



**Committee on Finance**  
**Regular Meeting**

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**Tuesday, February 2, 2016**

**6:00 PM**

**Committee "B" (City Hall 3rd Floor)**

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1. An Ordinance Extending the Existing Tax Stabilization Plan for 100 Fountain Street, As Amended.
  
2. An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-189(6) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request). (Peter Costello)
  
3. Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 29, 2015, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Janet Freedman** of 41 Oak Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Providence Harbor Management Commission** for a term to expire on December 31, 2018, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.
  
4. Discussion relative to the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget and Staffing for the Providence Fire Department.

The following have been invited:

Steven Pare, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

Matthew Clarkin, Internal Auditor

5. Ongoing Discussions relative to the City's Finances and any other matters related to Finances.

**PER ORDER THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
Councilman John J. Igliazzi, Chairman

**The foregoing Committee may seek to enter into Executive Session.**

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**City of Providence**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

**CHAPTER**

No.       **AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE EXISTING TAX STABILIZATION PLAN FOR 100 FOUNTAIN STREET, AS AMENDED**

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island §44-3-9, as amended, the City Council is authorized, subject to certain enumerated conditions, to exempt and determine a stabilized amount of taxes to be paid on account of real property used for commercial purposes, notwithstanding the valuation of the real estate or the rate of tax; and

WHEREAS, Steelwood Realty, LLC previously made application under and has satisfied the previously mentioned certain enumerated conditions as required by the Rhode Island General Laws and the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Steelwood Realty, LLC (together with its successors in interest defined herein as “Project Owner”), was the owner of the property located at 100 Fountain Street, also identified as Lot 166 of Plat 25, previously applied for, and was granted, a Tax Stabilization Plan by the City Council under Chapter 2002-13 on April 25, 2002 which enabled the Project Owner to complete the restoration and conversion of a historic commercial building into a mixed use commercial and residential building in the DownCity Arts and Entertainment District. Said buildings have since been rehabilitated and converted to a mixed use development containing commercial, residential, warehouse and retail space condominium units which have enhanced the tax base in the City of Providence and revitalized the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, The Tax Stabilization Plan is set to expire and the Project Owner is requesting additional relief in the form of a Tax Stabilization Plan to ensure the continued viability and sustainability of the rehabilitation which has occurred, the terms of which are contained herein; and

WHEREAS, This Project has created jobs, increased residential living in the downtown area, enhanced the tax base, revitalized the surrounding neighborhood and has attracted valuable tenants and businesses to relocate into the downtown the City; and

WHEREAS, This Project has generated tax revenues, increased the value of the tax base of the City and otherwise generated considerable benefits to the City; and

WHEREAS, While this Project has created employment opportunities, increased the availability of quality housing, enhanced the City's tax base and generated the promised benefits to the City as contemplated by the Tax Stabilizations Plan, this Project has suffered serious financial setbacks and hardships as a result of the collapse of the real estate and financial markets over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, The financial collapse and real estate crisis have placed the Project in need of continued cooperation from the City of Providence by extending the Tax Stabilization Plan for a period of five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, Without providing an extension of the Stabilization Plan for a period of five (5) years to allow the projects to phase into full taxes will jeopardize the financial stability of the project and place additional financial strain on the homeowners and tenants living and working at the Project Site; and

WHEREAS, Granting an extension of the Project's Tax Stabilization Plan will benefit the City by preserving the continued viability and sustainability of the Project, allow the Project to continue to maintain existing and attract new investors, businesses and tenants to the neighborhood in which it is located and maintain the great strides towards revitalization of the downtown; and

WHEREAS, Granting this extension will also benefit the City by increasing the amount of taxes paid in connection with the Project over the five (5) year extension period by utilizing the then current rates and assessments, with the established percentage paid each year increasing up to full payment by the end of each such five (5) year extension; and

WHEREAS, Granting the extension of the Project's Tax Stabilization Plan will enable the Project Owners to work with new lenders to secure and maintain the financing that is essential to the survival and long term fiscal health of this Project so that it can continue to generate benefits to the City; and

WHEREAS, A lack of relief will jeopardize the continued operation of the Project, potentially causing a devaluation of surrounding property values, a loss of commercial and residential tenants and an increased vacancy rate for real estate in the surrounding neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, It is for those reasons that it is in the best interests of the residents of the City of Providence to grant an extension of the Tax Stabilization Plan to enable this Project to

continue to grow the City's tax base, support the many local businesses located within the Project and the businesses and residents that rely on those businesses located within the Project, promote mixed-use residential living in the surrounding area, and continue to attract new businesses and investors to the City.

