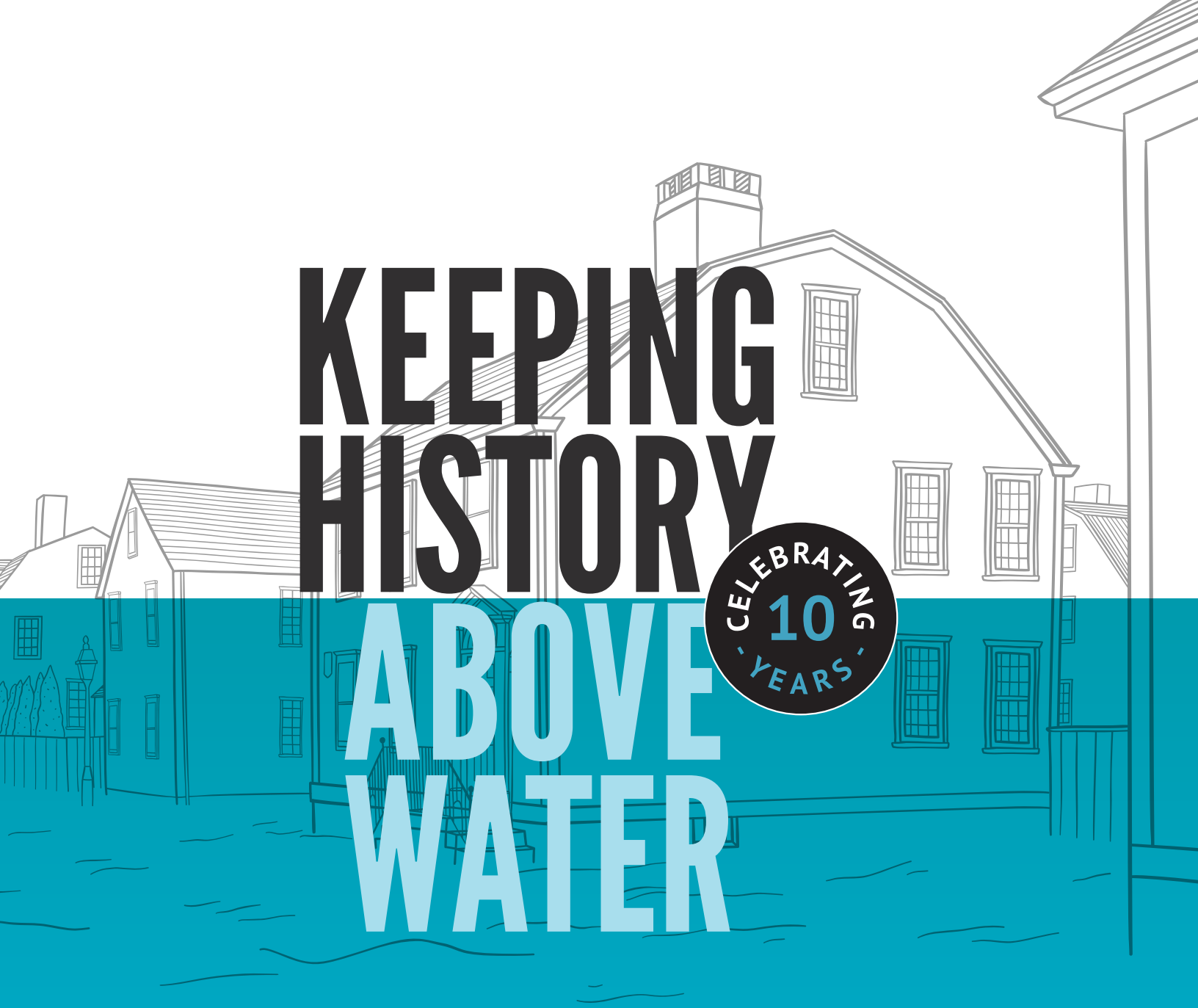




KEEPING HISTORY

ABOVE WATER



LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

October 21-23, 2026

Bazarsky Lecture Hall, Salve Regina University
36 Ochre Point Avenue, Newport, RI

Welcome

Dear friends and colleagues,

Welcome to Newport, Rhode Island. We are honored to gather together preservationists, policy planners, and community members to inspire action for cultural heritage resiliency in the wake of climate change.

Experience gained over a decade of convenings — like this one — have helped make *Keeping History Above Water* an integral part of the work of the Newport Restoration Foundation.

Our founder Doris Duke had an extraordinary vision: in the late 1960s, she saw the need for historic restoration on an unprecedented scale in order to preserve the architectural and cultural heritage of Newport.

NRF's historic homes are part of a global community threatened by the increasing impacts of rising sea levels and inundation events.

Since the inception of *Keeping History Above Water*, these threats have only grown more critical and the need for effective adaptation and mitigation activities more urgent.

Over the next few days, we will reflect together on the important work of *Keeping History Above Water* to date and envision its role building a more sustainable, resilient future.

We look forward to these impactful conversations throughout your time in Newport — and long after, as well.

With thanks,

Hilary Fagan

Executive Director of the Newport Restoration Foundation

About the Newport Restoration Foundation and *Keeping History Above Water*™

Keeping History Above Water began in Newport in 2016 with a discussion on how to plan for the future impact of sea-level rise on the historic “City by the Sea.”

The Newport Restoration Foundation stewards one of the most significant concentrations of colonial era architecture in the country. Today, NRF’s portfolio of 70 historic homes faces a new challenge. Approximately 40% of NRF’s properties sit within the flood zone and are at risk of seawater inundation, coastal flooding, heavier precipitation, and storm-driven damage. These risks are only projected to increase over the coming decades.



PORTFOLIO CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Building from the last ten years of innovative *Keeping History Above Water* convenings and guided by a 2025 KHAWS Strategic Plan, NRF is prepared to move from analysis to action. Working with Union Studio and the Horsley Witten Group, NRF’s Portfolio Climate Action Plan was developed to provide a roadmap of adaptations to build resiliency and long-term portfolio stewardship. This sequenced framework is a tool for NRF to direct maintenance, capital planning, and stewardship decisions based on each property’s evolving exposure to sea level rise.

The Plan transforms known vulnerability into a phased plan of built adaptations and interventions sensitive and suited for historic buildings. These strategies include a range of costs and a phasing schedule, allowing investment to be made at the right time and on the right scale. It provides sequenced adaptations for each property, prompted by environmental and data-driven trigger points. Ultimately, the Plan is a framework that NRF can revisit and adjust as conditions, costs, and capacity change.

