

RI Conservation Easement Guidance Workshop

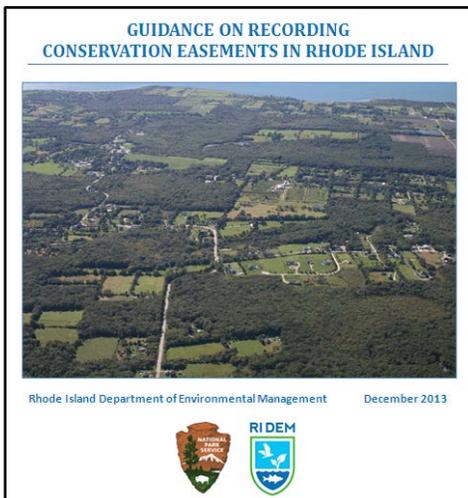
Tuesday, June 16, 2015

9:30 am to 11:30 am

Warwick Public Library, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI

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Conservation Development and Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) are effective tools for communities to preserve meaningful open space through conservation easements as land is developed. Unfortunately, several sources have found that some conservation easements have not been properly recorded. To ensure that conservation values are preserved in perpetuity, conservation easements must be carefully drafted, properly recorded, and follow prescribed procedures for maintaining the desired conservation restrictions.



In addition to a review of the topics covered in the *Rhode Island Conservation Easement Guidance Manual* (RIDEM 2009), including ownership and management of conservation parcels, developing and writing conservation easements, and monitoring and insurance considerations, information from the new companion document *Guidance on Recording Conservation Easements in Rhode Island* (RIDEM 2013) will be provided. Workshop participants will learn about common weaknesses in the easement process and ways to improve the recording process.

**Speakers: Scott Millar**, RIDEM; **Peter D. Ruggiero, Esq.**, Ruggiero, Brochu & Petracra; President of Sustainable Habitats, and town solicitor.

**Audiences:** Planners, solicitors, and other municipal staff, local officials, conservation commissioners, land trusts, non-profit conservation organizations, attorneys, and other interested parties.

This workshop is free of charge. A light breakfast will be provided from 9:00-9:30 am. **Please register [here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/J3DYMSL) to attend** (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/J3DYMSL>). Please register by Friday, June 12.

**Questions?** Please contact Jennifer West at [jennifer@nbnerr.org](mailto:jennifer@nbnerr.org) or 401-222-4700, x 7413.

