ANJEC is pleased to offer our 47th Annual Environmental Congress in an all-virtual format! Thursday evening and Friday mid-day sessions all through the month of October. One small $25 fee for all 10 sessions! All sessions will be recorded and shared to all registered.

Thursday, October 1, 6:00pm
- Welcome and Introduction to the 47th Annual Environmental Congress
- 2020 Environmental Achievement Awards Presentation
- Special Guest messages

Thursday, October 8, 6:00pm
- Workshop Session: Climate Resilience Initiatives & Programs

Climate Resiliency: What and How to Adapt
Are you wondering why NJ is warming faster than the rest of the nation, and what we can do about it? Governor Murphy's Executive Order 89 is helping to frame NJ's climate change response from understanding the science to developing new policies and resiliency strategies.

Hear from NJDEP senior staff on a variety of topics including their revitalized approach to the climate crisis, the forthcoming Protecting Against Climate Threats (PACT) rules, and what they mean for your municipality. ANJEC staff will discuss our partnership with the NJ Climate Change Resource Center, which will help educate and provide tools for local action on climate change.

Speakers:
- Dave Rosenblatt, Chief Resilience Officer, Climate & Flood Resilience, NJDEP Assistant Commissioner
- Vincent Mazzei, Watershed and Land Use Management, NJDEP Assistant Commissioner
- N.Dini Checko, ANJEC Staff

Municipal Environmental Commissions & other officials pay a maximum of $100 for all to attend!
To register with purchase order/voucher, email ANJEC. info@anjec.org
Friday, October 2, 12:00pm (noon)
• Featured Presentation: Catherine McCabe-NJDEP Commissioner –Presentation, Q&A Session

Catherine R. McCabe, Commissioner, NJDEP, is a long-time federal environmental leader, she assumed her duties as Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on January 22, 2018. Commissioner McCabe came to New Jersey DEP after a distinguished career in government service, in environmental law and program management. Most recently, she served as U.S. EPA Deputy Region 2 Administrator in New York City. Previously, she was a judge on EPA’s Environmental Appeals Board, and the Deputy Assistant Administrator of EPA’s Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. Commissioner McCabe joined the EPA after 22 years with the U.S. Department of Justice, where she served in various positions as a manager and trial attorney in the Environment and Natural Resources Division.

Commissioner McCabe holds a law degree from Columbia Law School, as well as a bachelor’s degree in environmental science from Barnard College. She originally hails from Albany, NY and is the mother of three adult children.

Friday, October 9, 12:00pm (noon)
• Workshop Session: Stormwater, Green Infrastructure

Requiring Green Infrastructure for Stormwater Management
A cornerstone of the new stormwater management rules adopted by the NJDEP is the requirement of green infrastructure (GI) for major developments to meet groundwater recharge and stormwater runoff quality/quantity standards. In this workshop you will learn about these compliance requirements, how municipalities can enhance their local ordinances, what green infrastructure best management practices should be considered, and how one community (Hammonton) is looking to perform a stormwater utility feasibility study in an effort to fund and implement GI stormwater management practices.

Speakers:
• Mike Pisauro, JD., Policy Director, The Watershed Institute
• Christopher Obropta; Ph.D., P.E., Director, Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program
• Dan Bachalis, Chair, Hammonton Environmental Commission

Thursday, October 15, 6:00pm: Social Evening
• Featured NJ performers and artists

An Evening of NJ Arts
Gather the family, grab the popcorn, kick back and enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment as we celebrate New Jersey’s rich cultural environment.

Chat with young NJ filmmaker Zack Morrison, who will screen his Emmy-winning short, Everything’s Fine: A Panic Attack in D Major.

If you like classic rock’ n’ roll music, you’ll love the King Lam Duo, an offshoot of the popular NJ band Love Alive.