**Be it Ordained by the City of Providence:**

**Section 1.** That the findings set forth in the preceding recitals are hereby made and confirmed.

**Section 2. Definitions.** The following terms shall have the meanings set forth herein:

- (a) "Commencement Date" shall mean the date upon which each respective Project's original Tax Stabilization Plan expires (as extended by prior state legislation).
- (b) "Personal Property" means any and all tangible personal property, including, but not limited to all fixtures, equipment, furnishings, vehicles and other personal property, now or hereafter located at each of the Project Sites.
- (c) "Project Owner" means Steelwood Realty, LLC or any entity, person or successor in interest with the right, and interest in and to the Project Site (or any portion, condominium or unit located thereon), including the current individual owners and successors to units and/or subunits of the Project Site.
- (d) "Project Site" means 100 Fountain Street, Plat 25, Lot 166, and any individual condominium unit within the aforementioned premises.
- (e) "Project Taxable Properties" means, collectively, the Project Site, the Real Property Improvements and the Personal Property thereon and therein, together constituting the Project.
- (f) "Real Property Improvements" means any structures or improvements including, but not limited to buildings and related improvements to be constructed or developed on the Project Site.
- (g) "Project" means, collectively, the Project Site and the Real Property Improvements thereon and the Personal Property therein.
- (h) "Stabilized Tax Payments" means, with respect to the Project Taxable Properties, the amounts listed in Section 8 below.
- (i) "Termination Dates" means December 31 of the last year in which Stabilized Tax Payments are payable hereunder, as per the attached schedule for each of the Projects.

**Section 3. Term.** The term of this agreement shall be for a period commencing on the Commencement Date and terminating on the Termination Date.

**Section 4. Transfers.** As long as a Project Owner owns or operates the respective facilities located at the Project Site, it will continue to pay taxes, with respect to the particular condominium unit owned by the specific Project Owner, in accordance with the attached schedule. A Project Owner, and all successors and assignees, including any owner of an individual condominium unit located at the Project Site, agrees that this property will be subject to full taxation at the expiration of this Ordinance. The Project Owner, or any successors or assignees, including any owner of an individual condominium unit located at the Project Site, agrees that the exemptions and conditions under the Tax Stabilization Plans shall run with the land. The Project Owner also agrees not to transfer the properties to a tax-exempt entity or to allow any transfer by any subsequent transferee to a tax-exempt entity during the term of the Ordinance. The Project Owner agrees that the property covered by this Ordinance be transferred only to a tax paying entity so long as this agreement is in effect. In the event that the property covered by this Ordinance is transferred to a tax-exempt entity, the Project Owner, or the respective transferring owner of an individual condominium unit located at the Project Site, will be responsible to make payments in lieu of taxes to the City of Providence equal to the amount of taxes which would have been paid to the City of Providence if such prohibition against transfer to a tax-exempt entity had not been violated. In the event that the Project Owner transfers the Project Site to a tax exempt entity in the first five years immediately following the expiration of this Ordinance, the Project Owner agrees that a percentage of the sale price will be paid to the City of Providence as follows: if the property is sold to a tax exempt entity in the first year immediately following the expiration of the Ordinance then the Project Owner shall pay five percent (5%) of the sale price to the City; if the property is sold to a tax exempt entity in the second year immediately following the expiration of the Ordinance then the Project Owner shall pay four percent (4%) of the sale price to the City; if the property is sold to a tax exempt entity in the third year immediately following the expiration of the Ordinance then the Project Owner shall pay three percent (3%) of the sale price to the City; if the property is sold to a tax exempt entity in the fourth year immediately following the expiration of the Ordinance then the Project Owner shall pay two percent (2%) of the sale price to the City; and if the property is sold to a tax exempt entity in the fifth year immediately following the expiration of the Ordinance then the

