



Congress 2022 Workshop Descriptions & Schedule

***NJ Urban & Community Forestry CEUs are available, see below for details

Tuesday, October 11, Noon -Virtual Session (1 NJUCF CEU)

- ***Stormwater Regulations in New Jersey***

Learn about newest updates to MS4 permitting process and know the best management practices for ensuring your municipality is compliant.

- *Gabriel Mahon*, Bureau Chief, NJDEP NJEPDES Stormwater Permitting Program
- *Heather Fenyk*, Board President, Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership

Tuesday, October 11, 7:00pm -Virtual Session

- ***Wind Energy & New Jersey's Coast***

Orsted and Atlantic Shores Wind will provide an overview of the off-shore wind projects approved to be built off the coast of New Jersey.

- *Katharine Perry*, Permit Manager, Ocean Wind 1 – Orsted
- *Kyle Hilberg*, Senior Permitting Lead, Atlantic Shores

Wednesday, October 12, Noon -Virtual session (1 NJUCF CEU)

- ***Legislative Update***

What's going on in the Trenton State House? Come engage with policy leaders on what the state government is doing to combat climate change through the regulatory reform efforts of NJPACT (Protecting Against Climate Threats), forest stewardship and with the continued reduction of plastic pollution.

Speakers:

- *N.Dini Checko*, Project Director, ANJEC
- *Tom Gilbert*, Co-Executive Director, NJ Conservation Foundation
- *Ed Potosnak*, Executive Director, NJ League of Conservation Voters

Wednesday, October 12, 7:00pm -Virtual Session (1 NJUCF CEU)

- **Bridging the Stormwater Funding Gap**

Do you have stormwater challenges in your town? Does it seem like the challenges are only becoming greater? Come learn how nearly 2,000 communities across the country have established stormwater utilities as a tool to help with water quality compliance, flood mitigation, and to manage and maintain stormwater infrastructure.

Our experts:

- *Elizabeth Treadway*, Principal Program Manager at Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions
- *Brianne Callahan*, Stormwater Manager, New Jersey Future
- *Patricia Lindsay-Harvey*, Commissioner, Willingboro Municipal Utility Authority and Willingboro Green Team

Thursday, October 13, Noon -Virtual Session

- **Planning for Clean Energy Infrastructure in your Town**

NJ communities are paving the way for a healthier future with a reduced carbon footprint by converting to green fleets, installing electric vehicle charging infrastructure and making solar energy available to all homes and businesses. Plan now for an easier, more successful transition to clean energy technologies. In this session you'll learn what's happening in NJ, steps to take, funding strategies, available resources and municipal case studies.

Speakers:

- *Doug O'Malley*, President, Charge EVC-NJ, and Director, Environment New Jersey
- *Peter Fried*, Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee and Climate Action Committee
- *Yvette Viasus*, Community Solar Outreach Manager, Solar Landscape

Thursday, October 13, 7:00pm -Virtual Session, Keynote Address

- ***Meishka Mitchell, President & CEO Emerald Cities Collaborative***

- **Meishka L. Mitchell**, AICP, PP, is President & CEO of Emerald Cities Collaborative, a national nonprofit network of organizations working together to advance a sustainable environment while creating sustainable, just and inclusive economies with opportunities for all. Meishka has over 18 years of visionary leadership experience in climate justice and equitable and inclusive neighborhood development.

~Friday, October 14, In Person Sessions~

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9:30am

Featured Speaker Address: NJDEP Commissioner Shawn LaTourette

Appointed by Governor Philip D. Murphy, Shawn M. LaTourette became New Jersey's Commissioner of Environmental Protection on June 14, 2021. He had served as Acting Commissioner since January 16, 2021. Commissioner LaTourette is responsible for formulating statewide environmental policy while directing programs that protect public health and ensure the quality of New Jersey's air, land, water, and natural and historic resources.

Morning Session: 10:30am- Noon

- **Stormwater Management and Green Infrastructure Solutions**

Have you noticed that when it rains it really pours these days? Is development pressure reducing the opportunities for stormwater to be absorbed naturally into the ground? Join us for this session on stormwater management as we look at the challenges we face and the remedies and resources available to your municipalities. We will cover stormwater solutions -- the new green infrastructure requirement per the new stormwater regulation, stormwater education, and financing opportunities.

