

## State News for NSPE Members

### Infrastructure Law Funds Bridge and Road Repair, Transportation Upgrades

The federal bipartisan infrastructure law will pay to repair and rebuild roads and bridges in Rhode Island with a focus on climate change mitigation, resilience, equity, and safety for all users, including cyclists and pedestrians. In Rhode Island, there are 148 bridges and over 860 miles of highway in poor condition, according to [the Department of Transportation](#). The state is expected to receive approximately \$1.7 billion over five years in federal highway formula funding for highways and bridges.

In addition, \$292 million over five years will be spent on improving public transportation in Rhode Island. Funding will also cover modernization of freight rail, increased EV charging options, airport improvements, and other infrastructure updates.

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### Site Investigation Finds Minimal Pollutants at Old Landfill Site

A report has shown that the environmental impact at the former Albion Town Landfill is very minimal. The pollutant levels were much lower than anticipated, [reports the Valley Breeze](#). This is good news for town officials who plan to repurpose the land on the Blackstone River.

GZAGeo Environmental Inc. conducted the site investigation as part of a conservation plan. The site was last used as a dump in the mid-1980s. The land will be capped and reused, either for solar or recreational uses.

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### I Am Innovative

**Ben Amaba, P.E., LEED AP, CPIM, BD+C**  
**CTO Digital Transformation with Technology Innovation**

NSPE is “the perfect venue to learn, network, and advance your skills,” according to Ben Amaba, an innovator at IBM. It brings together a diverse set of professionals who are innovating the world, and has helped him both personally and professionally.



## Honor Awards Open for Nominations

The NSPE Honor Awards promote the professional engineer's contributions to society and recognize the achievements of the profession's very best. The deadline for [award submissions](#) is **January 31, 2022**.

### NSPE Award

The NSPE Award is the highest award given to an individual by the Society. It is presented to an engineer who has made outstanding contributions to the

engineering profession, the public welfare, and humankind. **Steven Arndt, Ph.D., P.E., F.NSPE**, a world-renowned authority in the field of nuclear engineering, received the award in 2020.



#### [New Professional Award](#)

This award recognizes a young NSPE member who has made outstanding contributions to the engineering profession and the community during the early years of one's career. **Stephanie Blain, P.E.**, received the award in 2021. She is employed with Palmer Engineering Company in Lexington, Kentucky.



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