Project Owner shall pay one percent (1%) of the sale price to the City. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the tax treaty used in connection herewith, the provisions of this Section shall continue to be given full force and effect until such time as the same shall be amended or terminated by majority vote of the Providence City Council. Any alleged breach under the terms of this Section 4 shall be subject to a ninety (90) day notice and cure period (or such additional time, provided that it is impracticable to cure same within 90 days) for the Project Owner to remedy the breach.

Furthermore, the liability for the Stabilized Tax Payments due and owing under this Ordinance with respect to any Project Site or condominium unit shall constitute an obligation of the owner of such Project Site or condominium and further provided that if any owner of a Project Site or condominium unit shall fail to pay his or her taxes when due, then this Tax Stabilization Plan shall be rendered null and void only with respect to that particular condominium unit only.

**Section 5. Payment of Taxes.**

- (a) The Project Owner shall make Stabilized Tax Payments as prescribed in the schedule in Section 8 to the City in lieu of all other real property and personal property taxes and the City agrees to accept the Stabilized Tax Payments in lieu of such real property and personal property taxes on the Project Taxable Properties.
- (b) Stabilized Tax Payments due to the City, pursuant to the terms of this agreement, may be made in either a lump sum during the first quarter of the applicable tax year or in equal quarterly installments. If the quarterly are to be made, they shall be due on the same dates that quarterly taxes are due for all other taxpayers in the City.
- (c) It is understood by the parties that Stabilized Tax Payments made hereunder are deemed by the City to be tax payments, and the Project Owner shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a tax payer in the City.
- (d) The liability for Stabilized Tax Payments due and owing under this agreement shall constitute an obligation of each Project Owner. The obligation shall be separate for each of the lots/units within the Project Site. The City shall be granted by the Project Owner, as to is to each separate lot within Project Site, a lien on the Project Taxable Property of the Project Site, which lien shall be the same priority and entitle the City to the same

foreclosure remedies as the lien and foreclosure remedies provided under the applicable laws and ordinances with respect to real property and personal property taxes. The City agrees to provide notice to the Project Owner of each lot within Project Site prior to the exercising any foreclosure or other remedies available and the Project Owner shall have ninety (90) days thereafter (or such additional time if a cure within such time frame is not reasonably practicable) to cure any alleged default under this Ordinance from the date upon which notice of any alleged default is received from the City. Said notice shall include, with specificity, the nature of any alleged default, and the actions which the City believes to be reasonably necessary to cure any alleged default under this Ordinance.

- (e) Stabilized Tax Payments not made by the Project Owner as they become due shall, following the notice and cure period set forth in Section 5(d) hereof, be subject to any and all penalties allowed under Rhode Island General Laws. Failure to receive a stabilized tax bill shall not relieve the Project Owner of the obligations to make Stabilized Tax Payments herein. If for any reason the Project Owner does not receive an appropriate stabilized tax bill, the Project Owner shall have the responsibility and obligation to make reasonable inquiries to the City in order to have such a stabilized tax bill issued and thereafter to make payment of the same no later than the due dates provided herein. Stabilized Tax Payments shall be made by the Project Owners of the Project Site directly to the City of Providence Tax Collector's Office.
- (f) If any Project Owner or owner of a condominium unit shall fail to pay his or her taxes when due with respect to a condominium unit, then this Tax Stabilization Plan shall be rendered null and void, after the expiration of the notice and cure period referenced above, only with respect to that particular condominium unit only.
- (g) If there is a failure on the part of a Project Owner to make the Stabilized Payments contained herein with respect to an individual lot within the Project Site, then this Tax Stabilization Plan shall be rendered null and void, after the expiration of the notice and cure period referenced above, only with respect to that particular owner of that particular lot or unit within the Project Site.
- (h) Any failure to make Stabilized Payments as called for herein as to a particular Project Owner of a particular unit or subunit at the Project Site shall not affect any of the other

Project Owners of the other units and subunits located at the Project Site and shall not render any of said units or subunits in default of the terms of this Ordinance.

