

Remediation Workshop

Brownfields Remediation, Community Involvement and the LSRP Process

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

8:00 am to 12:30 pm

The Forum, E.J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick

The Sustainable Raritan River Initiative, housed in the Environmental Analysis and Communications (EAC) Group at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers, supports a Collaborative of over 130 organizations, governmental entities and businesses in the Raritan River region that work together to balance social, economic and environmental objectives towards the common goal of restoring the Raritan River, its tributaries and its estuary for current and future generations.

Rutgers -- through the Initiative -- helps to facilitate the Collaborative and one of the things that we do is organize conferences and workshops around our Action Plan's five key focus areas of: (1) Hazardous sites and sediment cleanup; (2) Water quality, stormwater and infrastructure; (3) Habitat preservation and resource stewardship; (4) Greenways, recreation and public access; and (5) Balancing redevelopment and restoration.

This workshop addresses the Collaborative's commitment to remediation, rehabilitation and reuse of abandoned and underutilized properties as outlined in the [2009 Action Plan](#) and further described in the [2009 Hazardous Sites and Sediment Cleanup Report](#). These documents can be found on our website at www.raritan.rutgers.edu.

Session Descriptions

Session 1: Tools, Incentives, New Programs, Resources

Brownfields 101

Stephanie Shakofsky, Center for Creative Land Recycling and Kerry Miller, Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions

Ms. Shakofsky and Ms. Miller will present an introduction to Brownfields in New Jersey using the new guide to *Remediating and Redeveloping Brownfields in New Jersey* (joint CCLR and ANJEC publication) as a starting point. Stephanie will also discuss the work the Center for Creative Land Recycling is doing as a member of the EPA Region 2 InterAgency Working Group that offers assistance, guidance and resources to municipalities in their brownfield redevelopment efforts.

Sustainable Jersey Brownfield Actions

Dr. Beth Ravit, Center for Urban Environmental Sustainability

Dr. Ravit will discuss the need to address and steps required to receive Sustainable Jersey points for completing a Brownfield Inventory and Prioritization Action (Required) and a Reuse Planning Action.

Photo of the Edison Landfill along the Raritan River by Michael Catania

Raritan River Data Access Project

Dr. Steve Yergeau, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County

Data related to known Superfund, Brownfield and contaminated sites, point source and non-point source pollution have been collected by various parties within the Raritan River Watershed, but these data are currently fragmented, inconsistent, and difficult for the general public to access and place into the context of specific community concerns and actions. Dr. Yergeau's presentation will focus on the efforts of project partners (Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program, Center for Urban Environmental Sustainability, Department of Environmental Sciences, and Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy) to compile these data into a comprehensive database and to develop an interactive tool that could assist federal, state, and local stakeholders in making decisions related to environmental cleanup and site reuse.

Session 2: Community Engagement in the Remediation Process—Panel

Debbie Mans, J.D., New York/New Jersey Baykeeper — Panel Moderator

Ms. Mans will introduce the panel and help tie the discussions to the Sustainable Raritan River Action Plan to remediate, rehabilitate and reuse abandoned and underutilized properties in the Raritan River basin and along its estuary.

Atwood Davis, Bureau of Inspection and Review, Site Remediation Program, NJDEP

Mr. Davis will provide an overview of the Licensed Site Remediation Professional Program. Included in this overview, will be a description of Roles and Responsibilities under the LSRP Program.

Karen Kloo, Office of Community Relations, Site Remediation Program, NJDEP

Ms. Kloo will provide an overview of New Jersey's public notification and participation requirements, Technical Assistance Grant Program, and Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund.

Sue Boyle, GEI Consultants, Inc.

Ms. Boyle will discuss the Licensed Site Remediation Professional's Perspective on community engagement, public information, and due diligence.

Wanda Chin Monahan, Esq., Sedita, Campisano & Campisano, LLC

Ms. Monahan will discuss how various stakeholders (including community groups such as a Sustainable Jersey Green Team) can participate and/or influence the remediation and redevelopment of a contaminated property which impacts the Raritan River or its tributaries, including a discussion of the different ways remediation can be structured (i.e., allocation of responsibility for the remedial work and remedial costs).

Lawra Dodge, PG, LSRP, Excel Environmental Resources, Inc.

Ms. Dodge will discuss Brownfield Development Areas (BDAs) and community participation in the Brownfield redevelopment process integrating key Brownfield case studies from municipalities across the region. She will also discuss the importance of developing accurate Brownfields inventories and setting realistic and achievable goals, ways in which the community is engaged in the earliest stages of planning and throughout the remediation and redevelopment process, leveraging professional, municipal, and financial resources to create and sustain a successful Brownfield Redevelopment strategy, and common elements that promote success on Brownfield Redevelopment projects in NJ municipalities large and small.