

Managing Visitor Use in Protected Areas

October 26-27, 2016

Audubon Society of RI, Smithfield, RI

Wednesday, October 26

8:30	Sign in and refreshments
9:00	Welcome, introductions, and overview Human Dimensions of Visitor Use Management
10:30-10:45	BREAK Planning for and Managing Visitor Use on the Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge - Charlie Vandemoer, Manager, RI National Wildlife Refuge Complex Local/Regional Issue Identification
12:00-1:00	LUNCH Introduction to Visitor Use Planning and Management Problem Specification and Example Scenario Issue Identification
2:45-3:00	BREAK Managing Recreation User Conflicts - Bob Paquette, Chief of Parks and Recreation, RI Department of Environmental Management Indicators & Standards Applying the Process to Local Issues – worksheet 1, Specifying the problem
5:00	Adjourn

Thursday, October 27

8:00	Refreshments
8:30	Welcome and review of day one Management Strategies and Tactics Applying the Process to Local Issues – worksheet 2, Selecting and prioritizing management actions
10:45-11:00	BREAK Working with Neighbors as Best as We Can - Scott Ruhren, Senior Director of Conservation, Audubon Society of RI Balancing the Needs of Wildlife and People - Cheryl Wiitala, Preserves Manager, The Nature Conservancy RI Applying the Process to Local Issues – worksheet 3, Implementation planning
12:00	Thank you and adjourn

