
Save the Date for BioFinder training for town committees

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Hi all,

The Richmond Conservation Commission cordially invites town committee members to join us for a workshop conducted by Jens Hilke on how towns can best utilize the state BioFinder tool to assist us in our work. We hope to have 2-3 members from relevant committees attend and bring what they learn back to their full committees. Jens would like the workshop to be limited to 15-20 people. If you or your committee members would like to attend, please let me know.

And I am not sure whom the SB chair is, so Josh, could you pass this along to them? The Recreation and Transportation committees are invited too, but no chairs were identified so I am not sure whom to contact. If anyone on this list can think of others who would benefit from this training, please send them this invitation.

Practical uses would include allowing us to map herp crossings, find suitable sites for development or check for obstacles to development and visually detect habitat features like ridges and ravines. We do expect that attendees will review the videos posted below.

BioFinder Training January 9th, 2025 7pm (location TBD)

In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn how to navigate the BioFinder online mapping tool. It's a statewide prioritization of the lands and waters that are most important to maintain for biological diversity and climate resilience. Learn how to use this tool to better understand the larger ecological context within which your town sits, as well as knowing more about the community and species scale mapping components that are biodiversity hotspots across the landscape. You'll learn how to unpack the map and understand what is driving the prioritization in a particular spot, as well as printing maps and adding more data layers. Join us for this exciting opportunity!

Story Map Tutorial

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/dbf37226d46c42d2b17ca2d939a5521e>

Excellent BioFinder Youtube tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aYVAOXaCAkk>

Thanks!

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