**Section 6. Satisfaction of Obligations.** The City agrees that so long as the Stabilized Payments are made by the Project Owner in accordance with the terms of this agreement, the City shall, during the term of this agreement, accept said payments in full satisfaction of the obligations of the Project Owner as to the payments of any and all taxes and property assessments to the City which would otherwise be levied upon or with respect to the respective Project Taxable Properties.

**Section 7. Purpose.** The City of Providence has entered into this extension of the above described tax treaties in order to ensure that this Project, despite the delays caused by the recent real estate and financial crisis, continue to create and maintain jobs, grow the tax base, and maintain existing and attract new investors and businesses into the neighborhood and to continue to revitalize the surrounding community. This Project was significantly impacted by the real estate and financial collapse which transpired in 2007 and 2008, and the recession that followed for years thereafter. The original Tax Stabilization Plan previously referenced above which was entered into in 2002 was not made in contemplation of the economic crisis which has injured the local, state and national economies for several years following the collapse. As a result, this Project needs extension of its Tax Stabilization Plan to ensure its continued viability and sustainability, secure the necessary refinancing, and maintain existing and further attract new tenants and enhance the tax base in the City and reasonably phase the Project into paying full assessed taxes.

**Section 8. Extension of Tax Stabilization Plan.** Stabilized Tax Payments shall be made pursuant to the following schedule as set forth below for each Project. The charts below reflect the percentage of the full taxes, which would have otherwise been paid, that the respective Project Owners shall pay each year, provided that in no event shall any Project Owner's stabilized tax bill be for a lesser amount than what that particular Project Owner has paid during the original term of the Tax Stabilization Plan. For example, in Year 1 the Project Owners will pay twenty five (25) percent of the then current full value assessment. Due to the fact that the condominium units are now individually owned, each individual unit at the Project Site shall be individually assessed as either commercial or residential property and taxed at the current commercial or residential tax rate, subject to owner occupied or non-owner occupied status of

the particular Project Owner of the particular condominium unit. The payment amounts are dynamic and shall be calculated according to the then current tax rates and the valuation of the properties in the event that the City changes the rates or conducts a revaluation.

Each individual condominium unit shall be separately appraised. Residential condominium unit's rates shall be calculated at the residential rate with the ability to apply for Owner Occupied status. Commercial units shall be calculated at the then current commercial tax rate.

Year	Percent of Full Taxes Due.
Year 1	25%
Year 2	40%
Year 3	55%
Year 4	70%
Year 5	95%

**Section 9. Tax Rates and Back Taxes.** The parties agree that the real property taxes payable to the City by the Projects during the term of this Ordinance shall be based upon the real property tax rates and assessments, established by the City in the ordinary course, in effect for the City during each year of the Tax Stabilization Plans. The dollar amounts paid pursuant to the percentages in the charts above shall be dynamic according to the current tax rates and the valuation of the Project Site. This extension of the Tax Stabilization Plans is further conditioned upon the Project Owner not owing back taxes at any time to the City of Providence or, if back taxes are owed, then remaining current on a payment plan approved by the Tax Collector or Tax Assessor. In the event of the Project Owner owing back taxes or becoming delinquent on a payment plan, the impact shall only pertain to that specific lot's or condominium unit's extension and not the extensions granted as to the other lot or condominium units. More generally, a default under this ordinance pertaining to the taxes owed as to one lot or condominium unit shall only affect that respective lot or condominium unit within the Project Site and shall not affect this Ordinance as it applies to the remainder of the Project Site. Failure to make timely payments may render this extension of the Tax Stabilization Plans null and void subject to a ninety (90) notice and day cure period.

**Section 10. Notices.** All notices required under this Ordinance shall be sent to Peregrine Property Management, 20 Newman Avenue, Unit 1005, East Providence, Rhode Island with a copy to Attorney Nicholas Hemond, DarrowEverett, LLP, One Turks Head Place, Suite 1200,

Providence, Rhode Island 02903.

