

7th Annual Sustainable Raritan Conference and Awards Ceremony



Two States: One Bay

A bi-state conversation about the future of the Raritan Bay

Douglass Student Center

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
100 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Friday, June 12, 2015

Draft Conference Agenda

8:00 – 8:45 **Registration and Exhibits Open** (Continental Breakfast)

8:45 – 9:30 **Welcoming Remarks**

Sara Malone, Program Manager, Sustainable Raritan River Initiative
Dr. Judy Shaw, Program Director, Sustainable Raritan River Initiative
Dr. James Hughes, Dean of the E.J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers
Joan Leary Matthews, Director, Clean Water Division, US Environmental Protection Agency
Dan Kennedy, Assistant Commissioner, Water Resources, NJ DEP
Venetia Lannon, Director, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 2
Robert Pirani, Program Director, New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program

Testimonial Video

Conference Goals, Review Agenda, Initial Group Polling

9:30 – 11:10 **Water Quality Panel**

Moderator: Dr. Dennis Suszkowski, Science Director, Hudson River Foundation
Panelists: Jeff Myers, Bureau Director, Water Assessment Management, NYS DEC
Dan Kennedy, Assistant Commissioner, Water Resources, NJ DEP

Public Access Panel

Moderator: Nick Tufaro, Principal Planner, Middlesex County Office of Planning
Panelists: Sara Malone, Program Manager, Sustainable Raritan River Initiative
John Kilcullen, Director, Conference House Park, NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation

Fisheries Management Panel

Moderator: Tom Noji, Director, NOAA National Marine Science Lab at Sandy Hook
Panelists: Peter Clarke, Fisheries Biologist, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, NJDEP
Soren Dahl, Coordinator for Seagrass Mgmt., Bureau of Marine Resources, NYS DEC

11:10 – 11:30 **Break** (Beverages)



Photo Credit: NASA Image of the Raritan Bay Complex in the wake of Hurricane Irene

11:30 – 12:35 **Resilience Panel**

Moderator: Rob Freudenberg, Director, Energy & Environment, Regional Plan Association

Panelists: Dave Rosenblatt, Administrator, Office of Engineering & Construction, NJDEP

Kris Van Orsdel, Dir. Infrastructure & Local Gov. Prgm., Office of Storm Recovery

Habitat Restoration Panel

Moderator: Debbie Mans, Baykeeper & Executive Director, NY/NJ Baykeeper

Panelists: Peter Wepler, Chief, Environmental Branch, US Army Corps of Engineers

Carl Alderson, Marine Habitat Restoration Specialist, NOAA

12:35 – 2:30 **Working Lunch** (Buffet sandwiches, salad, vegetable tray, brownies & cookies)

2:30 – 3:00 **Break** (Beverages) and **Group Polling Exercise**

3:00 – 4:15 **Towards a Shared Agenda: Issue Reports and Discussions**

Moderator: Tony MacDonald, Director, Urban Coast Institute, Monmouth University

Panelists: Kate Anderson, Chief, Clean Water Regulatory Branch, USEPA (Water Quality)

Kerry Miller, Assistant Director, Assn. of NJ Environmental Comm. (Public Access)

Dr. Bonnie McCay, Professor of Human Ecology, Rutgers (Fisheries)

Dr. Steven Handel, Professor Ecology & Evolution, Rutgers (Habitat Restoration)

Adam Parris, Exec. Director, Science & Resilience Institute/Jamaica Bay (Resilience)

Rob Freudenberg, Director, Energy & Environment, Regional Plan Assn. (Regional)

4:15 – 4:45 **Conference Closing Thoughts and Next Steps**

Robert Pirani, Program Director, New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program

5:00 – 6:00 **Award Ceremony and Reception** (Wine, beer, beverages, cheese & crackers)

Presenters: Dr. Judy Shaw, Program Director, Sustainable Raritan River Initiative

Michael Catania, Director, Duke Farms Foundation

William Kibler, Director of Policy and Science, Raritan Headwaters Association

Debbie Mans, Baykeeper & Executive Director, NY/NJ Baykeeper

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