Our experts:

- *Christopher Obropta, PhD, P.E.*, Extension Specialist in Water Resources with Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Professor, Dept. Of Environmental Sciences, Rutgers University
- *Jaclyn Rhoads, PhD*, Assistant Executive Director, Pinelands Preservation Alliance
- *Brianne Callahan*, Stormwater Manager, New Jersey Future

- **Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions on Local Level**

New Jersey has a range of energy conservation programs available to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This workshop will focus on energy conservation programs available to municipalities to integrate renewable energy on the local level. Additionally, available grant opportunities and other financial incentives will be discussed. Speakers from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities - Division of Clean Energy, PSE&G, and Sustainable Jersey will provide a range of available programs and initiatives to help towns and individual consumers save money and increase efficiency.

Speakers;

- *Stacy Ho Richardson, JD*, Deputy Director, NJBPU

- *Mike Savage*, Manager – Energy Efficiency Services, for county and wastewater experience, PSE&G
 - *Melvin Hall*, New Business & Legacy Programs, for residential energy efficiency programs, PSE&G
 - *Nancy Quirk*, Community Energy Plan Grants, Sustainable Jersey
- **Climate Crisis Actions**
Hear about status of NJ PACT (Protecting Against Climate Threats) program, as well as specific information about local action to reduce flooding and the threats to community health and wellness that all of these factors can cause.
Speakers:
 - *Mike Pisauro, Esq.*, Policy Director, The Watershed Institute
 - *Suzanne Aptman*, Community Organizer and Policy Advocate, New Jersey Future
 - *Moriah Kinberg*, Campaign Advisor, New Jersey Future
- **Smart Municipal Planning; Warehouse Development & Commercial Solar**
Join us for a discussion about land use planning in New Jersey, including warehouse development and commercial solar. During this in-person session Allison McLeod, Policy Director at New Jersey League of Conservation Voters, will speak on the state policy aspects of land use, including what can be done at the state vs. local levels to ensure responsible development. Tirza Wahrman, activist and attorney, will speak on the grass roots efforts she has spearheaded surrounding land use issues in her own community. There will be a Q+A session following the two speakers. Kevin Dunshee, CCO of Solar Landscape, will give a brief introduction.
Speakers:
 - *Allison McLeod*, Policy Director, NJLCV
 - *Tirza Wahrman*, local activist and attorney
 - *Kevin Dunshee*, CCO, Solar Landscape

Afternoon Session: 2:00pm- 3:30pm

- **Successful Strategies for Food Waste Reduction & Recovery**
Did you know that if food waste was a country, it would be the third-largest GHG emitter in the world? In NJ, 22% of all solid waste consists of food waste. Fortunately, affordable solutions are available to help save precious resources that can be implemented within a household and community. Please join our experts to understand the cost of inaction, available options and how environmental commission/green team members are on the front line for changing this conversation.
Speakers:
 - *Isaac Bearg*, Vice President, NJ Composting Council

- *Gina Cohl*, Tri County Sustainability, Chair Food Waste Group, Mt. Laurel EC Member
- **Successful & High functioning Environmental Commissions in New Jersey**
Learn about programs and projects commissions are using to have positive outcomes in their communities. Ideas on recruiting, municipal relationships, regional partnerships and more.
Speakers:
 - *Laura Bagwell*, Eatontown Environmental Commission
 - *Nancy Blackwood*, Red Bank Environmental Commission
- **Navigating the NJADAPT FloodMapper and Municipal Snapshot Tools**
NJADAPT is a suite of online data visualization and mapping tools designed to provide data to planners, decision-makers, practitioners, and others addressing climate change in New Jersey. This hands-on computer training session will walk participants through two of the NJADAPT tools -- NJ FloodMapper and Municipal Snapshots -- using interactive computer exercises. NJ Floodmapper allows users to conduct flood exposure analysis based on the best available science for sea-level rise and numerous other parameters, including total water levels, hurricane surge, and FEMA flood zones. Municipal Snapshots provide easy access to information about the people, places, and assets that are at risk from climate impacts in each of New Jersey's municipalities. Together, these tools can be used to promote and communicate enhanced resilience and land use planning decisions with considerations for possible future conditions.
Limited to 22 participants.
Trainers:
 - *Lucas Marxen*: Associate Director of Research Analytics, Rutgers University
 - *Pritpal Bamhrah*: Senior Research Specialist, Rutgers University

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