MEDIA ADVISORY

Newport County Resiliency Roundtable

Friday, November 17th 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Auditorium of CCRI – Newport Campus
1 John H. Chafee Blvd., Newport, RI 02840

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Governor Gina Raimondo will join the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission (AIPC) and partners to host the Newport County “Resiliency Roundtable” on Friday, November 17th from 1-3 p.m in the Auditorium of CCRI’s Newport Campus. The purpose of the Resiliency Roundtable is to share information with participants to help better prepare for intense coastal storms, sea level rise and other climate change impacts, and to elicit information from our communities that will be incorporated into a new Statewide Climate Resiliency Strategy that the Governor has asked state agencies to complete by next summer.

One in a series of roundtables across the state, Newport County community, business, academic, and municipal leaders will gather to share a range of perspectives and recommend key actions and investments to make Rhode Island’s residents, economy, infrastructure, and natural resources more resilient to the impact of climate change.

Agenda to include:

- Welcome by Thomas Ardito, Executive Director of the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission
- Overview of Aquidneck Island resiliency efforts, Pam Rubinoff, Associate Coastal Manager, Coastal Resource Center, The University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography
- Statewide Climate Resiliency Action Strategy overview and update, Shaun O’Rourke, Chief Resilience Officer, State of Rhode Island
- Welcome remarks by Governor Gina Raimondo
- Facilitated breakout discussion to identify and prioritize local climate impacts and vulnerable assets

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Event Partners:

- Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (RIIB)
- Rhode Island Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (RIEC4)
- University of Rhode Island Coastal Resources Center (CRC)
- Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI)

Available for Interviews:

- Thomas C. Ardito, Executive Director of the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission;
- Shaun O’Rourke, Director, Stormwater and Resiliency, Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank and Chief Resilience Officer, State of Rhode Island;
- Pam Rubinoff, Associate Coastal Manager, Coastal Resilience, Extension Specialist, RI Sea Grant, The University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography;
- Paul Carroll, Economic Development Director, Department of Civic Investment, City of Newport, RI.

This event is full. Public registration for this event has closed. Members of the press may attend without prior registration.

For more information about the local host for this event, the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission, please visit: www.aquidneckplanning.org

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