

**Advancing Climate Change Solutions in New Jersey:
Creating Opportunities to Build a Healthy, Just, Resilient and Carbon-Neutral Garden State:**

Big Ideas from the New Jersey Climate Change Alliance
Friday December 9, 2022 – [Busch Student Center](#)

NJCCA 2022 Annual Convening focuses on integrated climate change solutions that:

- Advance health equity
- Promote social justice
- Create vibrant communities
- Encourage nature based solutions

AGENDA

Registration, breakfast, networking	8:15-9:00 am
9:00 Welcome	9:00-9:15 am
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advancing the intersection of climate preparedness and net zero emissions Martha Maxwell-Doyle, NJCCA Co-Chair and Partnership for the Delaware Estuary	
Plenary 1: Climate Solutions that Advance Social Justice	9:15-10:20 am
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organic waste material management and food security• Planning for transportation mobility• Planning for climate change nested in advancing Environmental Justice• Emissions reduction policies to address social justice Moderator/Panelist: Gary Sondermeyer, NJCCA Co-Chair and Bayshore Recycling Panelists: Jon Carnegie, Rutgers University; Kim Gaddy, Clean Water Action; Nicky Sheats, Kean University	
Break	10:20-10:30 am
Plenary 2: Climate Solutions that Advance Health Equity	10:30-11:30 am
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning for climate in public health policy• Community based programs that intersect climate and health• Health systems as anchors of integrated solutions Moderator: David Henry, NJ Association of County and City Health Officials Panelists: Kevin McNally, NJ Public Health Association; Sharon Roerty, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Raymond Brandes, New Jersey Hospital Association	
State Updates	11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Moderators: Pam Frank, Gabel Associates and Tom Lewis, WSP Panelists: Jane Cohen, Executive Director Office of Climate Action and Green Economy; Joseph Fiordaliso, NJBPU President; Shawn LaTourette, NJDEP Commissioner; Elkins Green, NJDOT Director of Environmental Resources; Donna Rendeiro, Executive Director State Planning Commission	
Lunch	12:30 – 1:15 pm
Keynote: Opportunities and Challenges for Climate Justice	1:15 – 2:00 pm
Sacoby Wilson, Professor and Director, T.H.E. EJ Lab Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health, University of Maryland	
Legislative Updates	2:00-2:30 pm
Moderator: Zoe Baldwin, Regional Plan Association Panelists: Honorable Bob Smith, Chair, NJ Senate Environment and Energy Committee and Honorable James J. Kennedy, Chair, NJ Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee	

Plenary 3: Nature Based Climate Solutions that Build Vibrant Communities

2:30-3:30 pm

- Nature based solutions to resiliency
- Natural and working lands for climate mitigation
- Intersecting climate solutions with other planning goals

Moderator: Randy Solomon, Sustainable Jersey

Panelists: Tim Dillingham, American Littoral Society; Tom Gilbert, NJ Conservation Foundation; Liz Semple, The Nature Conservancy in New Jersey

Response Panels and Closing

3:30-4:00 pm

Panel 1: Andrew Arnold, PSEG; Ashley Kerr, NJ Farm Bureau; Mariana Leckner, Leckner Consulting; Don Nusser, Mott MacDonald.

Panel 2: Rob Freudenberg, Regional Plan Association; Russell Furnari, Founding Member NJ Climate Change Alliance; David Henry, NJ Association of County and City Health Officials; Alex Ireland, NJ Audubon; Tony MacDonald, Monmouth University