



# Join ECRI for its Annual Meeting

**Monday, June 5, 2017**

**5:30 – 8:00pm**

**With a Nature Based Solutions for  
stormwater runoff tour at 3:00 pm**

**Emmanuel Church**

*42 Dearborn St Newport RI 02840*



Over the last 4 years the Environment Council of Rhode Island's Annual meeting has become a really enjoyable evening. This year the Annual meeting of both the Environment Council and its sister organization, the 501c3 Environment Council of Rhode Island Education Fund will take place Monday, June 5, 2017 at the Emmanuel Church at 42 Dearborn Street, Newport RI beginning at 5:30 PM. We were pleased to be invited by the rector of Emmanuel Church, Anita Louise Schell, who is an active leader of Rhode Island Interfaith Power and Light, an ECRI organization. Recently, the committee decided upon the theme, "The Management of Stormwater," a topic ECRI has been highlighting for several years, with a big focus on Newport and Aquidneck Island in the Green Infrastructure Coalition that ECRI helps manage.

With the obvious fit, we decided to begin the day's festivities with a 3:00 PM bus tour of Green Infrastructure sites that our coalition members have been involved in. The evening program will start with a very short ECRI annual business meeting. A Buffet Dinner will follow, including keynote speeches by Thomas Ardito, Executive Director of the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission and Jeffrey Diehl, Executive Director of the RI Infrastructure Bank.

The food is always great, wherever we go we find a local caterer, and they always deliver delicious food. Speeches will be easy to hear.

Most of the time at the annual meeting is devoted to you, allowing attendees to talk with environmental leaders and activists about what we must do to keep Rhode Island a place we want to live. That actually is the key purpose of ECRI, to bring together advocates and leaders to protect Rhode Island's Environment. If you travel around the country, ECRI is unique. We really are the coalition of environmental groups, exceptionally capable of pulling together the entire community quickly on important issues. It is a clear case where all of us work together as a stronger force than acting individually.

ECRI connects with a very light hand, and in our RI neighborhood, very personally. But even a light hand, and a very small budget require a bit of support. If you support the work ECRI does, ECRI can benefit from your support for our annual meeting. Working through the ECRI Education Fund, ECRI is looking for sponsors and those wishing to advertise in the program booklet or exhibit at the event, and those who are just interested in attending the bus tour and dinner.

Sponsorships start at \$500 with additional recognition at the event and in the program booklet. Advertisements in the program booklet start at \$50 and increase with size. A full page is \$300.

The dinner, beginning at 5:30 PM including the bus tour with preregistration is \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. We look forward to seeing you there!

Best,  
Jerry Elmer, President

Greg Gerritt, Chair, Annual Meeting Committee Member

Lauren Carson, Committee Member

Paul Beaudette, Committee Member

Eugenia Marks, Committee Member

Anita Louise Schell, Committee Member

Mark Hengen, Committee Member

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