Locations of Sessions, Off-site Tours and Workshops

CONFERENCE HOTEL

Wyndham Newport

240 Aquidneck Avenue
Middletown, RI 02840

VENUE AND ALL SESSIONS

Bazarsky Hall

Salve Regina University

36 Ochre Point Avenue
Newport, RI 02840

LUNCH THURSDAY

Ochre Court

Salve Regina University

100 Ochre Point Avenue
Newport, RI 02840

KEYNOTE AND OPENING RECEPTION

Rough Point Museum

680 Bellevue Avenue
Newport, RI 02840

OFF SITE TOURS AND WORKSHOPS

Hunter House Resiliency Tour

Hunter House
54 Washington Street
Newport, RI 02840

Keeping Rough Point Above Water

Rough Point Museum
680 Bellevue Avenue
Newport, RI 02840

Recent Design Projects: Kirby Perkins Construction

Pitt's Head Tavern
77 Bridge Street
Newport, RI 02840

Resilient by Design: Reimagining Easton's Beach*

Easton's Beach
175 Memorial Boulevard
Newport, RI 02840

RISING: A Keeping History Above Water Project

Storer Park
39 Washington Street
Newport, RI 02840

The Spouting Rock Beach Association Flood Barriers*

The Spouting Rock
Beach Association
34 Ocean Avenue
Newport, RI 02840

Trades Showcase on Bridge Street

51 Bridge Street
Newport, RI 02840
6 Cross Street
Newport, RI 02840

Vernon House Open House

Vernon House
46 Clarke Street
Newport, RI 02840

Walking the Talk: Climate Change Strategies at Home*

Queen Anne Square
220 Thames Street
Newport, RI 02840



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Symposium Schedule at a Glance

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DAY 1 Wednesday, October 21

Bazarsky Hall, O'Hare Academic Building, Salve Regina University

- 12:30pm** **Opening Remarks**
Hilary Fagan, Executive Director of the Newport Restoration Foundation and
Kris Turgeon, Historic Trades Manager of the Newport Restoration Foundation
- 12:45pm** **Panel: *Building Resilient Solutions: Reducing Disaster Anxiety Through Action**
Courtney Magill, Preservation Project Manager, Commonwealth Preservation Group and
Kerry Shackelford, Co-Owner, Building Resilient Solutions
- 1:30pm** **Session: *Timber Frames: Movable, Resilient, Sustainable, Beautiful**
Arron Sturgis, Principal, Preservation Timber Framing and Rick Geddes, Geddes Building Movers
- 2:15pm** **BREAK**
- 2:30pm** **Session: Save the Salvage: Deconstruction as a Pathway**
Katie Fitzhugh, Owner and Founder, Fitzhugh & Sons Deconstruction LLC
- 5:30-7:30pm** **The Labor of Transformation Keynote Address**
Pulitzer-prize finalist Elizabeth Rush
Rough Point Museum, 680 Bellevue Ave, Newport (Doors open at 5:00 pm)

DAY 2 Thursday, October 22

Bazarsky Hall, O'Hare Auditorium, Salve Regina University

- 9:00am** **Opening Remarks**
Hilary Fagan, Executive Director of the Newport Restoration Foundation
- 9:15am** **A Framework for Action: Newport Restoration Foundation's Portfolio Climate Action Plan**
Margaret Back, Newport Restoration Foundation and Eline Hilgersom, Union Studio Architecture & Community Design
- 9:45am** **Keeping History Above Water: Hindsight, Insight, and Foresight**
Morris (Marty) Hylton III, Architecture Sarasota; Kayla Halberg, Commonwealth Preservation Group;
Rodney Rowland, Strawberry Banke Museum; and Jen Wellock, U.S. Department of the Interior
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Seri Worden, National Trust for Historic Preservation
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Heather Veneziano, Tulane School of Architecture & Built Environment
- 11:30am** **The Future of Insurability**
Lauren Carson, RI State Representative; Charlie Sidoti, InnSure; Steve Brandt, InnSure;
Christina Truwit, City of Newport; and Nancy Scott, The Point Association of Newport, RI
- 12:15pm** **LUNCH**
Ochre Court, 100 Ochre Point Avenue, Newport
- 1:45pm** ***Historic Corridor Resilience Planning and Adaptation**
Arnold N. Robinson (AICP, NCI, WEDG); Caitlin Greeley, Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning;
John Truscinski, Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation; Alex Maxwell, PhD, Fuss & O'Neill;
and Beth Kirmmse (RLA, ASLA, WEDG), Fuss & O'Neill
- 2:30pm** **BREAK**

Tours and Site Visits

- 2:45pm** **Hunter House Resiliency Tour**, 54 Washington Street, Newport
- *Resilient by Design: Reimagining Easton's Beach**, 175 Memorial Boulevard, Newport
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Valerie Perini, The Trustees of Reservations and David Robinson, Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources
- 2:45 pm** **BREAK**

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The Newport Restoration Foundation recognizes the importance of continuing education for professionals in the field. The KHAW Symposium offers architects an opportunity to earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) through a comprehensive program of presentations and discussions.

Many KHAW sessions are eligible for credit through the American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System (AIA CES). Certificates of attendance will be provided to attendees seeking credits, and participation will be reported to AIA CES for AIA members. Accreditation is generously provided by the Historic Preservation Education Foundation.

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Wednesday, October 21

12:30pm Opening Remarks

Hilary Fagan, Executive Director, Newport Restoration Foundation and Kris Turgeon, Historic Trades Initiative Manager, Newport Restoration Foundation

12:45pm *Building Resilient Solutions: Reducing Disaster Anxiety Through Action

Courtney Magill, Preservation Project Manager, Commonwealth Preservation Group and Kerry Shackelford, Co-Owner, Building Resilient Solutions

Building stewardship can lead to anxiety: the rising costs of building materials, balancing budgets between cyclical maintenance and emergency repairs, etc. This is compounded when the stress of the unknown future of climate change and potential flooding is considered. What keeps anxiety at bay is action; action driven by collaboration and data. Building Resilient Solutions (BRS) has built a lab and a team of professionals that can study specific buildings and building materials. Started in 2019, BRS, through several partnerships, has control-tested building assemblies in the lab to know which types of historic and non-historic building materials can weather a storm, resist warping and cupping, and can dry out to be salvaged. BRS has also performed on-site project testing and monitoring to understand where water vulnerabilities are. Both approaches have led to better project design, risk reduction, and disaster preparedness in flood-prone areas. BRS will present this information by discussing the challenges and successes, updates since presenting at the 2023 KHAW conference, and engaging the audience with recent project examples. Time will also be allotted with an open forum to collaborate with the audience, hear what building assemblies they would like to see tested, and answer questions.

1:30pm ***Timber Frames: Movable, Resilient, Sustainable, Beautiful**

Arron Sturgis, Principal, Preservation Timber Framing and Rick Geddes, Geddes Building Movers

Historic timber frames abound in New England. They are malleable, movable and resilient.

Together we will explore how they are made, moved and adapted. Timber frames are resilient, with a low carbon footprint. They are an antidote to modern wasteful building systems.

Historic timber frames and traditional timber framing using locally grown timber and time-tested design and engineering provide a template for the past and future of our building systems. Livable, movable and fire-resistant structures, timber frames speak of longevity, heritage and quality of life within our ravaged climate.

