

8th Annual Sustainable Raritan Conference and Awards Ceremony



RU on the Raritan

Exploring an agenda for Rutgers' stewardship of the Raritan River, basin and bay

Douglass Student Center

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

Friday, June 10, 2016

Conference Agenda

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

8:45 – 9:30 **Welcoming Remarks**

Jeanne Herb, Bloustein School, and Sustainable Raritan River Initiative
Dean James Hughes, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers
Dean Robert Goodman, School of Environmental and Biological Science, Rutgers
Chancellor Richard L. Edwards, Rutgers-New Brunswick (invited)

Panels Moderator: Sara Malone, Sustainable Raritan River Initiative

9:30 – 10:20 **Water Quality Panel**

Panelists: Robert Chant, Marine and Coastal Sciences, SEBS, Rutgers
Nicole Fahrenfeld, Civil and Environmental Engineering, SOE, Rutgers
Kristi MacDonald, Raritan Headwaters Association
Steven Yergeau, Ocean County Cooperative Extension, Rutgers

Respondent: James Waltman, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association

10:20 – 10:35 **Break**

10:35 – 11:25 **Biotics and Ecosystems Panel**

Panelists: Kate Boicourt, New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program
Jennifer Clear, Marine & Coastal Sciences, SEBS, Rutgers
JeanMarie Hartman, Landscape Architecture, SEBS, Rutgers
Beth Ravit, Center for Urban Environmental Sustainability, SEBS, Rutgers

Respondent: Debbie Mans, New York/New Jersey Baykeeper

11:25—12:15 **Watershed Panel**

Panelists:

Michele Bakacs, Middlesex/Union County Cooperative Extension, Rutgers
Kimberly Cenno, NJDEP Water Monitoring & Standards
Ken Klipstein, NJ Water Supply Authority
Dan Van Abs, Human Ecology, SEBS, Rutgers

Respondent: Michael Catania, Duke Farms Foundation

12:15 – 1:15 **Buffet Lunch, Networking, Exhibits, Awards Ceremony**

1:15 – 2:05 **People Panel**

Panelists: Wolfram Hoefler, Center for Urban Environmental Sustainability, SEBS, Rutgers
Karen Lowrie, Environmental Analysis & Communications Group, Bloustein, Rutgers
Erin Stretz, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association
Frank Wong, Planning & Development, Facilities & Capital Planning, Rutgers

Respondent: Rob Pirani, New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program

2:05 – 2:55 **Resilience Panel**

Panelists: Lisa Auermuller, Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve, Rutgers
George Guo, Civil & Environmental Engineering, SOE, Rutgers
James (Ken) Mitchell, Geography, SAS, Rutgers
Christopher Obropta, Water Resources Program, Rutgers Cooperative Extension

Respondent: Jeanne Herb, Bloustein School and New Jersey Climate Adaptation Alliance

2:55 – 3:10 **Break**

3:10 – 4:00 **Conference Closing Thoughts and Next Steps**

Oscar Schofield, Marine and Coastal Sciences, SEBS, Rutgers
Richard Lathrop, Johnson Family Chair, and Sustainable Raritan River Initiative

4:00 – 5:00 **Reception**

Agenda is subject to change.

For more information visit www.raritan.rutgers.edu or contact Sara Malone at 848.932.2720 or raritan@ejb.rutgers.edu.

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