

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Montclair State University, University Hall, Seventh Floor

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES:
TWO COLLABORATIVES, ONE VISION

8:00–9:00 a.m. Registration, in-person networking, breakfast, exhibition

Jersey Water Works Agenda

9:00–9:30 a.m.	<p>WELCOMING REMARKS: MONITORING PROGRESS AND STAYING THE COURSE</p>
<p>Jersey Water Works vision to transform the water infrastructure requires a persistent commitment to a one water approach and to working together. We will look back, review the progress made, and re-focus on the work necessary for long-term success.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucia Middleton, The Watershed Institute • Richard Henning, New Jersey Utility Association, JWW Steering Committee Member • Pete Kasabach, New Jersey Future, JWW Steering Committee Member • Patricia Ingelido, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) 	
9:30–10:20 a.m.	<p>ADVANCING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE MINI-KEYNOTES</p>
<p>In this session, we will showcase examples of how leaders in the water sector have leveraged different funding sources to successfully complete major water infrastructure projects. We will discuss the importance of taking advantage of existing windows of funding opportunities and the urgency of acting now. We will also provide information on what funding is available, the deadlines for applications, and how to apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding Our Work & Water Workforce Development: Matthew DeNafo, PE, CME, President, Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) • Stormwater Utility in New Brunswick (TBD, invited) • Exploring EPA's Proposed Water Restructure Rule Opportunities in New Jersey: Andy Kricun, Moonshot Missions, JWW Steering Committee Co-Chair • A Short Overview: Water Policies and Funding Opportunities: Diane Schrauth, New Jersey Future • Moderator: Nicole Miller, MnM Consulting, JWW Steering Committee Co-Chair 	
10:30-11:30 a.m.	<p>ISSUE IMPACT UPDATES AND PROGRESS PRESENTATION</p>
<p>Where are we in the topics that the collaborative cares about? Where do we want to be in 2025-2030? Committees will share updates on their work and progress. There will be an open conversation for everyone to participate. Topics include Asset Management and Finance, Green Infrastructure, Stormwater Utilities, Climate Resilience, Combined Sewer Overflow, Lead in Drinking Water, Water Workforce, and Data.</p>	

10:30-11:30 a.m.	TAPPING INTO FUNDING: OFFICE HOURS (By appointment only)
<p>Representatives from NJ Infrastructure Bank, NJDEP, Syracuse University Center for Sustainable Community Solutions Environmental Finance Center, and NJF Funding Navigator will be available for one-on-one office hours for individual 15-minute conversations. Sign up during registration the day of the event. Limited space available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Notte, Project Manager, NJ Infrastructure Bank • George Rolon, Chief Operating Officer, NJ Infrastructure Bank • Charles Jenkins, Assistant Director, Municipal Finance & Construction Element/ New Jersey Water Bank, NJDEP • Samantha Thomas, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection • Kristin Tedesco, Manager, Bureau Of Water System Engineering, NJDEP • Tess Clark, AICP, Assistant Director Of Water Resilience, Syracuse University Center for Sustainable Community Solutions / Environmental Finance Center • Lee Clark, MABC, Program Manager, Funding Navigator Program, New Jersey Future 	
12:30-2:30 p.m.	<i>Special GI Champion Training: Municipal Outreach Inventory Overview</i>

11:30 a.m. **LUNCH, NETWORKING, AND EXHIBITION (ALL)**

Lead-Free NJ Agenda

10:30-11:30 a.m.	<i>Special Meeting for Lead-Free NJ Hub Leads</i>
12:30-1:30 p.m.	PANEL PRESENTATION – ADVANCING SYSTEMS-LEVEL CHANGE THROUGH COMMUNITY AND COLLABORATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Kelvin Boddy, Director of Healthy Homes and Communities, Housing and Community Development Network of NJ • Shanikwa Lemon, Program Manager, Paterson Alliance <i>*Lead-Free NJ Community Hub leader & Paterson Division of Health</i> • Kandyce Perry, Director, Office of Environmental Justice, NJDEP • Geovanni Cantizano, PRAC of Southern NJ <i>*Lead-Free NJ Community Hub Leader</i> • Xin “Leo” Li & Jennifer Barrientos, Program Specialist, NJDCA Lead Assistance Program 	
1:40 –2:40 p.m.	LEAD-FREE NJ COMMITTEE CONVERSATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Bert Cooper, Green and Healthy Homes Initiative • Health Committee: Addressing Lead Screening Challenges in NJ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Elyse Pivnick, Isles & Sheila Caldwell, School Nurse (Co-Chairs) ◦ Maria Emerson, Virtua • Water Advocacy Committee: Investigating Filter First Policy in NJ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Deandrah Cameron, New Jersey Future ◦ Yvette Jordan, NEW Caucus 	
2:40 p.m.	Meeting Adjourns

BREAKOUT SESSIONS INFORMATION

Tapping into Funding: Office Hours (By Appointment Only)

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Description: Securing funding can present significant challenges and may entail asking questions that may best be addressed in person. During the breakout session from 10:30am to 11:30am, Funding and Technical Assistance personnel will be available to respond to questions. Interested parties may schedule individual office hours with pre-selected personnel. The purpose of these sessions is to provide one-on-one guidance on funding. Sign-up sheet will be available at the registration desk. Limited time slots will be available.

Representatives include staff from:

1. New Jersey Infrastructure Bank
2. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
3. New Jersey Future, Funding Navigator Program
4. Environmental Finance Center, Syracuse University Center for Sustainable Community Solution

New Jersey Infrastructure Bank

John Notte, *Project Manager, NJ Infrastructure Bank*

George Rolon, *Chief Operating Officer*

Can answer questions about

- The application process for the water bank
- Questions around credit worthiness
- Eligibility requirements for an application



New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Charles Jenkins, *Assistant Director, Municipal Finance & Construction*

Element/ New Jersey Water Bank can answer questions about clean water and drinking water eligibilities and funding opportunities and processes

Samantha Thomas, *Element, can answer questions about funding and technical assistance*

Kristin Tedesco, *Manager, Bureau of Water System Engineering*



Environmental Finance Center, Syracuse University Center for Sustainable Community Solutions

Tess Clark, AICP, Assistant Director of Water Resilience

You should connect with her if you want to:

- If you need support with your application to the water bank.
- If you have questions about what types of water technical assistance are available to communities seeking to solve water infrastructure challenges



Funding Navigator, New Jersey Future

Lee Clark, MABC, Program Manager, Funding Navigator Program

You should connect with him if you want to learn more about:

- Connecting to national technical assistance providers
- Connect to state and federal funding sources (general)
- Understanding how utilities engage communities and elected officials to help them understand the need for water infrastructure improvements.



Special Green Infrastructure Champion Training: Municipal Outreach Inventory Overview

Time: 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Description: Get insider tips on: (1) How to deliver public education and outreach programs to help your municipality satisfy NJDEP's MS4 Permit Requirements. (2) How to help your municipality with its Watershed Improvement Plan to meet MS4 Permit Requirements.

Speakers*

Bill Cesanek, Vice President, CDM Smith

Chris Obropta, Professor, Extension Specialist, and Director of the NJ Water Resources Research Institute and Environmental Engineering, Rutgers University

Rosana Pedra Nobre, Water Quality Manager at the Hudson River Foundation and the New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program

**All speakers co-chair the Green Infrastructure Committee.*