This talk will focus on the timber frame as both historic artifact and superb structure for lifting, moving and repurposing. Traditional timber frame joinery systems will be explored within the context of how easily and effectively they can be moved out of harm's way. Specific building moving methods and techniques will be presented, explored, and explained. Issues centered on context, adaptive re-use, dismantling and demolition will be discussed.

2:15pm **Break**

2:30pm **Save the Salvage: Deconstruction as a Pathway**

Katie Fitzhugh, Owner and Founder, Fitzhugh & Sons Deconstruction LLC

When a building can't be saved, thoughtful deconstruction gives it second life. In preservation, the goal is to save historic buildings, but that isn't always feasible. Factors such as site location, building stability, and financial burdens oftentimes create a situation where a building can no longer be kept whole. Skilled deconstruction focuses on the careful, systematic hand-disassembly of a building to salvage, preserve, and reuse its architectural components and materials. Fitzhugh Deconstruction will discuss building assessment, appropriate documentation of the architectural elements, and a careful plan for removal of material.

5:30pm ***The Labor of Transformation* Keynote Address and Opening Reception**

Elizabeth Rush, author of *Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore*

Doors open at 5pm | Rough Point Museum, 680 Bellevue Ave, Newport

Rising tides and stronger storms demand that we transform how we live, on the coast and beyond. This talk will consider how to conduct that work in as democratic a manner as possible, leveraging the speaker's experience onboard an Antarctic research vessel and the history of the last continent's exploration as examples.

Thursday, October 22

9:00am

Opening Welcome

Hilary Fagan, Executive Director, Newport Restoration Foundation

9:15am

A Framework for Action: The Newport Restoration Foundation's Portfolio Climate Action Plan

Margaret Back, Preservation Projects Manager, Newport Restoration Foundation and Eline Hilgersom, Designer, Union Studio

This year, NRF embarked on a Portfolio Action Plan with Union Studio Architects and Horsley Witten Engineering. The Action Plan is a roadmap for NRF's portfolio of nearly 80 historic properties, close to half of which are in the flood zone. NRF and Union will share this phased plan of adaptations designed for each property, spread across phases reflecting increasing sea levels and storm events. As part of this plan, NRF will highlight one property selected to adapt and the design work underway to sensitively protect the historic structure from rising tides.

9:45am

Keeping History Above Water: Hindsight, Insight, and Foresight

(Moderator) Morris (Marty) Hylton III, President, Architecture Sarasota; Kayla Halberg, Director of Survey and Research, Commonwealth Preservation Group; Rodney Rowland, Director of Environmental Sustainability, Strawberry Banke Museum; and Jen Wellock, National Coordinator – Natural and Cultural Resources Recovery Support, U.S. Department of the Interior

Ten years and eleven convenings have followed the inaugural *Keeping History Above Water* conference in Newport, RI in 2016. This discussion is intended to explore the evolution of *Keeping History Above Water* over the past 10 years with a focus on the communities and resources the initiative has impacted. Past hosts of *Keeping History Above Water* events and conferences will reflect on highlights of the convening, lessons learned, action today, and current and future challenges.

10:30am

Pre-Coffee Remarks

Seri Worden, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, National Trust for Historic Preservation

10:35am

Coffee Break

11:00am

***Living Documentation for Coastal Heritage at Risk**

Heather Veneziano, Director, Historic Preservation, Tulane School of Architecture and Built Environment

As land loss accelerates across the Gulf South, traditional architectural documentation is no longer enough. In many coastal communities, preservation now unfolds alongside displacement, managed retreat, and irreversible change. This session presents an action-oriented model for living documentation that combines historic preservation, GIS technology, digital humanities, and community engagement in response to climate uncertainty.

The presentation highlights two linked initiatives at Tulane University School of Architecture and Built Environment built around a shared ArcGIS platform documenting threatened buildings and cultural landscapes in southern Louisiana. The Grand Isle Historic Standing Structures Survey documents approximately 2,000 resources in one of the state's most climate-exposed communities while incorporating resident stories and local knowledge. Architectures of Coastal Survivance, grant funded by Tulane's Center on Climate Change and Urbanism, expands this work through a scalable geo-tagged dataset of archival images, maps, and contemporary survey data while training students in digital humanities and geospatial methods. Together, these projects position documentation as essential infrastructure for climate adaptation, retreat planning, and long-term cultural stewardship.

11:30am

The Future of Insurability

(Moderator) Representative Lauren Carson, RI State Representative House District 75; Charlie Sidoti, Executive Director, InnSure; Steve Brandt, Chief Development Officer, InnSure; Christina Truwit, Resilience Assistant, City of Newport; and Nancy Scott, Member, The Point Association of Newport, RI

A 2026 climate resilience and flooding survey of Newport's historic Point neighborhood by the Point Neighborhood Association and RI House Representative Lauren Carson revealed increasing flood premiums, financing gaps, and concerns of rising unaffordability. While climate risk is widely recognized, homeowner resilience investment and insurance coverage have not caught up. This panel examines the types of flood adaptations viable for vulnerable historic structures and explores how the insurance market can integrate this sustainability planning.

12:15pm

Lunch - Ochre Court

1:45pm

***Historic Corridor Resilience Planning and Adaptation**

(Moderator) Arnold N. Robinson, AICP, NCI, WEDG; Caitlin Greeley, Supervising Planner, RI Division of Statewide Planning; John Truscinski, Director of Resilience Planning, Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA); Alex Maxwell, PhD, CCP - Resilient Route 114 Project Manager at Fuss & O'Neill; and Beth Kirmmse, RLA, ASLA, WEDG, Associate and Resilient Mystic Project Manager at Fuss & O'Neill

Historic transportation corridors are not just roadways; they often link multiple historic communities through scenic historic landscapes. These are common along both US coasts as well as along inland waterbodies and rivers. State and regional planners are expanding from single community flood planning into corridor planning methodology, reflecting the fact that the types of vulnerability of the historic resources are shared across watersheds and are frequently in multiple municipalities. This new paradigm allows vulnerability assessment and adaptation design to take place at scale and to deeply integrate historic resource planning. This panel discussion focuses on lessons learned from two projects; the *Resilient Route 114 Plan* from Rhode Island and the Resilient Mystic project from Connecticut. The session provides attendees with practical information on resource identification, vulnerability assessment, stakeholder engagement, multi-agency and regional municipal collaboration, and development of resilience-building options for state and local action.

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2:45-5pm

Hunter House Resiliency Tour

Behind the scenes tour of Hunter House (1748), one of the finest examples of Georgian Colonial architecture from the mid-18th century. Located directly on Newport Harbor, the siting of Hunter House is part of its historical significance yet also making it particularly vulnerable to climate change, sea level rise, and coastal storms. The Preservation Society of Newport County (PSNC) will share near, mid, and long-term resiliency strategies proposed for the property in a recent study.