**Section 11. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon the expiration of the Project's current Tax Stabilization Plan.

**Section 12. Applicable Law.** This agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Rhode Island.

**Section 13. Changes in Rhode Island General Laws.** Notwithstanding any amendments or additions made by the Rhode Island General Assembly to Section 44-3-9 or any other statute governing tax stabilization, by virtue of their petition to the Providence City Council for a five (5) year extension of the existing Tax Stabilization Plans, the Project Owners agree that there will be no requests for additional periods of stabilized tax payments following the expiration of the extended Tax Stabilization Period set forth herein.

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No. **AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 17, SECTION 17-189(6) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES. (DISABILITY WAIVER REQUEST)**

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

- SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the language of Section 17-189(6) of the Code of Ordinances which provides that the application to accomplish such [accidental disability] retirement must be filed within eighteen (18) months of the date of the accident,” the Retirement Board of the City of Providence, shall consider and act upon the accidental disability retirement application of Peter Costello, even though more than eighteen (18) months have passed since the date of the accident which is the averred proximate cause of the above-named applicant for a disability retirement allowance.
- SECTION 2. Said application shall be subject to and considered in accordance with all other applicable ordinances, regulations, standards and practices relating to accidental disability retirement applications.
- SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.



Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

December 29, 2015

Honorable Members  
Providence City Council  
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, I am this day re-appointing Janet Freedman of 41-C Oak Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the Providence Harbor Management Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2018, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Elorza", written over a horizontal line.

Jorge O. Elorza  
Mayor

Attachment: Janet Freedman (9796 : Janet Freedman)

**JANET M. FREEDMAN**  
**Coastal Resources Management Council**  
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**Phone: 401-783-3370**  
**email: jfreedman@crmc.ri.gov**

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### EDUCATION

**University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI, Masters of Science (1998), Major: Geology**  
 Thesis: **Reconstruction of late Pleistocene and early Holocene environments and paleoclimates of the Great Swamp area, South Kingstown, RI.**  
**University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI, Bachelor of Arts (1975), Major: Art History**

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**RI Coastal Resources Management Council, South Kingstown, RI (1999-present)**  
**Coastal Geologist** - Responsible for implementation of geological analyses and interpretation to CRMC policy issues and permit applications; and coordination with Federal, State, regional, local government agencies and other stakeholders for habitat restoration, hazard mitigation and climate change adaptation.

#### Current projects

**Shoreline Change Special Area Management Plan**- Ongoing collaboration with the RI Sea Grant/Coastal Resources Center and numerous stakeholders on data collection, interpretation and dissemination of information to inform various groups about present and future conditions in RI coastal communities.

**Misquamicut Sediment Study** - Partner with Eastern Connecticut State University and University of Rhode Island to monitor sediment transport from the Misquamicut beach replenishment project using various measurement techniques including beach profiles, volumetric mapping with RTK-GPS, and LHTS mapping.

**GRIP** - Member of the Green and Resilient Infrastructure Project team to develop pilot projects in three coastal communities using green infrastructure to increase coastal resiliency to erosion and climate impacts while improving water quality in adjacent waters.

**MyCoast** – Collaboration on the development and implementation of a cell phone application to record flooding from extreme high tides and storm damage using georeferenced photographs and real-time tide measurements.

**StormTools** - Developed and present a workshop and tutorial for training various groups in accessing and interpreting flood risks using the StormTools online data.

**Coastal Property Guide** - Collaborated on the development of a coastal property guide for homeowners and potential buyers of coastal property. The guide includes information on risks, risk assessment and regulations pertinent to living on the coast.

**Experimental Erosion Control** – Member of the Experimental Erosion Control Technical Review Panel to assess alternative technologies for coastal erosion control within targeted areas.

**SLAMM** - Partner with Rhode Island Sea Grant and The Nature Conservancy to examine sea level rise impacts to coastal wetlands throughout Rhode Island.

