

# Aquidneck Island Planning Commission to Host Newport County Legislative Forum on March 15th

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The Aquidneck Island Planning Commission (AIPC) has scheduled its 2017 Newport County Legislative Forum, to be held on Wednesday, March 15, from 8 – 10 a.m., in the auditorium of the Community College of Rhode Island in Newport, RI.

The 2017 forum is AIPC's second annual legislative forum and part of its ongoing "Smart Island" series of public events. The event is free and open to the public; however, space is limited and registration is required. Tickets are available through AIPC's website, [www.aquidneckplanning.org](http://www.aquidneckplanning.org)

"We're delighted to host this event for the second year in a row," said AIPC's Chairman, Richard P. "Dick" Adams. "It's one of many ways that AIPC facilitates communication between state and local leaders, and members of the public here on Aquidneck Island."

More than half of the state's Newport County delegation will participate in the forum, including Senate President M. Teresa Paiva Weed, Sen. Louis P. DiPalma, Sen. James A. Seveney, Rep. Marvin Abney, Rep. Deborah Ruggiero, Rep. Lauren Carson, and Rep. Susan R. Donovan. The event is expected to draw 150-200 people, and will provide

an opportunity for questions from the public.

The event will be moderated this year by Neil Steinberg, President and CEO of the Rhode Island Foundation, the state's largest charitable foundation. "Community engagement is a positive force for change. State lawmakers, the Planning Commission and local stakeholders deserve credit for coming together to share their vision for moving the area forward," said Steinberg.

2017 is shaping up to be an active legislative session, while the state faces added uncertainty presented by the new administration in Washington. The forum will provide an opportunity to discuss how new state initiatives may affect Aquidneck Island.

For more information about AIPC and the 2017 Newport County Legislative Forum, see [www.aquidneckplanning.org](http://www.aquidneckplanning.org)

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