Recent Design Projects: Kirby Perkins Construction

Join Kirby Perkins Construction for a discussion and tour of recent resiliency projects in Newport. An award-winning construction company serving Southern New England, Kirby Perkins specializes in historic restoration. Among its project portfolio is protecting and restoring historic buildings from the effects of water inundation and sea level rise, including the recent elevation of the Pitt's Head Tavern in Newport's Historic Point District.

***Resilient by Design: Reimagining Easton's Beach**

For the past several years, DBVW Architects and Fuss & O'Neill have worked closely with the City of Newport to develop resiliency strategies and a plan for the future of Easton's Beach. Located on a low-lying, narrow piece of land that connects Newport to Middletown, Easton's Beach is a particularly vulnerable property, which has a long history of historic buildings being destroyed by storms. A survey of historic photographs of Easton's Beach provides a lesson in architectural history — from Victorian structures, to Beaux Arts Buildings, to an Italianate complex — all of the previous developments were erased by storms. How do we ensure that this does not continue to happen in the future? This visit will describe the 2025 public engagement process as well as the planning activities that have explored the best and most resilient future for Easton's Beach. While some of the visit will be sheltered, participants should dress to walk on sand, uneven surfaces, and be outdoors for an hour.

RISING: A Keeping History Above Water Resiliency Walk

Join contemporary artist Ava Reynolds on a guided walk of her current urban exhibition RISING, an installation visualizing sea level rise and presented as part of the *Keeping History Above Water* 10th Anniversary celebrations. Ava's pieces, spread across several NRF flood-vulnerable colonial properties, bring attention to the reach of the flood zone in Newport and the impact of water on the future of historic resources. *Participants should be comfortable standing and walking up to 1 mile in urban Newport.*

***The Spouting Rock Beach Association Flood Barriers**

A behind the scenes look at the Spouting Rock Beach Association dry floodproofing barriers. As an active historic beach club below sea level, an effective resiliency strategy required an approach which could be erected on short notice in the event of a developing hurricane. The project utilizes flood wall technology that protects the National Register listed property with structural steel and aluminum for a flood event to elevation 14.0 feet above MSL, while not negatively impacting the building aesthetics when removed.

Trades Showcase on Bridge Street

- The Elements of Elevating a Historic Building with Arron Sturgis and Rick Geddes
- American College of Building Arts traditional plaster and timber frame demonstrations
- Historic Frame Assessment: Water and Rot in Flood Prone Areas with Andrew Vice
- Building Resilient Solutions: Moisture Monitoring Demonstration

Explore hands-on elements of building vulnerability in the flood zone. Through several “drop-in” sessions, participants will visit flood-vulnerable colonial properties in the historic Point neighborhood and learn to identify the physical threats to these structures and adaptation strategies to protect. Sessions include discussion of elevating a historic building with master timber framer Arron Sturgis and Rick Geddes of Geddes Moving Company; assessment and repair strategies of a historic frame prone to flooding and moisture infiltration; a moisture monitoring probe with Building Resilient Solutions, and traditional plaster and timber frame demonstrations with students from Charleston’s American College of Building Arts. *Participants should be comfortable climbing tight stairs, going inside basements, and should dress to be outside for the duration of the trades showcase.*

Friday, October 23

9:00am

Opening Remarks

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse, US Senator and Edith McBean, Board President, the Newport Restoration Foundation

9:15am

*Resilient Historic Places: Lessons from the Travelers Across America Initiative

Seri Worden, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and Impact, National Trust for Historic Preservation; Kristin Gisleson Palmer, Executive Director, Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans; Shannon McKenzie, Vice President of Watercraft Operations and Preservation, Mystic Seaport Museum; and Janice Brunner, Head of Civic Engagement and Corporate Affairs, Travelers

In 2026, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Travelers launched the “Travelers Across America” program, awarding \$1 million in grants to the National Trust to help restore notable historic landmarks in four states. Though each site is unique in its geography, history, and culture, they are united by a common thread: their connection to the American story and their growing vulnerability to the impacts of natural disasters.

Each location will host on-site programming and community service events, bringing together Travelers employees, National Trust partners, and community members, to support the restoration and long-term resilience of these landmarks, and the communities surrounding them.

This panel explores two of these sites focused on water and storm resilience: Mystic, CT and New Orleans, LA. The conversation will explore how mitigation strategies at these historic sites intersect with insurance access, long-term resilience, and building capacity for long-term insurability.

10:00am *A Landscape in Bloom: Designing for the Future of the Martin Luther King, Jr Memorial, Cherry Trees, and the Tidal Basin Landscape amid Climate Change

Jacob Torkelson, Senior Research Association, Preservation Research Collaborative at the University of Pennsylvania

Situated along the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C., the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial is in one of the most environmentally vulnerable areas of the National Mall. Opened in 2011, it is both recent and already at risk. Recurrent tidal flooding, land subsidence, over visitation, political pressures, and intensified storm events are reshaping the basin's character, stressing the memorial's designed landscape, and reshaping its interpretative narrative. While the memorial was recently built, it was designed with early 21st-century environmental assumptions in mind. Those assumptions no longer hold. As part of a Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) prepared for the National Park Service, the project team approached the site not as a static work to be preserved intact, but as a landscape that must be managed through change. This presentation focuses on three interconnected pressures: rehabilitating the memorial's cherry trees, responding to the forthcoming Tidal Basin seawall reconstruction, and adapting the memorial's existing built features to accommodate other modern visitation and interpretive needs that address modern landscape challenges.

10:30am Pre-Coffee Remarks

Victoria Cimino, Executive Director, Discover Newport

10:35am COFFEE BREAK

11:00am *Stone Living Lab: Nature-Based Approaches to Coastal Resilience

Katie Dafforn, Distinguished Professor and Director, Stone Living Lab, University of Massachusetts Boston and Joe Christo, Chief Resilience Officer, Stone Living Lab, Boston Harbor Now

The Stone Living Lab is advancing coastal resilience by testing a range of nature-based approaches such as cobble berms and Living Seawalls, which can provide multiple benefits to humans and nature. Living Seawalls are modular, textured panels designed to provide protective habitat for marine life. The Lab has installed two sites in Boston Harbor, with additional deployments planned. These installations allow the Lab to evaluate how the panels' complex shapes support biodiversity gains in cold climate conditions. Using a combined approach of numerical modeling, flume experiments, and in situ testing, the Lab is also exploring their potential to reduce wave overtopping and dissipate wave energy, thereby potentially offering additional protection to historic seawalls and adjacent coastal infrastructure.

Another one of the Lab's projects is the Real-time Monitoring Network, which was launched in the fall of 2023 and is managed in partnership with the City of Boston, Woods Hole Group, and 8 other coastal municipalities throughout Massachusetts. The network features 26 instruments and sensors in the water and along the coastline, providing real-time monitoring of flooding, waves, water level, and meteorological parameters to help evaluate normal conditions, changing climate, and storm conditions.

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One of those instruments is a Hohonu overland flood sensor on Boston's historic Long Wharf, which is helping the City of Boston better understand how and when flooding is happening there, and another is a wave buoy in Buzzards Bay, helping multiple municipalities understand the changing coastal conditions in that region.

