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Dr. Colt has served as Chair of the Rhode Island Bays, Rivers, & Watersheds Coordination Team (BRWCT) since 2006. The BRWCT is a standing interagency commission responsible for enhancing policy and program coordination via strategic planning for Rhode Island's waters and watersheds, and their human uses. From 1999 to 2006, Dr. Colt worked as Associate Director of the Rhode Island Sea Grant College Program, serving as Interim Director 2000-2001. He received his Ph.D. in coastal environmental sciences with a focus on policy analysis from the University of Massachusetts at Boston in 1993. From 1992-1995, he worked as an Assistant Professor of Environmental Policy at Tufts University's Department of Urban and Environmental Policy. In 1995, Dr. Colt came to Rhode Island to work in engineering sales for wastewater treatment and water reuse technologies for two start-up companies. Dr. Colt has authored articles in coastal management policy, planning, and evaluation. He is the lead author of the Rhode Island Bays, Rivers, and Watersheds Systems-Level Plan: 2009-2013. A native Rhode Islander, he lives in Providence with his wife and three children.