

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**RHODE ISLAND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO
FAIR HOUSING**

The Rhode Island Office of Housing and Community Development and Rhode Island Housing are conducting a public hearing relative to the *Rhode Island Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing* (Regional AI), the state's assessment of fair housing conditions and strategy for furthering fair access to housing for all residents. The Regional AI recommends administrative and programmatic actions to address barriers in private and government-assisted housing, not only for protected classes but others who have faced barriers in the marketplace. It promotes initiatives that facilitate equal access to housing, which is fundamental to ensuring equal opportunity in education, employment, and other areas.

Rhode Island's six largest cities (Cranston, East Providence, Pawtucket, Providence, Warwick, and Woonsocket) and the state's Office of Housing and Community Development along with Rhode Island Housing have an obligation as recipients of federal housing and community development funds to prepare Analyses of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing. The Regional AI addresses impediments to fair housing choice in these participating jurisdictions and in the whole of the State.

A public hearing on the Regional AI has been scheduled for:

Wednesday July 8th, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Room 300 at 235
Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908

*To request a language or sign interpreter, please call the Division of Planning 48 hours in
advance at 401-222-6183. The location is handicapped accessible.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A draft of the Regional AI will be available for review at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/community/housingresources/about.php> beginning on Wednesday, June 24th. Copies may be requested at the Office of Housing and Community Development during normal business hours, by telephone, mail or e-mail. All comments received by Saturday, August 8th will be considered for inclusion in the final plan.

For more information or to comment, please contact:

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