11:45am

***No Place to Hide, Lighthouses on the Front Lines**

Jon Buono, Senior Regional Director, World Monuments Fund and
Bob Trapani, Executive Director, American Lighthouse Foundation

Coastal heritage worldwide faces accelerating risks from sea-level rise, stronger storms, flooding, erosion, and other climate-driven impacts. In response, World Monuments Fund launched its Coastal Connections program to strengthen climate resilience at vulnerable heritage sites and to develop approaches that can be shared across coastal communities.

Maine's historic lighthouses offer a compelling case study. In January 2024, back-to-back storms damaged more than one-third of the state's sixty-six surviving lighthouses, demonstrating both the physical vulnerability of these structures and the urgent need for coordinated adaptation planning. The storms fundamentally changed the conversation around lighthouse preservation in Maine and beyond. World Monuments Fund subsequently included the Lighthouses of Maine on the 2025 World Monuments Watch and is collaborating with the American Lighthouse Foundation to advance resilience initiatives. This presentation examines emerging strategies, partnerships, and lessons from Maine that may inform stewardship of threatened coastal heritage worldwide.

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LUNCH - O'Hare Academic Building

2:00pm

***The Ship that Wrecked Twice**

Valerie Perini, Regional Education Manager, The Trustees of Reservations and
David Robinson, Director and Chief Archaeologist, Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources

Massachusetts is home to over 3,500 shipwrecks, and many of these archaeological resources are under threat as our climate and coast changes. The 1875 schooner, *Ada K. Damon*, which wrecked on Steep Hill Beach in Ipswich in 1909 and lay buried in the sand for nearly a century, re-emerged around 2000 and was used as an educational tool before being wrecked again by the confluence of Hurricane Teddy and autumnal "King Tides" in 2020. Since then, the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources and The Trustees of Reservations have collaborated to develop and deliver educational programs that engage citizens of all ages in the monitoring of the site, while sharing the story of this historic schooner and the eroding coastline it calls home.

This presentation presents strategies for coastal cultural resources site management, climate storytelling, and education using marine archaeological and natural resources.

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Keeping Rough Point Above Water

Led by DBVW Architects and NRF senior staff, this tour will give you a look inside the ongoing restoration project at Rough Point as NRF prepares for major capital repairs — including spaces like the East Wing that are currently not open to the public. Central to this plan is water infiltration, resiliency, and preparing the house for increased storm events. Learn about NRF's preservation plan for Doris Duke's 130+ year-old Newport home and how this work is part of our greater stewardship of the more than 80 historic sites in our care. Following the tour, Rough Point Museum will be open to explore, including the Newport Galleries and Fashion Gallery. *While most of this tour is accessible, the tour route includes spaces that are not currently wheelchair accessible.*

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Join contemporary artist Ava Reynolds on a guided walk of her current urban exhibition RISING, an installation visualizing sea level rise and presented as part of the *Keeping History Above Water* 10th Anniversary celebrations. Ava's pieces, spread across several NRF flood-vulnerable colonial properties, bring attention to the reach of the flood zone in Newport and the impact of water on the future of historic resources. *Participants should be comfortable standing and walking up to 1 mile in urban Newport.*

***The Spouting Rock Beach Association Flood Barriers**

A behind the scenes look at the Spouting Rock Beach Association dry floodproofing barriers. As an active historic beach club below sea level, an effective resiliency strategy required an approach which could be erected on short notice in the event of a developing hurricane. The project utilizes flood wall technology that protects the National Register listed property with structural steel and aluminum for a flood event to elevation 14.0 feet above MSL, while not negatively impacting the building aesthetics when removed.

***Walking the Talk: Climate Change Strategies at Home**

Practical, effective improvements to address sea level rise, extreme heat, and more severe storms can be made in your very own home or small business. This progressive, interactive workshop led by Jenny Wolfe, AICP will take participants on a walk through downtown Newport to examine older and historic buildings with existing and potential resilience measures that reduce climate impacts on a small scale. Participants will learn to identify physical threats to older and historic buildings, including flooding, wind damage, saltwater intrusion, heat stress, and stormwater impacts. Through onsite examples and facilitated discussion, the workshop examines a range of resilience improvements, considering cost, durability, professional assistance needs, and permitting requirements. The session demonstrates how thoughtful property improvements can strengthen climate resiliency while preserving historic character. *Participants should be comfortable standing and walking up to 2 miles in urban Newport*



Speaker Bios



ARRON STURGIS

Vice President, Timber Framer's Guild

In 1992, Arron created Preservation Timber Framing; a traditional timber framing company specializing in the structural repair of historic timber framed buildings. Today, PTF, Inc. has a team of 21 highly talented craftspeople who are dedicated to the preservation of historic buildings. He is a trustee with the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance (NHPA) and an advisory trustee with Maine Preservation. Arron is currently serving as vice president in his first term with the Timber Framer's Guild (tfguild.org), focusing on trades education, Board development and fundraising.



RICK GEDDES

Founder, Geddes Building Movers, Inc.

Rick began his career in the building moving industry in 1970. After college and five years as a special education teacher, Rick followed his entrepreneurial drive and founded Geddes Building Movers, Inc. Rick and his team have been deeply involved in historic preservation, collaborating with organizations throughout New England and as far as New Jersey and New York to protect and relocate significant structures. In recognition of his leadership and commitment to preservation, Rick received the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance Achievement Award in 2022. In the past decade alone, Geddes Building Movers has saved over 100 homes and historic buildings from increasing flood risks and coastal storm surges, helping preserve both heritage and communities.



COURTNEY MAGILL

Project Manager, Historic Resource Treatment Studio, Commonwealth Preservation Group

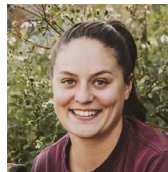
Courtney Magill joined CPG in July 2026 as a project manager in the Historic Resource Treatment Studio. She is an architectural conservator and preservationist based in the greater DMV region. Her responsibilities include surveying historic sites, documenting building conditions, and recommending treatment methods for projects that adhere to and comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. Drawn to historic preservation through admiration for the artisanship and materials of historic buildings, she remains passionate about safeguarding this craftsmanship for communities to celebrate and enjoy.



KERRY SHACKELFORD

Co-owner, Building Resilient Solutions

Kerry Shackelford holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Forestry and Natural Resources Management from the University of Tennessee. He graduated in 1979.



KATIE FITZHUGH

Fitzhugh & Sons Deconstruction

Katie Fitzhugh studied Cultural Anthropology and History at the University of Montana and has an MFA in Architectural History from the Savannah College of Art and Design. As crew, Assistant Director, and ultimately Director at Re:Purpose Savannah, she helped give historic building materials a second life. She recently launched her own company, Fitzhugh & Sons Deconstruction.