**Education and Outreach** - Developed various presentations on the impacts of climate change and coastal hazards for professionals, students and general audiences (see Selected Presentations). Invited lecturer at various institutions including Roger Williams University, Brown University, the Metcalf Institute and several elementary school science classes. Developed and led field trips and field instruction on coastal issues.

#### Regional planning initiatives

Working with Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC), Northeast Regional Association of Ocean Observing Systems (NERACOOS), and Coastal Zone Management agencies in Massachusetts and Connecticut on hazard and climate change planning and policy.

## PUBLICATIONS

Oakley, B.A., Hollis, R.J., Boothroyd, J.C., **Freedman, J.**, Boyd, J., Fugate, G., 2014. Preliminary Identification of At Risk Areas: Shoreline Change Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) Phase II – Narragansett Bay. Technical prepared for the Rhode Island Bay's Rivers and Watersheds Coordination Team

Oakley, B.A., Rasmussen, S.A., Boothroyd, J.C., **Freedman, J.**, Fugate, G., 2013. Preliminary Identification of At Risk Areas: Shoreline Change Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) Phase 1 – Rhode Island South Shore and Block Island. A report prepared for the Rhode Island Bay's Rivers and Watersheds Coordination Team

Boothroyd, J.C., Oakley, B.A., Rasmussen, S., **Freedman, J.**, McCandless, S., Dowling, M. and Hollis, R., Climate change comes to the south shore of Rhode Island: Erosion, Inundation and Migration. 106<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the New England Intercollegiate Geologic Conference

**Freedman, J.** and Higgins, M., 2003, What Do You Mean by Mean High Tide? The Public Trust Doctrine in Rhode Island: Coastal Features, Vol. 11, Issue 4, Coastal Resources Management Council, Wakefield, RI

Boothroyd, J. C., **Freedman J. H.**, Brenner H, B., and Stone, J. R., 1998, The Glacial Geology of Southern and Central Rhode Island, in Murray, D. P., Guidebook to Field Trips in Rhode Island and Adjacent Regions of Connecticut and Massachusetts: 1998 New England Intercollegiate Geological Conference 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI.

## REVIEWER

Titus, J. G., et.al., 2009, Coastal Sensitivity to Sea Level Rise: A Focus on the Mid-Atlantic Region: U.S. Climate Change Science Program, Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.1, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC.

Oakley, B. A., Mike A. Manzi, Brandan J. Sumeersarnauth and Samantha Boyle, (in review), The Block Island Bluff Image Project: Using Google Earth, Spreadsheet Mapper and Google Drive to build a database of spatially located field images, Journal of Coastal Research.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

### 2015

*Coastal Stormwater: What Goes Up and What Comes Down. Sea Level Rise, Storm Surge and Stormwater Impacts:* Environmental Business Council Rhode Island Chapter, Providence, RI

*Using Macrofossils to Reconstruct Precipitation Patterns in the Late Pleistocene/Early Holocene:* Geological Society of America Northeast Section Annual Meeting, Bretton Woods, NH

*Block Island Climate Change Resiliency Planning, New Tools:* Society of Wetland Scientists 2015 Annual Meeting, Block Island, RI

### 2014

*Beach Replenishment Strategies in Rhode Island:* Northeast Shore and Beach Preservation Association Conference on New England Coastal Issues, Taunton, Ma

*Changes in the Coastal Zone:* The Metcalf Institute for Marine and Environmental Reporting, 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Science Immersion Workshop for Journalists, South Kingstown, RI

### 2013

*Understanding and Addressing Climate Change Impacts in North Kingstown:* North Kingstown Free Library, North Kingstown, RI.

*Climate Change-Why It Matters to the Northeast: Irene, the 100 Year and 200 Year Flooding in RI, and Extra-tropical Super Storm Sandy - The Then, The Now, and The To-Be.* Co-presenter David Vallee, Hydrologist In Charge, NOAA, National Weather Service, Northeast River Forecast Center, Doing the Extraordinary; USGBC Upper Northeast Regional Summit, Warwick, RI.

