

For more information

- OLIS, a Division of the Department of Administration, is RI's state library development agency.
<http://www.olis.ri.gov/grants/c2c/index.php>
- The State Archives, a Division of the Office of the Secretary of State, acts as the official custodian and trustee for public records possessing permanent historical value.
<http://www.sec.state.ri.us/Archives>
- IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums. Its mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. IMLS works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. IMLS Connecting to Collections
<http://www.imls.gov/collections/index.htm>
- NEDCC, a known and trusted non-profit regional conservation center in Andover, Massachusetts, supports the project through consultation, template programming, and training.
<http://nedcc.org/disaster/dplan.php>



Receive a free Heritage Preservation *Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel* when you attend dPlan training

IMLS, Connecting to Collections partners

Heritage Preservation
The National Institute for Conservation



AASLH
American Association
for State and Local History



RI Office of Library & Information Services

PROTECTING THE PAST RHODE ISLAND

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Connecting
Collections *A Call to Action...*



Basement flood in public library

Protecting the Past—RI: Safeguarding Rhode Island's Cultural Heritage

Rhode Island's collections are for everyone. They are in libraries, museums, preservation and historical societies, municipal offices and archives across the state. They enlighten and inspire all of us. Yet, they are at risk. Cultural heritage materials are at risk from fire, flood, mold, broken pipes, and other disasters.

If you have custody of RI cultural heritage materials, is your organization prepared to deal with a disaster?

Don't miss an opportunity to create a disaster preparedness plan for your valuable collections!



State Commission Office: Cause? A pipe burst at 3 am



Coggeshall Farm artifacts

What are we doing? Offering a *free* Rhode Island-focused, online disaster planning template. <http://www.olis.ri.gov/grants/c2c/index.php>

Who are we doing it for? The State's cultural heritage institutions: including historical and preservation societies, museums, archives, historic sites, libraries, and city/town offices.

How are we doing it? By customizing dPlan™: the Online Disaster Planning Tool, created by the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC), to fit Rhode Island circumstances; adopting dPlan as the state's standard disaster plan; and training organizations to use dPlan RI.

Who is doing it? A Steering Committee of representatives from RI libraries of all types, archives, museums, historic sites/houses, municipal offices, historical and preservation societies, a conservator, the RI Emergency Management Agency, and the State Risk Manager. The Steering Committee provides professional and regional expertise in adapting dPlan and will insure its continuity for the future.

When can I get trained? Training on dPlan begins on May 1, 2009. In March and April optional preparatory training will be offered on: insuring your collections, why disaster planning is critical, and how to select a conservator.

How can I register for the training? After March 6, register online through the OLIS Continuing Education calendar on the OLIS website <http://www.olis.ri.gov/> Registration is required.

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