ELIZABETH RUSH

Elizabeth Rush is the author of *The Quickenings: Antarctica, Motherhood, and Cultivating Hope in a Warming World* and *Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore*, which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in General Nonfiction. Her writing explores how people and communities adapt to ecological change, with a particular focus on sea-level rise and climate change. Her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Orion*, *Harper's*, *Guernica*, and other publications, and she has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, National Science Foundation, National Geographic, and Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Rush is an Assistant Professor of the Practice in Brown University's Nonfiction Writing Program, where she teaches creative nonfiction. She lives in Providence, Rhode Island.



MARGARET BACK
Preservation Projects Manager,
Newport Restoration Foundation

Margaret Back is the Preservation Projects Manager at the Newport Restoration Foundation (NRF).

At NRF, Margaret manages restoration projects that balance preservation, resiliency, and livability for the organization's portfolio of over 80 historic properties. As lead for NRF's *Keeping History Above Water*™ initiative, her current projects include portfolio planning in response to flooding and increased storms. She previously worked as a Preservation Manager for the South Region of Historic New England, where she oversaw preservation projects and facility maintenance for properties in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.



ELINE HILGERSOM
Designer, Union Studio Architecture
& Community Design

Eline M. Hilgersom is a Designer at Union Studio Architecture & Community Design, where she brings

experience in architecture, historic preservation, and urban design to projects focused on creating livable, equitable, and environmentally responsible places. Originally from the Netherlands, she worked on projects within Amsterdam's historic district before moving to the United States. She has worked on historic sites throughout New England and has contributed to preservation and climate-adaptation projects, including the House of the Seven Gables in Salem, Massachusetts.



MORRIS (MARTY) HYLTON III,
President, Architecture
Sarasota (Moderator)

Morris "Marty" Hylton III is President of Architecture Sarasota and an architect and historic preservationist

with more than 25 years of experience documenting, conserving, and advocating for cultural heritage. His work focuses on 20th-century heritage, climate adaptation, and the resilience of historic places affected by natural disasters and climate change. He has served as Strategic Initiatives Manager at World Monuments Fund, as Director of Historic Preservation at the University of Florida, and as the National Park Service's inaugural Historic Architect for Climate Change.



KAYLA HALBERG
Director of Survey and Research,
Commonwealth Preservation Group

Kayla is a senior historian in the Survey and Research Studio at CPG whose expertise involves

shepherding many of the firm's unique projects that combine multiple, and often complex, service areas. Specifically, Kayla manages projects that include multiple property documents, historic preservation planning, public engagement, oral histories, local historic district design guidelines, easement review, and building treatment plans for historic rehabilitation tax credit. Over her career, Kayla has developed a specialty for providing strategic guidance on complex projects involving survey and research. Kayla excels in performing architectural and historical research to build strong National Register and National Historic Landmark nominations.



RODNEY ROWLAND
Director of Environmental
Sustainability, Strawberry Banke
Museum

Rodney Rowland is Director of Environmental Sustainability at

Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where he oversees sustainability initiatives and works to address the impacts of climate change on the museum's historic buildings and landscape. He oversees the museum's 32 historic structures on its nine-acre site and has played a leading role in developing strategies to address sea-level rise, stormwater, groundwater, and other environmental threats. He is also a member of the American Association for State and Local History's Climate and Sustainability Community.



JEN WELLOCK
National Coordinator - Natural and
Cultural Resources Recovery Support,
U.S. Department of the Interior

Jennifer A. Wellock is an architectural historian with the National Park

Service's States, Tribal and Local Plans & Grants office, where she provides technical review of federally funded historic preservation projects. She is a co-author of the National Park Service's Guidelines on Flood Adaptation for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings, which provides approaches for reducing flood risk while preserving the character of historic properties. Wellock has also supported historic preservation recovery efforts following disasters, including Superstorm Sandy and the 2011 tornadoes in Birmingham, Alabama.



HEATHER VENEZIANO

Director, Historic Preservation, Tulane School of Architecture and Built Environment

Heather Veneziano is a historic preservation leader, architectural historian, and educator with over 15 years of experience directing documentation, conservation, and cultural resource management initiatives. Her research and expertise are focused on cultural heritage sites, vernacular architecture, and deathscapes, with a strong emphasis on historic preservation and placemaking. Veneziano is also an award-winning author, an accomplished editor, and a contributor to several published works focused on cemetery studies and the architecture of the Gulf South.



REPRESENTATIVE LAUREN CARSON

State Representative, Newport

Lauren H. Carson is a Rhode Island State Representative representing Newport's District 75, a position she has held since 2014. She currently serves as Deputy Majority Leader and as Second Vice Chair of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee and House Innovation and Technology Committee. Her work in the General Assembly has focused on environmental sustainability, climate resilience, tourism, small business, and issues affecting Newport and its historic character.



CHARLIE SIDOTI

Executive Director, InnSure

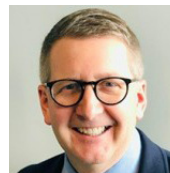
Charlie Sidoti is the Executive Director of InnSure, a non-profit innovation hub focused on making insurance work for everybody in the face of a changing climate. His work focuses on helping community leaders integrate "insurability planning" into economic development planning. Prior to founding InnSure, Charlie spent 35+ years in and around insurance including time as an underwriter, in senior executive roles within large insurers, and as founder/CEO of insurance adjacent analytics companies.



CHRISTINA TRUWIT, CFM

Resilience Assistant for the City of Newport & Project Coordinator for the Rhode Island Mitigation Association

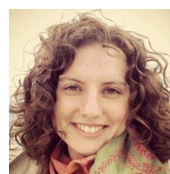
As a Certified Floodplain Manager, much of Truwit's work centralizes around guidance for flood mitigation techniques for built structures and land. She holds a Masters of Environmental Science and Management in Policy, along with a certificate of Coastal Resilience Planning from the University of Rhode Island. She also holds a Masters of Architecture and a certificate in Collegiate Teaching from Rhode Island School of Design (RISD). Before entering into resilience planning, she taught sustainable architecture courses at RISD, and also worked as an architect in Costa Rica designing sustainable housing in a coastal town.



ARNOLD N. ROBINSON

AICP, NCI, WEDG

Arnold Robinson, AICP, is Regional Director of Planning at Fuss & O'Neill, where he focuses on community planning, climate adaptation and resilience, public engagement, and historic preservation. He has more than 30 years of experience in historic preservation and community planning and has worked extensively with communities throughout New England. Previously, he served as Dean of Community Engagement and Director of the Community Partnerships Center at Roger Williams University, where he also taught historic preservation. Earlier in his career, he was a principal at Newport Collaborative Architects and Executive Director of the Providence Preservation Society.



CAITLIN GREELEY

Supervising Planner, RI Division of Statewide Planning

Caitlin Greeley, AICP, is a Supervising Planner with the Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning, where she works on community coordination, resilience, land use, and statewide planning initiatives. She has been involved in planning efforts addressing climate resilience and coastal flooding, including the Resilient Route 114 Plan, which examined vulnerabilities and potential strategies for Barrington, Bristol, and Warren. She has also worked with communities on integrating climate resilience into local planning and land-use policies.



