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## **RREA in Rhode Island**

Each RREA dollar leverages \$6.50 from other funding sources. Success stories:

- Woodscaping: A Guide for Small Acreage Woodland Owners – Fact sheets and training materials developed in cooperation with the Southern New England Forest Consortium and the US Forest Service support workshops and training programs for forest owners.
- Since 1995 the Rhode Island Geographic Information System Internet-based geospatial data distribution system has provided data to help citizens of Rhode Island with community planning, emergency response, forest and agricultural management, land conservation, academic research, and recreation. “Reliable access to the RIGIS database provided by the University of Rhode Island continues to be an important component of many of our ongoing efforts.” – Paul Jordan, RI Department of Environmental Management.
- Using a Geographic Information System (GIS) model developed at the University of Rhode Island, Extension staff provide information and training to land trusts and other members of the Rhode Island conservation community on how to identify land most desirable to conserve because of its value in protecting biodiversity, forests, groundwater, and cultural resources.
- Since 1995 more than 500 professionals and students were trained to use GIS technology and other geospatial tools. “Well presented and organized – covered all of the necessary information needed to understand the basic functionality of the software as well as to begin using it efficiently.” – GIS training course student.
- Since 1991 the RI Global Positioning System (GPS) Base Station provided hundreds of land managers in the government and private sectors throughout the Northeast U.S. with 24/7 access to GPS reference data, supporting many forest management and natural resource conservation activities. “This is a great resource for the Massachusetts state park system. We use it for a broad range of essential work, including trail and recreation mapping, forest management, public safety, and park boundary marking and mapping.” – David Kimball, MA Department of Conservation and Recreation.



Over 26,000 Rhode Islanders who own woodland parcels of 10 acres or less are an important audience for us.



We customize GIS training for a wide range of audiences, from youth to seasoned professionals.

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