

Trail Planning & Design Workshop for
Rhode Island Land Trusts, Watershed Organizations and
Other Grassroots Groups
at Audubon Society of Rhode Island, Smithfield
Saturday, October 13, 2007

Sponsored by
RI Land Trust Council
Narragansett Bay Estuary Program
National Park Service - Rivers & Trails Program

Spaces are limited, so please register by calling or emailing:
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NOTES:

**This workshop will include both
indoor and outdoor activities,
so please dress for the weather!**

**Before the workshop, please
review your organizational policies on
resource protection and public access.**

By 4pm today, Let's Leave With:

- A first-draft set of trail planning & design principles that support your resource conservation and public access policies.
- An introduction to the use of easements for trail corridors on private land. *Why private land does not need to be a barrier to trail development.*
- An introduction to wetlands issues and the permit process for trail work.
- A set of steps you can use to:
 - assess your existing and potential trails,
 - create options for possible action, and
 - test those options.
- The ability to distinguish between trail work you can handle and trail work requiring outside assistance.
- And the desire to learn more about trails and to build the capacity of your organization to manage them well.

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- 8:30** **Refreshments & Conversation - *please come early***
- 8:50** **Welcome - Rupert Friday & Meg Kerr**
- 9:00** **Guiding Principles for Trails - John Monroe**
National Park Service, Rivers & Trails Program
- How we'll work together today.
 - Which guiding principles for trails support your mission and policies?
- 10:00** **Introduction to Easements for Trails - Ted Clement Esq.**
Executive Director Aquidneck Land Trust
- 10:45** **Break**
- 11:00** **Trail Planning & Design: First Step - John**
Assess existing trails according to your guiding principles on paper and outdoors.
- Shape and Density of Trail Network
 - Specs for trail width, height, and tread composition
 - How to inventory your current trails and write a trail log
- 12:00** **Lunch - Sandwich trays and beverages will be provided**
\$5 donation suggested to defray costs, or bring your own.
- 12:45** **Trail Planning & Design: *First Step continued***
- Wetlands issues and permit process - Linda Steere, Applied Bio Systems & Support Services for Conservation
 - Do you always need a permit for a trail?
 - What is the process for getting a wetlands permit for a trail?
 - What is permitted?
 - When is it an easy review process?
 - When will the organization developing the trail run into complexities?
 - How can permitting complexities, delays and problems be avoided?
 - Which peers can you call for helpful insights and experience?

- 1:30 Trail Planning & Design: Second Step - John**
- Create options for action on paper and outdoors with flagging.
 - Drainage improvements
 - Trail relocation & closure
 - Rehabilitation
 - New construction
- 2:15 Trail Planning & Design: Third Step - John**
- Test options in the field
- 3:15 Transition Back Inside & Break**
- 3:30 Resources for Additional Learning and Assistance - John**
- 3:45 Wrap-ups**
- Preview of Trail Workshop #2
 - Plus: What worked well today?
 - Delta: Next time we do this, it will be better if....
- 3:59 Head Home!**