

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.

Technology in Watershed Protection Efforts

CEUs: TBD

Polly Pierone, Project Manager, FloodNet

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

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

Green or Gray? Stormwater Solutions in Constrained Watersheds

CEUs: TBD

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

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

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Session Block 2 1:15 - 2:30 p.m. Four concurrent panel presentations

Policy

Stormwater Utilities are Here! - Implementation Considerations for New Jersey Municipalities

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Anthony Dill, PE

Associate Vice President, Arcadis U.S., Inc.

John Tully, A.S.

Supervisor of Engineering, IT and Stormwater Utility, Township of Raritan

Michael K. Drulis, MPA

City Administrator, City of New Brunswick

Patrick Wherry, MPA, QPA

Borough Administrator, Township of Maplewood

Science/Stewardship

Mining Past Studies for Watershed Improvement Plans

Brian Friedlich, PE

Managing Engineer, One Water Consulting

Christopher Obropta, PE, PhD

Professor and Director, Rutgers Water Resource Program

Daniel Van Abs, PhD, PP/FAICP

Professor (retired), Rutgers University

David Arscott, PhD

President and Executive Director, Stroud Water Research Center

Richard Lathrop, PhD

Professor and Director, Rutgers-Center for Remote Sensing and Spatial Analysis (CRSSA)

Science

Nature's Timeline: What a Decade of Monitoring Tells Us About River Restoration

Chloe Pearson Freshwater Science Specialist, The Nature Conservancy

Education

Models of Watershed Education

Gabrielle Flora

Educator, Trenton 9th Grade Academy (TNGA)

Jan Pokorny, RnDr., CSc.

Enki - Applied Solar Research and Watershed Restoration

Jessica McDermott

Watershed Educator & Summer Camp Director, The Watershed Institute

Zuzana Mulkerin

Voices of Water Program Manager, Biodiversity for a Livable Climate

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

Combined Sewers in New Jersey: 10 years of Lessons Learned

Joe Mannick

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

Michele Langa, Esq.

Staff Attorney, Hackensack Riverkeeper

Susan Rosenwinkel

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

Watershed Assessment Report: The Guidance You Need

CEUs: TBD

Brian Friedlich, PE

Managing Engineer, One Water Consulting LLC

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Princeton Hydro

Mike Pisauro, Esq.

Policy Director, The Watershed Institute

Building Skills, Building Resilience: Engaging Spanish-Speaking Landscapers in Green Infrastructure

Lucia Middleton

Water Policy Associate, The Watershed Institute

José Bautista

Owner, Plantlife Landscaping

Beth Ginter

Executive director of Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional (CBLP)

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Sustainable Princeton

Using Water Quality Data with Students

Davis Bush

StreamWatch Schools Coordinator, The Watershed Institute

Jennifer Smolyn

Biology & Research Teacher, Princeton High School

Jeanne Muzi

Director of Student Achievement, Equity, and Opportunity, Lawrence Township Public Schools