International storyteller Julie Pasqual will lift you up with her inspiring tale of The Heart of the Tree.
Friday, October 16, 12:00pm (noon)
• Keynote Presentation: Judith Enck, Environmental Policy Expert, Founder, Beyond Plastics

Judith Enck, Environmental Policy Expert
Judith founded Beyond Plastics in 2019 to end plastic pollution through education, advocacy, and institutional change. Passionate about protecting public health and the environment, she teaches classes on plastic pollution as a Senior Fellow and visiting faculty member at Bennington College, and was recently a Visiting Scholar at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. Judith has held top influential positions in state and federal government. Appointed by President Obama, she served as the Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, environmental protections in NY, NJ, eight Indian Nations, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands – in addition to managing a staff of 800 and a $700M budget.

Previously, Judith served as Deputy Secretary for the Environment in the New York Governor’s Office, and Policy Advisor to the New York State Attorney General. She was Senior Environmental Associate with the New York Public Interest Research Group, served as Executive Director for Environmental Advocates of New York and the Non-Profit Resource Center, and is a past President of Hudson River Sloop Clearwater. Judith appears on a weekly public affairs radio show on a local NPR affiliate, the Roundtable on WAMC in Albany, NY.

Judith lives in upstate New York with her husband, where they built their passive solar home with their own hands and with lots of support from friends and family. She designed her town’s rural recycling program. She is a proud parent and enjoys reading and following the news in her spare time.

Thursday, October 22, 6:00pm
• Workshop Session: New Jersey Legislative Update

What are the hot topics in Trenton nowadays? Will we ever get a statewide plastic bag ban? Will the PennEast Pipeline succeed in being built? And what exactly does this new Environmental Justice Bill do? Even amidst a global pandemic, we are continuing to advocate for sound policy in Trenton to protect our public health and natural resources. Come learn from some of the state’s preeminent environmental policy leaders on topics such as single-use plastics, pipelines, clean energy, and environmental justice.

Presenters:
• Alex Ambrose, Policy Associate, ANJEC
• Henry Gajda, Policy Director, New Jersey League of Conservation Voters
• Tom Gilbert, Campaign Director for Energy, Climate and Natural Resources, New Jersey Conservation Foundation

Friday, October 23, 12:00pm (noon)
• Workshop Session: Clean Energy Projects in New Jersey

New Jersey is forging ahead with a variety of clean energy initiatives including offshore wind, electric vehicles, microgrids, and energy storage. Come hear about the latest Clean Energy initiatives from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. Learn about the variety of statewide programs which are available to you and how to implement them in your municipality.

Speakers:
• Shawn M. LaTourette, Deputy Commissioner and Chief of Staff NJDEP
• Kelly Mooij, Director, Division of Clean Energy, NJ Board of Public Utilities
• Gray Russell, Sustainability Officer for the Township of Montclair (Essex County)
Thursday, October 29th, 6:00pm
• Workshop Session: Environmental Justice Advances

This session will explore the issues of justice, equity, and overburdening of pollution with which more than 300 New Jersey communities struggle. Learn about the new Cumulative Impacts Environmental Justice (EJ) Bill that has been passed by both chambers of the New Jersey Legislature. S232/A2212. It requires DEP to evaluate environmental and public health stressors of certain facilities on overburdened communities when reviewing certain permit applications and will work to reduce pollution in EJ communities over time. Also learn about the NDJEP’s priority actions with regard to S232 as well as their overall policy approach.

Discussion will center on shifting the tide of black, brown, and low-income communities suffering the burdens of impaired health and decreased quality of life from over-pollution in the name of exported economic prosperity.

Speakers:
• Olivia C. Glenn, NJDEP Deputy Commissioner. Appointed in July, Olivia is responsible for prioritizing the advancement of the administration’s environmental justice and equity goals.
• Melissa Miles, Executive Director, New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance. Melissa is a Newark resident, long-time activist, community organizer, and formerly the Environmental Justice Manager for the Ironbound Community Corps.

Friday, October 30th, 12:00pm (noon)

Hear about how environmental commissions around the state have adjusted and thrived during this unique time by instituting new procedures and programs. This session will provide reports from successful Environmental Commissions as well as a networking opportunity for all to share ideas and program initiatives.

Presenters:
• Ann Marchioni, Co-Chair, Caldwell Environmental Commission and Co-Chair, Essex County Environmental Commission
• Neil Hendrickson, Chair, Readington Environmental Commission
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