



Newport Comprehensive Plan Community Outreach Summary

Stakeholder Interviews (December 2015)

The Matrix Design Group project team (Matrix) conducted interviews of seventeen community stakeholders as identified by the City. The interviews were held in person during the week of December 7, 2015 and as part of telephone interviews conducted the weeks of December 7 and 14, 2015. The purpose of the interviews was to gather insights into key issues and concerns that should be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan update.

The individuals interviewed are as listed below. The description in parenthesis highlights the group each person was representing.

Paul Carroll (Newport Dept. of Civic Investment)	Sam Shuford, Steve Ostiguy (Church Community Housing)	Sasaki Associates (Open Space)
Justin McLaughlin (City Councilor)	Kim Salerno (Newport Planning Board)	Helen Johnson (City Preservation Planner)
Colleen Burns Jermain (Newport Public Schools)	Tim Mills (Harbor Master)	Sarah Atkins (Newport Dept. of Civic Investment)
Kristie Gardiner (Energy & Environment)	Peter Connerton (Newport Fire Department)	Bill Boardman, Frank Marinaccio (City Engineering, Public Services)
Scott Wheeler (Newport Buildings & Grounds)	William Riccio (Newport Public Services)	Thomas Ardito (Aquidneck Island Planning Commission)
Kate Leonard (City Councilor)	Lauren Carson (State Representative, District 75)	

Ongoing Stakeholder Outreach

Interviews and attendance at various meetings have continued to occur throughout the Comprehensive Plan update thanks to the dedicated commitment of Planning Board members and City Staff. Insight received from these stakeholder meetings is also being incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan as it is developed.

Public Workshops

October 13, 2015 1st Public Workshop at Pell Elementary School
December 7, 2015 2nd Public Workshop at Newport Public Library
February 23, 2016 3rd Public Workshop at Pell Elementary School

Planning Board & City Planner Meetings

January 13, 2016 Newport Open Space Partnership (Dawn Euer & Tanya Kelley)
January 15, 2016 Naval Station Newport BRAC process meeting at the Preservation Society of Newport County
January 15, 2016 Newport Open Space Partnership Leadership, Consultant, & Civic Investment
January 26, 2016 Harbor Management Commission (Ryan Miller)
February 1, 2016 Newport Historical Society (Ruth Taylor)
Newport Restoration Foundation (Pieter Roos)
Preservation Society of Newport County (Trudy Cox & Kaity Ryan)
Newport District Commission (Diana Sylvaria & Mary Jo Valdes)
February 4, 2016 Green Infrastructure (Harvard Law School - Environmental Policy, URI Coastal Resources Center, URI Dept. of Natural Resources Science) (Kate Konschnik, Jamie Konopacky, Sangyong Cho, Judith Rodriguez, Pam Rubinoff, Drew Youngs Lorraine Joubert, Andrew Youngs)
February 10, 2016 Newport Housing Authority (Rhonda Mitchell)
March 8, 2016 Van Buren Charitable Foundation (Elizabeth R. Lynn, Executive Director)
March 23, 2016 Bike Newport (Bari Freeman)

City Boards & Commissions Meetings Attended

Cliff Walk Commission
Energy & Environment Commission
Thames & Spring Streets Advisory Group

State & Other Meetings Attended

Legal Aspects of Coastal Adaptation & Resilience Meeting at RWU
Newport Historic Town Spring – Community Meeting
Newport Open Space Partnership
RI Emergency Management Agency – Hazardous Mitigation Meeting
RIDOT Transportation Improvement Plan

Rhode Island Division of Planning - Statewide Planning Program
Jarod Rhodes, Chief of Statewide Planning Program
Comprehensive Planning and Consistency Review
Kevin Nelson, Supervising Planner
Chelsea Siefert, Principal Planner
Caitlin Greeley, Principal Planner