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Preparing Undergraduate Students for Graduate Degrees and Careers in Community Planning

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Purpose

To address the need for qualified undergraduates who are well-prepared to pursue graduate certificate or degree programs in community planning and, thereby, strengthen the pipeline of planning professionals in Rhode Island

What does Rhode Island College contribute to community planning education right now?



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Undergraduate Certificate Program
in Geographic Information Systems:

Mapping Our Changing World
Geographic Information Systems I
Geographic Information Systems II
Internship in Geography

2 Courses with a focus on:

- Careers in Politics & Public Policy
- Disaster Management
- Earth's Physical Environments
- Economics of Climate Change & Sustainability
- Environmental Policy & Law
- Field Experience in the Public Sector
- Foundations of Public Administration
- Geographic Information Systems
- Internship in Geography
- Housing & Neighborhoods
- Policy Analysis
- Political Geography of Cities
- Power & Community
- Public Sector Management
- State & Local Government
- Urban Economics
- Urban Geography
- Urban Politics



***How might Rhode Island
College contribute to
building a better pipeline
for planning
professionals in the
future?***

1. Develop new courses that focus more directly on community planning history, theory, methods and practice;
2. Design a "Career Pathway" in community planning and sustainable development within an existing degree program;
3. Create an undergraduate certificate program in community planning and sustainable development;
4. Work through RIC's Office of Professional Studies & Continuing Education to cooperate with CCRI and URI to ensure compatibility, content compatibility and progression, and course transferability among the three public postsecondary institutions;
5. Collaborate with CCRI, URI, APA/RI and RILCT to design education and training programs for planning, zoning, affordable housing, economic development, environmental conservation, historic preservation, and other boards and commissions.

... and other, longer-term possibilities:



- Two dedicated faculty lines in Community Planning & Sustainable Development
- Minor in Community Planning & Sustainable Development
- Major in Community Planning & Sustainable Development
- Adjunct professors, drawn from Rhode Island's professional planning community, who would be willing to teach or co-teach existing and prospective undergraduate planning courses

Thank you!

Questions?