### 2012

*Losing Ground: Coastal Erosion in Rhode Island:* Rhode Island Sea Grant Summer Series, Narragansett, RI.

*The Changing Shore: Coastal Erosion in Rhode Island:* Peter B. Lord Seminar on the Environment, Climate

Change Impacts in Southern New England, The Metcalf Institute, University of Rhode Island, Narragansett, RI.  
*Coastal Erosion Control in RI Policy and Regulations*. EJP Coastal Erosion Control Workshop, Providence, RI.  
*Climate Change: Implications for Block Island*: Environmental & Energy Law Committee, Rhode Island Bar Association, Block Island, RI.

*The Times They are A-Changing Climate Change Impacts in Coastal Rhode Island*. RI Department of Environmental Management Community Partners, Providence, RI.

#### 2011

*Building Blocks for Climate Change Adaptation-Tools for Community Assessment and Planning*: RI Flood Mitigation Association 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Warwick, RI.

*Challenges of Eelgrass Restoration: Ninigret Pond, Charlestown RI*: The Science and Management of Salt Ponds and Coastal Lagoons, RI Natural History Survey, North Kingstown, RI.

#### 2010

*Changing Climate, Changing Future: Climate Change Impacts to Rhode Island and Supporting Science*: Planning for Community Climate Change Adaptation, Narragansett Bay Estuarine Research Reserve, Providence, RI  
*Coastal Hazards: Today and Tomorrow*: Coastal Education Series, RI Coastal Resources Management Council, Providence, RI.

*Rhode Island Efforts Towards Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change*: Groton Coastal Climate Adaptation Workshop, Groton, CT.

#### 2009

*Adaptation to Climate Change in Rhode Island*: Update on Climate Change Understanding the Latest Science and Implications for Rhode Island and New England. EBC Breakfast Program, Providence, RI.

*Angry Seas: Impacts of Hurricanes and Nor'easters in Rhode Island's Shoreline*: Coastweeks, North Kingstown, RI.

*Climate Change and the Future of Historic Properties along the Rhode Island Coast*: 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI.

*CRMC Regulations and Initiatives: A New Dawn or the Same Old?* Obama and the Environment from Global to the Very Local, Center for Environmental Studies, Brown University, Providence, RI.

*Developing Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Regulations in the Ocean State*: ASTSWMO Mid-Year Meeting, Columbus, OH.

*Impacts of Global Warming on Coastal Resources in the Northeast*: Northeastern Mosquito Control Association, 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Providence, RI.

*Natural Hazards and Climate Change-Urban Adaptation*: Center for Environmental Studies, Brown University, Providence, RI.

*Rhode Island Efforts Towards Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change*: Northeast CZM Regional Meeting, webcast.

#### 2008

*Changing Climate, Changing Future*: Retreat From The Edge, Roy Carpenter's Beach, South Kingstown, RI

*CRMC Policy on Coastal Management in the Context of Climate Change*: Climate Change and Rhode Island's Coast: Where Will Tomorrow's Shoreline Be? Narragansett, RI

*Impacts of Global Warming on Coastal and Water Resources*: SRF National Workshop, Providence, RI.

*Natural Hazards – Metro Bay Area*: Providence Waterfront Charrette, Providence, RI

*RI Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Policy*: Program Manager's Meeting – State CZM Programs, Washington, DC.

#### 2007

*Impacts of Global Warming on Coastal Resources in Rhode Island*: Gasping for Air: Climate Change in the Courts, Roger Williams School of Law, Bristol, RI

*Impacts of Global Warming on Coastal Resources in Rhode Island*: Confronting Climate Change in the U.S. Northeast, Science, Impacts, and Solutions, Save the Bay Center, Providence, RI.

*Will Your Home be There for Your Grandchildren?* Sea Grant Summer Community Lecture Series, Charlestown, RI

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMITTEES**

Coastal Education and Research Foundation

Geological Society of America

Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC) Hazard Committee

Northeast Regional Association of Ocean Observing Systems (NERACOOS) Hazard Committee

Providence Harbor Commission

Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Education and Outreach Committee

Rhode Island Hazard Mitigation Committee