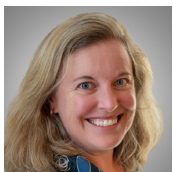
JOHN TRUSCINSKI
Director of Resilience Planning,
Connecticut Institute for Resilience
and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA)

John Truscinski is Director of Resilience Planning at the Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaptation (CIRCA) at the University of Connecticut, where he manages the Resilient Connecticut project. Previously, he served as Coastal Resilience Manager for The Nature Conservancy in New Jersey, leading statewide efforts to incorporate ecosystem-based climate adaptation strategies into coastal community planning. He worked closely with state agencies and municipalities along the Jersey Shore and has extensive experience in coastal resilience, climate adaptation, and community planning.



ALEX MAXWELL PHD, CCP
Resilient Route 114 Project Manager
at Fuss & O'Neill

With over 13 years of experience, Alex Maxwell serves as a planning principal and discipline leader at Fuss & O'Neill, leading the Natural Resources and Environmental Planning team. Previously, he served as a Senior Manager of Climate Programs at Second Nature, an Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at Gonzaga University, and worked as an environmental planning consultant on several projects related to local climate action planning and sustainable urban design. Prior to returning to the States, Alex was a Fulbright-University of Strathclyde Research Scholar with the Urban Design Studies Unit in Glasgow, Scotland and worked for the Urban Planning and Design Branch of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme in Nairobi, Kenya.



BETH KIRMMSE, RLA,
ASLA, WEDG
Associate and Resilient Mystic Project
Manager at Fuss & O'Neill

Beth Kirmmse, RLA, ASLA, WEDG, is an Associate at Fuss & O'Neill and a landscape architect specializing in environmental and climate resilience planning and design. With more than 25 years of experience, she has managed projects addressing climate-related risks throughout New England, including resilient riverfronts, shorelines, and natural infrastructure. Beth has a background in government and environmental policy and business management and has worked with communities to develop solutions that provide ecological, economic, and cultural benefits.



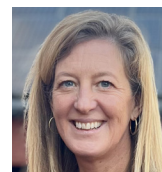
SERI WORDEN
Vice President of Strategic Initiatives,
National Trust for
Historic Preservation

Seri Worden is Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and Impact at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, where she leads initiatives that advance the preservation of historic places and strengthen the impact of the organization's work. She has nearly 20 years of experience in historic preservation, urban planning, and nonprofit leadership. Worden has led major National Trust initiatives including the Tidal Basin Ideas Lab and the Historic Neighborhoods of Philadelphia National Treasure program, and has worked extensively on preservation, community engagement, and resilience.



KRISTIN GISLESON PALMER,
Executive Director of the Preservation
Resource Center of New Orleans

Kristin Gisleson Palmer has dedicated her career to housing, preservation, and community revitalization in New Orleans. Twice director of the PRC's Christmas in October program (later Rebuilding Together New Orleans), she helped hundreds of families return home after Hurricane Katrina. She also served as coordinator of the PRC's Historic Preservation Education Program. Palmer represented District C on the New Orleans City Council from 2010-2014 and 2018-2022, focusing on housing, transportation, and disaster recovery. She played key roles in passing the city's Master Plan, Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, and Complete Streets legislation, while also leading efforts to reduce blight, regulate short-term rentals, and expand affordable housing. Her work has been recognized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the City of New Orleans, the Louisiana Landmarks Society, and the PRC.



SHANNON MCKENZIE
Vice President of Watercraft
Operations and Preservation,
Mystic Seaport

Since joining Mystic Seaport Museum almost 20 years ago, Shannon has held a series of leadership roles spanning Museum operations, strategic planning, and watercraft preservation and programs. She was instrumental in organizing the historic 38th Voyage of the wooden whaling bark Charles W. Morgan, as well as overseeing programming on schooner Brilliant and coordinating major events such as Wooden Boat Show. As the

Museum embarked on major infrastructure upgrades, Shannon oversaw the initial phases of a campus planning initiative to address sea level rise, deferred maintenance, organizational efficiency, and visitor experience upgrades while working closely with community and government officials to secure project funding. In her current role, Shannon is responsible for the Museum's marina, shipyard and commercial maritime repair, and operational fleet of vessels and their various programs.



JANICE BRUNNER

Head of Civic Engagement and Corporate Affairs, Travelers

Since joining Travelers in January 2020, Janice has led the team responsible for the development and launch of Citizen Travelers, a new, nonpartisan initiative to empower Travelers employees to take part in the civic life of their communities. Janice is also responsible for executing other enterprise-wide strategic initiatives, as well as advising on securities, corporate governance and other legal matters. Prior to joining Travelers, Janice was a member of the Public Company Advisory Practice group at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in New York City. In that role, she worked closely with Travelers as an outside legal adviser for many years, becoming very familiar with Travelers' business and organization.



JACOB TORKELSON

Senior Research Association, Preservation Research Collaborative at the University of Pennsylvania

Jacob Torkelson is a Senior Research Associate at the Preservation Research Collaborative at the University of Pennsylvania's Stuart Weitzman School of Design. His work focuses on historic preservation, cultural landscapes, preservation planning, and community engagement. He assesses the history and condition of historic sites and develops preservation and management recommendations through community engagement, participatory design, oral histories, and workshops. His work includes nationally significant sites such as the Lincoln Memorial and Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington, D.C.



KATIE DAFFORN

Distinguished Professor and Director, Stone Living Lab, University of Massachusetts Boston

Katie Dafforn is the Director of the Stone Living Lab at the University of Massachusetts Boston and has over 15 years experience in marine science. She co-founded the Living Seawalls

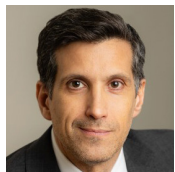
Project in 2018 to address the problem of marine built structures to biodiversity loss and marine invasion. The Living Seawalls project has designed seawall panels, and more recently, piling and boulder modules to mimic the habitat features of natural shorelines and native habitat forming species that are fitted in scalable mosaics onto built structures. To date, eleven different module designs have been developed following a global systematic review and meta-analysis identifying key missing microhabitats from marine built structures and more than 2500 modules have been installed within Australia and internationally.



JOE CHRISTO

Chief Resilience Officer, Stone Living Lab, Boston Harbor Now

Joe Christo is the Chief Resilience Officer at the Stone Living Lab and Boston Harbor Now. As an urban planner who specializes in climate adaptation, Joe draws on his background in the areas of disaster preparedness, disaster response, environmental justice, and community planning for his roles at the two organizations, which both work towards making Boston and other cities thriving and resilient places to live and work for everyone. At the Stone Living Lab, Joe oversees day-to-day operations, education and engagement activities, policy innovation, communications, fundraising, and partnerships. At Boston Harbor Now, Joe works with the President & CEO to set and implement the organization's climate resilience priorities. Joe has a Master's degree in Community Planning from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a Bachelor's degree in Journalism and Political Science from Northeastern University.



