



RI Greenhouse Gas Stakeholder Process  
C/o RIDEM  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, RI 02908

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004

**Stakeholder Members**

Associated Builders and Contractors  
Audubon Society of Rhode Island  
Brown University  
Business Roundtable  
Conservation Law Foundation  
Department of Administration  
Narragansett Electric  
Nat. Fed'n of Independent Businesses  
New England Gas Company  
Northern RI Chamber of Commerce  
Oil Heat Institute of RI  
Providence Chamber of Commerce  
RI Dept. of Environmental Management  
RI Dept. of Transportation  
RI Economic Development Corporation  
RI League of Cities and Towns  
RI Petroleum Institute  
RI Public Interest Research Group  
RI Public Transit Authority  
RI Public Utilities and Carriers  
RI Society of Environmental Professionals  
RI State Energy Office  
RI Statewide Planning  
Save The Bay  
Sierra Club  
Sustainability Coalition  
The Energy Council of Rhode Island  
University of Rhode Island



Tom Dupree of Rhode Island's Department of Environmental Management (RI DEM), Division of Forest Environment, and Janet Keller of the RI DEM Policy Office would like to invite you to an important Forestry Workshop to discuss both urban and rural forestry related greenhouse gas reduction strategies and devise implementation plans. The workshop will be held at the George Washington Management Area, 2185 Putnam Pike (Route 44) in Chepachet, RI, from 9:30-3pm on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions through forestry and land use change strategies is part of a larger effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Rhode Island, known as the Rhode Island Greenhouse Gas Stakeholder Process. RI DEM, the State Energy Office, and a diverse stakeholder group have been working together for three years to develop and implement measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Rhode Island in all sectors. More information about the process and the RI GHG plan can be found on the RI Greenhouse Gas website at: <http://righg.raabassociates.org/>.

Two weeks prior to the workshop, we will circulate "*Forestry, Agriculture, and Land Use Change Strategies for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Rhode Island*", a report prepared by forestry consultants from the Tellus Institute and Ecofor. This research report builds on existing forest programs in Rhode Island, and identifies several forestry related measures to enhance greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

In the morning, we will be reviewing the state of Rhode Island's forests, as well as the forestry and land use strategies outlined in the above forestry report. In the afternoon, you will participate in one of two facilitated break out groups, where you will discuss the forestry report, help determine appropriate implementation strategies, and identify next steps. At the end of the day, Paul Dolan from RI DEM Forestry, and Chris Modisette from the SNE Forest Consortium will lead the participants on an optional educational walk in the woods. See attached agenda for more detail.

Please let Carmela Grimes know whether you plan on attending via email (<mailto:cgrimes@dem.state.ri.us>), or phone (401-222-3434x4424) no later than Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Tom Dupree, Chief, RI DEM Division of Forest Environment  
Janet Keller, Chief, RI DEM Policy Office

## **Forestry, Land Use and Climate Change: Strategies for Rhode Island**

George Washington Management Area  
2185 Putnam Pike (Route 44), Chepachet RI  
June 1, 2004

### **Draft Workshop Agenda**

- 9:30 Introductions
- 9:45 Review of RI GHG Process (*Jonathan Raab / Janet Keller*)
- Role of Forestry in the plan
- 10:15 State of Rhode Island Forests, Rural and Urban (*Tom Dupree*)
- History of RI forests
  - Current trends
  - Key programs
  - Survey of RI private landowners
- 11:00 Overview of Forestry and Land Use Strategies (*Gordon Smith and Michael Lazarus*)
- Role for trees, forests and soils in managing climate change
  - Experiences from other regions
  - Review of RI strategy report and principal findings
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 Two Break-Out Groups (discuss detailed RI strategy report findings and recommendations, as well as implementation strategies).
- 2:15 Report Back
- 2:45 Workshop Debriefing and Next Steps
- 3:00 Close
- 3:15 Optional walk in the woods with Paul Dolan and Chris Modisette