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## Rhode Island Regulatory Setbacks and Buffers for OWTS Design and Siting

*December 3, 2009*

Coastal Institute in Kingston, Weaver Auditorium  
University of Rhode Island

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### *Draft Agenda*

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- 7:30**      **Registration and check in**
- 8:00**      **Welcome and class logistics**
- 8:15**      **Introduction to the topic of buffers and setbacks**  
NE OWT Program Staff
- 8:30**      **Scientific overview: Water quality functions of managed coastal buffers**  
Caitlin Chaffee, RI Coastal Resource Management Council
- 9:20**      **Coastal shoreline features, wetlands setbacks/buffers**  
James Boyd, RI Coastal Resource Management Council
- 10:10**     **Refreshment break**
- 10:30**     **Importance of buffers for wildlife habitat**  
Peter Paton, URI Dept. of Natural Resources Science
- 11:30**     **Lunch on your own**
- 12:30**     **Latest research on soil morphology and water table levels**  
Mark Stolt, URI Dept. of Natural Resources Science
- 1:30**      **Freshwater wetland setbacks/buffers**  
Chuck Horbert, RI DEM Freshwater Wetlands Program
- 2:30**      **Refreshment break**
- 2:50**      **Regulatory requirements, fill perimeters, and setbacks/buffer changes in new Rhode Island OWTS regulations**  
Brian Moore, RI DEM Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Section
- 4:50**      **Wrap up and Q&A**
- 5:00**      **Class concludes**