowski** – Chair, Environment & Agriculture Committee
 & Co-Chair, Water Supply, Distribution and Infrastructure Issues Committee
- 2:45 – 4:00 Session III **Workshops** – *Your choice from 10 offered*

Registration: Early Registration Ends February 22

\$40 before February 22

\$ 55 after February 22

includes Lunch

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Workshops at a Glance

	Session 1 10:20 – 11:30 am	Session 2 11:45 am – 12:55 pm	Session 3 2:45 – 4:00 pm
A	Preparing a Town Conservation Inventory	Beyond Sustainability: the Spectrum of Ecological Design Approaches	Conservation Commission Training Part II
B	Identifying and Managing Aquatic Invasives	Watershed Restoration: Resources and Challenges	Coastal Buffer Restoration and Enhancement
C	Stewardship Management Plans	Baseline Documentation for Protected Lands	Conservation Easement Policies & Procedures for Your Land Trust
D	Paddling RI's Blueway	Developing a Water Quality Monitoring Program – Create a River Report Card	Protecting Stream Flows
E	Steal This Factsheet Stormwater Strategies	Environmental Education Programs	Economic Development and the Restoration of Urban Rivers
F	Fundraising: Development of Your Organization's Revenue Plan	Fundraising: Building Your Organization's Membership	\$ for Stewardship
G	GIS 101: Making the Most of GIS While Avoiding Pitfalls	Trail Mapping Made Easy	Designing Programs that Enhance Your Organization
H	Is Accreditation Right for Your Land Trust?	Connecting Historic Preservation and Landscape (land & water) Conservation	RI Conservation Stewardship Collaborative
I	Partnering with Agricultural Land Preservation Commission to Protect Farmland	Starting and Operating a Farmer's Market	Establishing Community Gardens
J	Volunteer Power – Engage Volunteers Year-round to Build Your Organization	Protecting Municipal Parks & Conservation Lands	Forest Stewardship on Land Trust Properties – non-profit & municipal

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1-A. Preparing a Town Conservation Inventory

Wayne Barnes – East Providence Planning Department

Learn the benefits gained from preparing a conservation inventory for your municipality and the "how tos" for your inventory of natural, cultural and community valued features.

1-B. Identifying and Managing Aquatic Invasives

Katie DeGoosh – RIDEM Office of Water Resources

Christine Dudley – RIDEM Fish and Wildlife

What are the aquatic invasive plants and animals of concern in RI? Learn about how to plan for invasive management, what control methods are available and who to turn to for assistance when invasive species are discovered.

1-C. Stewardship Management Plans

Jonathan E. Twining – Eastern Nazarene College & Smithfield Land Trust

James Gass – ENSR & Smithfield Land Trust

Learn about the elements of a stewardship management plan, how to set goals and objectives for your conservation land, and where to get the information needed to develop a plan.

1-D. Paddling Rhode Island's Blueway

Peter Casson – Eastern Mountain Sports Kayak and Winter Sport School

How to plan and carry out a safe canoe or kayak outing along RI's rivers, streams and Bay. Come get planning and safety tips from an expert!

1-E. Steal This Factsheet – Stormwater Strategies

Lisa DeProspo Philo – URI Cooperative Extension NEMO

Lorraine Joubert – URI Cooperative Extension NEMO

This workshop will highlight strategies and "ready to use" resources (on topics from pet waste pickup to preventing illegal discharges to storm drains) available for your use to help your community meet Phase II stormwater program requirements. We will discuss step-by-step strategies for reaching your audience, working with municipal partners, and documenting your success.

1-F. Fundraising: Development of Your Organization's Revenue Plan

Gayle Gifford – Cause & Effect

Create an ACTION PLAN that charts a predictable path to growth. Topics include: developing a compelling case for support, assessing growth potential in your current activities, using the tools the pros use, pulling it all together into an implementation plan. Hands on: bring your organization's information: current revenue sources (how much \$ you get from what sources, number of donors, average gift, how giving stratifies, etc).

