

9TH ANNUAL NJ WATERSHED CONFERENCE

All Hands On Deck: Multidisciplinary Approaches For Watershed Resilience

Day 1: February 26, 2026

Virtual Only



9 - 9:15 a.m.

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Jim Waltman, Executive Director, The Watershed Institute

9:15 - 10:30 a.m.

How NYCDEP Advances Green Infrastructure with the South Jamaica Houses Cloudburst Pilot Project

Kimilya Ann Spaulding, Project Manager, NYC DEP

Andres Garcia, Director of Stormwater Resiliency, NYC DEP

10:45 a.m. - Noon

Reimagining Brownfields for Healthy Watersheds: An Interactive Workshop

CEUs: TBD

Elise Molleur, Brownfield Redevelopment Specialist, NJIT Center for Community Systems / NJIT TAB

Jesika Tixi, Environmental Sustainability Planner, NJIT Center for Community Systems / NJIT TAB

1 - 2:15 p.m.

New technologies advancing watershed understanding and protection

CEUs: TBD

Polly Pierone, Project Manager, FloodNet

Fred S. Lubnow, Ph.D., Senior Technical Director of Ecological Services, Princeton Hydro

Jürgen Hackl, Assistant Professor of Complex Infrastructure Systems, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Princeton University

2:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Watershed Health Assessment Training: Getting the Most Out of the Online Interactive WatershedNJ Mapping Tool

Janine Barr, Senior Research Specialist, Environmental Analysis and Communications Group, Rutgers University

Kate Douthat, Senior Research Specialist, Rutgers University

Michelle Stuart, Application Developer, Rutgers University

Welcome & Keynote TBD

9 - 10:30 a.m.

Session Block 1

10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Four concurrent panel presentations

Policy

Environmental Justice and Water Quality in New Jersey

Claire Huang-Lindabury
 Environmental Specialist, Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration, and Standards, NJDEP

Yaso Sivaganesh, PE
 Section Chief, Division of Water Monitoring, Standards and Pesticide Control, Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration and Standards, NJDEP

Science/Stewardship

Green or Gray? Stormwater Solutions in Constrained Watersheds

CEUs: 1.25 PE Credits

Andrew Nowick
 Mayor of Lambertville
Jamie Feinstein, RLA
 Project Manager, Princeton Hydro
Sean Walsh, PE
 Senior Project Manager, Princeton Hydro

Science

Lessons from Stream and Watershed Restoration Efforts

CEUs: TBD
John Jackson, Ph.D.
 Senior Research Scientist, Stroud Water Research Center
Matthew Ehrhart
 Director of Watershed Restoration, Stroud Water Research Center

Education

Communicating Risk and Resilience to Empower Individual Action

CEUs: TBD
Megan Bushlow, EIT, CFM
 Resilience Planner, Arcadis U.S., Inc.
Nicholas Mitch, AICP, LEED Green Associate
 Resilience Planner, Arcadis U.S., Inc.

Lunch (12 - 1:15 p.m.) in Room 100

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<p>Stormwater Utilities are Here! - Implementation Considerations for New Jersey Municipalities</p> <p>CEUs: TBD</p> <p>Anthony Dill, PE Associate Vice President, Arcadis U.S., Inc.</p> <p>John Tully, A.S. Supervisor of Engineering, IT and Stormwater Utility, Township of Raritan</p> <p>Michael K. Drulis, MPA City Administrator, City of New Brunswick</p> <p>Patrick Wherry, MPA, QPA Borough Administrator, Township of Maplewood</p>	<p>Mining Past Studies for Watershed Improvement Plans</p> <p>Brian Friedlich, PE Managing Engineer, One Water Consulting</p> <p>Christopher Obrupta, PE, PhD Professor and Director, Rutgers Water Resource Program</p> <p>Daniel Van Abs, PhD, PP/FAICP Professor (retired), Rutgers University</p> <p>David Arscott, PhD <i>President and Executive Director, Stroud Water Research Center</i></p> <p>Richard Lathrop, PhD <i>Professor and Director, Rutgers-Center for Remote Sensing and Spatial Analysis (CRSSA)</i></p>	<p>Nature's Timeline: What a Decade of Monitoring Tells Us About River Restoration</p> <p>Chloe Pearson Freshwater Science Specialist, The Nature Conservancy</p>	<p>Engaging Environmental Science Experiences for Classrooms and Beyond</p> <p>Gabrielle Flora Educator, Trenton 9th Grade Academy (TNGA)</p> <p>Jan Pokorny, RnDr., CSc. Enki - Applied Solar Research and Watershed Restoration</p> <p>Jessica McDermott Watershed Educator & Summer Camp Director, The Watershed Institute</p> <p>Zuzana Mulkerin Voices of Water Program Manager, Biodiversity for a Livable Climate</p>

Session Block 3 2:45 - 4 p.m. *Four concurrent panel presentations*

<p>Combined Sewers in New Jersey: 10 years of Lessons Learned</p> <p>Joe Mannick NJ Department of Environmental Protection</p> <p>Michele Langa, Esq. Staff Attorney, Hackensack Riverkeeper</p> <p>Susan Rosenwinkel NJ Department of Environmental Protection</p> <p>Nicole Miller Principal, MnM Consulting</p>	<p>Building Skills, Building Resilience: Engaging Spanish-Speaking Landscapers in Green Infrastructure</p> <p>Lucia Middleton Water Policy Associate, The Watershed Institute</p> <p>José Bautista Owner, Plantlife Landscaping</p> <p>Beth Ginter Executive Director, Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council</p> <p>Christine Symmington Executive Director, Sustainable Princeton</p>	<p>Watershed Assessment Report: The Guidance You Need</p> <p>CEUs: TBD</p> <p>Brian Friedlich, PE Managing Engineer, One Water Consulting LLC</p> <p>Michael P. Hartshorne, Director of Aquatics, Princeton Hydro</p> <p>Mike Pisauri, Esq. Policy Director, The Watershed Institute</p>	<p>Using Water Quality Data with Students</p> <p>Davis Bush StreamWatch Schools Coordinator, The Watershed Institute</p> <p>Jennifer Smolyn Biology & Research Teacher, Princeton High School</p> <p>Jeanne Muzi Director of Student Achievement, Equity, and Opportunity, Lawrence Township Public Schools</p>
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