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Agenda

Rhode Island Rural Development Council
2nd Annual Rural RI Forum
Education and Housing

UCLUB, University of RI, 95 Upper College Road, Kingston, RI  02881
Thursday September 30, 2004
8:30 am – 12:00 pm

8:30 am –  Breakfast buffet

9:00 am –  Welcome and Opening Remarks
– Jeffrey A. Gofton, Chair, RI Rural Development Council.

9:15 am –  Bioscience, High School Bioscience Academy model and Distance Learning
– Dr. Albert Kausch – Professor, URI – College of Environment and Life Sciences

10:15 am –  Break/Refreshments

10:30 am –  RICAPE Initiatives – RI Center for Agriculture Promotion and Education (RICAPE) launched RI FarmWays, RI's own agritourism and direct marketing development initiative.  RICAPE highlights the Children's Garden network coming this fall focused on putting gardens in every school in RI over the next five years.
– Stu Nunnery, Executive Director, RICAPE

11:00 am –  Regional Affordable Housing Strategy – Washington County Regional Planning Council's President will address their study completed in February on “A Regional Affordable Housing Strategy for Washington and Kent Counties”.
– Henry Oppenheimer, Board President, WCRPC and Town Councilor, Richmond

11:30 am –  RI Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation – Housing Issues in RI
– RIHMFC Speaker TBA
– Open dialog –

12:00 pm –  Forum Adjournment - Luncheon Buffet