

JERSEY WATERWORKS CONFERENCE 2021

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Workshop: *Seizing the Moment: The Role of Community and Water Stewards*

A short list of resources for community members who want to get involved in water conversations

Jersey Water Works is a collaborative effort of many diverse organizations and individuals who embrace the common purpose of transforming New Jersey's water infrastructure. Become a member to make a difference in your community and help advance our shared goals. <https://www.jerseywaterworks.org/>

Camden Collaborative Initiative

On Jan. 24, 2013, the City of Camden, with the support of Cooper's Ferry Partnership, Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, launched the Camden Collaborative Initiative. The Collaborative is building upon the success of environmental initiatives underway, made possible by the efforts and resources of multiple partners that have come together to address the complex environmental issues present in the City. The Camden Collaborative Initiative was formed to realize the many opportunities to maintain, restore, and enhance the environmental resources in the city. <http://www.camdencollaborative.com/>

Green Infrastructure Champions are key players in implementing green infrastructure as an approach to stormwater management in their own municipalities. Rutgers University offers a Green Infrastructure Champions certificate program that provides training on green infrastructure planning and implementation, technical support to develop a design for a green infrastructure demonstration project, networking opportunities with other Green Infrastructure Champions for mutual support, and assistance with grant writing.

<http://water.rutgers.edu/Projects/GreenInfrastructureChampions/GIC.html#intro>

Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC) Founded in 1969, ICC's mission is to engage and empower individuals, families, and groups in realizing their aspirations and, together, work to create a just, vibrant, and sustainable community. <https://ironboundcc.org/>

JC START (Jersey City Stormwater Treatment and Resiliency Team) is a collaboration of community members; city government, local, and regional nonprofit organizations; and universities to make Jersey City a sustainable community that prioritizes best stormwater management practices, such as green infrastructure.

JC START is open to the public and meets monthly. If you are interested in attending a START meeting, please email lsigmund@icnj.org.

Lead-Free NJ's purpose is to ensure that New Jersey's children are free from lead poisoning and that our environment is lead-safe by advocating for changes to state and local policy. The collaborative seeks to eliminate racial and economic inequities by focusing on legacy lead hazards in low-income communities and/or communities of color, while also creating the conditions for children to be free from lead poisoning statewide. <https://www.leadfreenj.org/>

Newark DIG (Doing Infrastructure Green), established in 2013, is committed to continuously improving the quality of life, health, and viability of the City of Newark and its residents through the use of strategic collaborative methods, including community-driven urban design, public policy planning, environmental and social justice advocacy, education, and local capacity building. <https://www.newarkdig.org/>

Newark Water Coalition is an advocacy group that educates and provides resources on the lead crisis in the city of Newark. The Newark Water Coalition shows up with clean water in Newark where it needs to. Its intention is to cultivate a self-determined local, national, and international community of people who recognize the connection between systemic environmental racism and capitalism. NWC fights to liberate clean water as a source of life for all, particularly the oppressed and vulnerable. <https://www.newarkwatercoalition.com/>

Sewage-Free Streets and Rivers is an action-oriented campaign that empowers community organizations to engage residents and small business owners to shape their communities' solutions to reduce localized flooding and the raw sewage dumped into rivers and streams due to combined sewer overflows (CSOs). Join the campaign: [Sign Up! | Sewage-Free Streets and Rivers \(sewagefreenj.org\)](#) **Resources:** Use these resources for community outreach and education on ways to reduce sewage overflows and flooding in your community. <https://sewagefreenj.org/resources>

Sustainable Jersey is a network and movement of municipalities, schools, and school districts working collectively to bring about a sustainable New Jersey. Acting with state agencies, non-profit organizations, foundations, academia, and industry, Sustainable Jersey researches best practices for what communities could and should do to contribute to a sustainable future. The program culminates in a prestigious certification award to municipalities and schools that have documented meeting a set of rigorous standards. To get involved, join your town's local Green Team! <https://www.sustainablejersey.com/>

Watershed Ambassadors are available to make FREE environmental education presentations to community organizations and schools. <https://www.nj.gov/dep/wms/bears/americorps.htm>