

5TH ANNUAL WATERSHED CONFERENCE AGENDA

Last Updated: Oct. 13, 2021

November 3, 2021

9:40 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Welcome & Introduction

Jim Waltman, Executive Director of The Watershed Institute

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Keynote

Stuart A. Clarke, Ph.D., Program Director of Watershed Protection at William Penn Foundation

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

The Great Healthy Yard Project

Diane Lewis, MD, Founder of The Great Healthy Yard Project

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Art of Commenting

Ed Lloyd, Director of the Columbia Law School Environmental Law Clinic

Ryan Knapick, Deputy Chief Advisor at NJ Department of Environmental Protection

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Reconnecting with our Waterways and Watersheds

Emily Baldauff, Mid-Atlantic Organizer at Trout Unlimited

Josh Perlsweig, Program Coordinator at Sustainable Princeton

Kendra McKoy, Delaware River Advocate at The Watershed Institute

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Vacant Spaces, Session 1: How Can Nature-Based Strategies Be Used to Address Environmental Justice Issues Including Negative Impacts to Residents Health, the Economy and Local Ecology?

Moderated by Alex Rivera, Land Steward at Mercer County Park

Commission

Julia Taylor, AICP, Senior Director of Programs & Partnerships, Trenton Health Team

Samir Dalal, Planning Manager for the Philadelphia LandCare Program with Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

Natalie Cohen, Senior Coordinator for Conservation Programs at National Wildlife Federation's Mid-Atlantic Regional Center

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

NJPACT Rules with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Vincent Mazzei, Assistant Commissioner of Watershed and Land Management, NJ Department of Environmental Protection

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Field Trip: Green Infrastructure and Floating Wetlands at The Watershed Institute

Steve Tuorto, Ph.D., Director of Science & Stewardship at The Watershed Institute

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11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Understanding NJ HABs to Improve Management & Resiliency: Tales from the NJ HAB and Lake Management Expert Team

Jason Adolf, Ph.D., Endowed Associate Professor of Marine Science at Monmouth University

Steve Tuorto, Ph.D., Director of Science & Stewardship at The Watershed Institute

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Naturalizing Detention Basins

Kathy Hale, Principal Watershed Protection Specialist, NJ Water Supply Authority

Clay Emerson, Practice Area Lead at Princeton Hydro

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Important Court Decisions and Regulatory Action

Jennifer Danis, Esq., Senior Fellow at the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia Law School & Columbia Climate School

Michael Pisauro, Esq., Policy Director, The Watershed Institute

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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How Can My Town Fund Green Infrastructure Projects?

Anne Heasley, Program Manager of Policy and Planning at Sustainable Jersey

Leigh Peterson, Chief Operating Officer Water, New Jersey Infrastructure Bank

TBA, NJ Department of Environmental Protection

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Vacant Lots Session 2: What Does a Comfortable, Clean, and Green Community Look Like and How Do We Get There?

Moderated by Alex Rivera, Land Steward at Mercer County Park Commission

Caitlin Fair, Program Director at East Trenton Collaborative

Leah Yasenchak, PhD, AICP/PP, CEcD, Principal

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Is a Stormwater Utility Right For My Town or County? First Steps to Answering the Question

Brianne Callahan, Stormwater Manager, NJ Future

Daniel Bachalis, Environmental Commission Chair, Hammonton, NJ

Jim Purcell, Assistant Municipal Engineer at Princeton, NJ

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Field Trip: Stewardship and Trails at The Watershed Reserve

Allison Jackson, Stewardship Coordinator at The Watershed Institute

Sophie Glovier, Assistant Director of Policy at The Watershed Institute

November 5, 2021

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Understanding Permit Requirements for Conservation Activities

Patrick Ryan, Environmental Supervisor, Division of Land Use Regulation, NJ Department of Environmental Protection

- 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.** **Election Results, What do they Mean for the Environment?**
Ed Potosnak, Executive Director, New Jersey League of Conservation Voters
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.** **TMDLs**
- 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** **LUNCH**
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.** **Unconventional Partnerships in Overburdened Communities**
Eric Martin, Director of Finance and Operations at Urban Promise Trenton
John Evangelista, Operations Director at Groundwork Elizabeth
Noilda Sousa, Environmental Education Program Director at Urban Promise Camden
Vedra Chandler, Community Events Manager at Camden Community Partnership
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.** **What are Best Practices for Protecting Trees in My Town?**
Lisa Rosati, NJ Certified Tree Expert Consultant
Taylor Sapudar, NJ Licensed Tree Expert and Certified Arborist
Patricia Shanley, TBA
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.** **Working with Farmers to Improve Waters**
Alan Hunt, Director of Policy & Grants at Musconetcong Watershed Association
David Clapp, Resource Conservationist at New Jersey State Agriculture Development Committee
- 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** **Conference After Party**