1-G. GIS 101: Making the Most of GIS while Avoiding Pitfalls

Paul Jordan – RI Department of Natural Resources

Learn about new land cover, impervious surfaces and other GIS databases and technologies, their reliability limitations, their use for conservation planning and stewardship, and pitfalls to avoid.

Workshops - Session I - continued

1-H. Partnering with Agricultural Land Preservation Commission to Protect Farmland

Kevin Nelson – RI Dept of Administration & Agricultural Preservation Commission

Ken Ayers – RIDEM Division of Agriculture & Agricultural Preservation Commission

George Mason – Little Compton Agricultural Conservation Trust & Ag. Preservation Commission

Learn about the Commission's new regulations, rules and scoring and how your organization can better foster farmland protection.

1-I. Is Accreditation Right for Your Land Trust?

Cindy Hunt-Stowell – Land Trust Accreditation Commission

Wes Ward – Land Trust Accreditation Commission

Learn about the land trust accreditation program; how it might benefit your land trust; tips for preparing and applying for accreditation; and pointers that pilot land trusts have offered. Get your questions answered.

1-J. Volunteer Power – Engage Volunteers Year-round to Build Your Organization

Helen Tjader – Barrington Land Conservation Trust

Stephany Hessler – Save the Bay

David Prigmore – The Westerly Land Trust

Case study and tips to get started with both project oriented and ongoing volunteers. Learn from our successes and our flops. Question and answer session with our panel of seasoned volunteer coordinators.

Workshops - Session II 11:45 am – 12:55 pm

2-A. Beyond Sustainability: the Spectrum of Ecological Design Approaches

Dan Novak – RI Association of Conservation Commissions

This workshop will be a presentation on the spectrum of Ecological Design Approaches from conservation development to genuine eco-effective design.

2-B. Watershed Restoration: Resources and Challenges

Joe Bachand – Natural Resources Conservation Service

Using the Woonasquatucket River as a case study, this workshop will discuss how to move forward with river restoration projects in your watershed.

2-C. Baseline Documentation for Protected Lands

Carol Lynn Trocki – Consultant

Scott Ruhren – Audubon Society of Rhode Island

This workshop will discuss how to prepare the baseline documentation for conservation easements and acquired properties including how to document public values of donated lands to meet IRS standards.

2-D. Developing a Water Quality Monitoring Program - Creating a River Report Card

Tammy Gilpatrick – Blackstone River Coalition

Learn how to develop a water quality monitoring program using local resources and expertise. The workshop includes tips on partnering with local laboratories and creating a river report card.

Workshops - Session II - continued

2-E. Environmental Education Programs

Denise Poyer – Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Assoc. & Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust
Kristen Swanberg – Audubon Society of Rhode Island

Learn about the range of environmental education programs in use in Rhode Island and how your organization can connect with these programs.

2-F. Fundraising: Building Your Membership

Gayle Gifford – Cause & Effect

This workshop will take you through the steps of building your membership - from start up to acquiring, renewing and upgrading your members. Topics include: is membership for you?, cost-effective acquisition and renewal strategies, making membership more than money, designing a benefits program that matters, measuring success, and database management.

2-G. Trail Mapping Made Easy

Paul Jordan – RI Department of Natural Resources

Learn how to collect field data with an inexpensive GPS, digital camera, & free software then produce a trail map for your site. Get your trail included in DEM's Internet site for trail maps.

2-H. Connecting Historic Preservation and Landscape (land & water) Conservation

Valerie Talmage – Preserve Rhode Island
Roberta Lane – National Trust for Historic Preservation
Rich Youngken – Dunn Foundation;

Learn how your conservation organization can work with historic preservation practitioners to protect cultural resources along with natural resources. Learn how preservation easements work, issues of combining preservation and conservation easements, and how to connect with the preservation community.