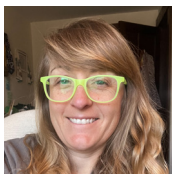
JON BUONO

Senior Regional Director, World Monuments Fund

Jon Buono is Senior Regional Director for the USA and Canada at World Monuments Fund. An architect and preservation planner, he brings more than 25 years of experience working across the cultural, nonprofit, and public sectors. He began his career with the National Park Service, where he managed a portfolio of more than 2,500 historic structures and led work at the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site. He has directed major preservation projects for universities and nationally significant landmarks, including the renovation of the United Nations Headquarters.

**BOB TRAPANI****Executive Director, American Lighthouse Foundation**

Bob Trapani, Jr. is the Executive Director for the American Lighthouse Foundation where he oversees preservation, programmatic, adaptive reuse and climate resilience initiatives for thirty historic light station structures. In all, he has thirty (30) years of leadership experience in the field of nonprofit lighthouse management. Bob is also a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist and has served as a lighthouse technician for twenty-six (26) years. He has been awarded a U.S. Coast Guard Meritorious Service Award for his work in the field of aids to navigation.

**VALERIE PERINI****Regional Education Manager, The Trustees of Reservations**

Val Perini is a coastal educator & ecologist who has spent her career studying the New England coastline

and leading education programs and community events in nature, classrooms, museums, and more. As the Regional Education Manager for the North Shore with The Trustees, Val leverages the unique ecology, beauty, and cultural/natural history of Trustees properties to create opportunities for visitors to connect to nature through curiosity, investigation, outdoor skill-building, and volunteer service. Val is passionate about making nature education more inclusive via storytelling and uplifting marginalized voices.

**ERIN MEHARD****Planning Project Manager, Weston & Sampson**

Erin Mehard is a Planning Project Manager for Weston & Sampson, a multidisciplinary planning, design and engineering firm focused on climate resilience. For over ten years, Erin has specialized in historic preservation and urban planning where her experience spans both the public and nonprofit sectors. She brings a passion for maintaining authentic, livable communities by promoting managed growth and resilient design. She previously served as the Director of Preservation & Planning for the Preservation Society of Charleston (PSC), the nation's oldest, grassroots preservation organization (est. 1920). In this role, she oversaw the PSC's planning and zoning advocacy and managed preservation programs. Minnigan also managed design review and community development functions for local governments, including the City of Charleston, SC and City of St. Augustine, FL. She has contributed to and presented on a number of projects regarding community revitalization, designation of sites associated with underrepresented communities, and flood adaptation strategies for historic districts. Erin holds a B.A. in Historic Preservation & Community Planning from the College of Charleston and a Master's of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Florida, and is a certified planner with the American Institute of Planners (AICP)

**DAVID ROBINSON****Director and Chief Archaeologist, Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources**

David Robinson is the Director and Chief Archaeologist of the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources (BUAR). BUAR is charged with encouraging the discovery, reporting, interpretation, and protection of Massachusetts's underwater archaeological resources for the public's benefit. David has worked for over 30 years as an underwater archaeologist throughout New England, as well as in the Mid-Atlantic, the Southeast, the Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes, Lake Champlain, and Scandinavia. Prior to joining BUAR in 2019, he was a marine archaeologist at the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography and president of the submerged cultural resources management firm, David S. Robinson & Associates, Inc.

**JENNY WOLFE, AICP****Historic Preservation Planner + Consultant**

Jenny Wolfe, AICP, brings more than two decades of experience in historic preservation, community planning, and implementation. Before establishing Planning 2 Preserve, she served for ten years as the Historic Preservation Officer for the City of St. Augustine, Florida, where her work included design review, preservation planning, historic resource documentation, public engagement, and rehabilitation initiatives.

Her experience also includes private-sector preservation consulting and work with communities on preservation plans, design guidelines, historic resource surveys, National Register nominations, funding strategies, and implementation.

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About the Newport Restoration Foundation

The Newport Restoration Foundation was established in 1968 by philanthropist and preservation Doris Duke to preserve and restore the architectural and cultural heritage of Newport, Rhode Island. Today NRF, stewards over 80 historic sites — 70 of these historic houses have recently been designated to the inaugural “Irreplaceable America” list by World Monuments Fund and are lived in by Tenant Stewards. Rough Point Museum and Vernon House are open to the public as sites of public learning, engagement, and inspiration.

Learn more at newportrestoration.org.

Visit NRF Historic Sites

Vernon House, ca. 1708 & 1760.

Open Tuesdays – Sundays, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Free for all.

Rough Point Museum, 1891 & 1924.

Open Tuesdays – Fridays, 10:00 am – 4:00pm
and Saturdays – Sundays, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Show your symposium badge for free entry.

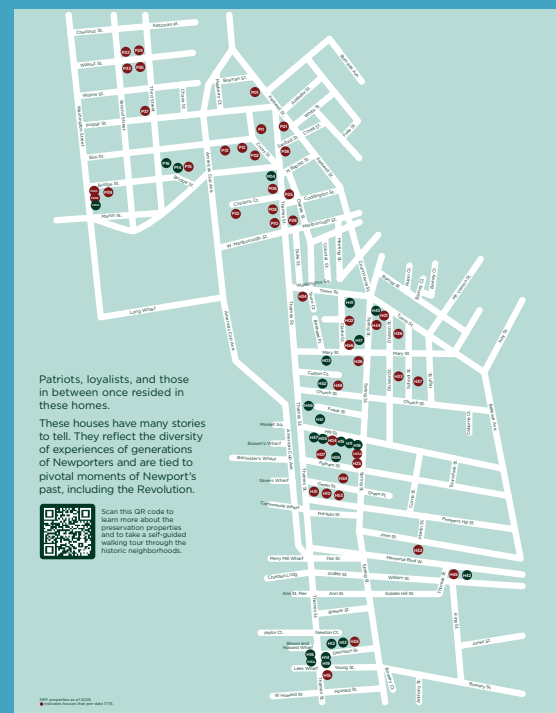
Take a walk with us.

Explore Historic Hill and The Point on a self-guided walking tour featuring NRF historic homes.

Visit newportrestoration.org/properties to start.

Join us for a special bike resiliency tour on October 24th.

NRF and BikeNewport will lead a tour visiting historic sites under the care of the Newport Restoration Foundation in the Point and Historic Hill neighborhoods and see resiliency work in action, including how NRF and the City of Newport are planning for a more resilient future. Meet at 62 Broadway at 9:30am. More information at newportrestoration.org/events.



When in Newport

The City by the Sea is a cultural destination year-round. Here is a list of suggestions of what to explore (and what not to miss), thanks to our friends at DiscoverNewport.

- **Visitor Information Center >**
Open Daily 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM in October
- **Restaurants >**
- **Free “Hop-On Hop-Off” Trolley >**
- **Celebrating America’s 250th >**
- **Newport Cliff Walk >**
- **Fall on the Coast >**
- **Top 12 Things to Do in Newport >**
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