

**Coastal Vegetative Buffer Policy:  
Innovative Approaches In Urban/Suburban Environments  
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Kirk Center for Advanced Technology  
University of Rhode Island  
Upper College Road, Kingston**

Morning Session

8:00-8:30 Welcome and introductions

8:30-8:45 Introduction to the challenges, opportunities associated with coastal buffer policy (Grover Fugate, RI Coastal Resources Management Council)

8:45-9:45 Overview of the values of buffers, introduction to background and current science re: buffer functions. Urban forestry perspective on effective vegetation in urban settings. (Al Todd, US Department of Agriculture Forest Service)

9:45-10:00 Break

10:00-10:30 Scientific overview of buffer water quality functions, to include nutrient/pollutant retention and removal, stormwater management, etc. (Art Gold, URI)

10:30-11:00 Scientific overview of buffer habitat functions (Scott McWilliams, URI)

11:00-11:30 Riparian buffer standards (Andy Lipsky, RI Natural Resource Conservation Service)

11:30-12:30 Adjourn. (Lunch on your own.)

Afternoon Session:

12:30-1:00 Hard shorelines and urban buffers (Andy Lipsky, NRCS)

1:00-1:30 Urban Harbor example of coastal buffer management (Duncan Stuart, Baltimore City Department of Planning, MD)

1:30-2:00 Washington State urban coastal buffer management (Doug Myers, Puget Sound Action Team)

2:00 Adjourn.