2-I. Starting and Operating a Farmer's Market

Paul Roselli – Burrillville Land Trust
Patrick McNiff – Casey Farm, Historic New England

A town wide farmer's market can connect your organization to residents in your community and get them more connected to the land, local produce and the growers and farmers who work it. Learn how to start a farmer's market, the benefits and tips for success from two conservation organizations with experience.

2-J. Protecting Municipal Parks & Conservation Lands

Ted Clement – Esq., Aquidneck Land Trust & Co-Chair of Lawyers for Land Trusts

Learn what you can do to prevent your favorite park from turning into a police station or school. Many people assume that parks are already protected, but are the protections sufficient? Good conservation is like good government, it requires checks and balances. The workshop will examine parks that have been lost to development; educating the public about the different levels of conserved land and the fact that your local park may be at risk; ways to add more protections to parks (based on real strategies employed by the Aquidneck Land Trust to conserve numerous parks); and selling points for governmental agencies.

3-A. Conservation Commission Training - Part II

Board Members – RI Association of Conservation Commissions

This Workshop is the second in a series of training sessions specifically for conservation commissioners across the state. It will discuss: How does a conservation commission best evaluate a project? What are your guiding criteria? This is an opportunity for commissioners to compare their respective practices in the municipal review process. Special emphasis will be placed on the usefulness of town conservation inventories and varied new approaches to ecological design.

3-B. Coastal Buffer Restoration and Enhancement

Caitlin Chaffee – Coastal Resources Management Council

This workshop will discuss tools CRMC has available to assist property owners with restoration and enhancement of buffers in coastal areas. Information includes: the coastal plant list, a list of nurseries and suppliers, planting guidelines and invasive plant control.

3-C. Conservation Easement Policies & Procedures for Your Land Trust

Ann-Marie Ignasher Esq. – Smithfield Land Trust

Does your land trust have policies and procedures for acceptance and stewardship of conservation easements? This workshop will present policies and procedures developed for a small, all volunteer RI Land Trust with the intention of meeting LTA's Standards and Practices in the context of Rhode Island's legal structure.

3-D. Protecting Stream Flows

Kirt Mayland – Trout Unlimited

How can we balance demands for water supply with maintaining the ecological integrity of rivers and streams? Learn how other states are protecting stream flow, how stream flow is protected in RI and how you can advocate for the ecology of your watershed.

3-E. Economic Development and the Restoration of Urban Rivers

Greg Gerritt – Friends of the Moshassuck

Richard Davis – Pawtucket Foundation

RI's most polluted waterways, the most ancient industrial rivers, run through some of the poorest neighborhoods in our state. Efforts to restore the ecological health of our rivers must be linked with efforts to relieve poverty through sustainable development rather than displacing it.

3-F. \$ for Stewardship

Chris Modisette – NRCS - Resource Conservation & Development

Learn how NRCS programs can assist your organization with stewardship of land and waterways.

3-G. Designing Programs that Enhance Your Organization

Deborah Linnell – Third Sector New England

This workshop provides ideas for thinking about how to plan and implement programs that clearly relate to your overall organizational mission and build organizational strength.

Workshops - Session III - continued

3-H. RI Conservation Stewardship Collaborative

Pete August – URI Coastal Institute

The Stewardship Collaborative is an innovative cooperative approach to land stewardship. Learn what it is, how it works, and future projects.

3-I. Establishing Community Gardens

Katherine Brown – South Side Community Land Trust

This workshop will present the “how to’s” for establishing community gardens and other activities for keeping protected land in use & connecting people from your community to the land.

3-J. Forest Stewardship on Land Owned by Land Trusts – non-profit and municipal

Paul Boisvert – Southern New England Forest Consortium

Learn how forest management can be consistent with conservation through 2 case studies of RI Land Trusts that actively manage their forestland.

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Session I Session 2 Session 3

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