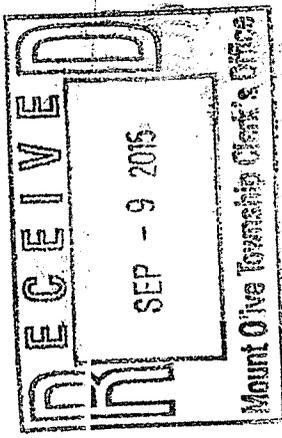


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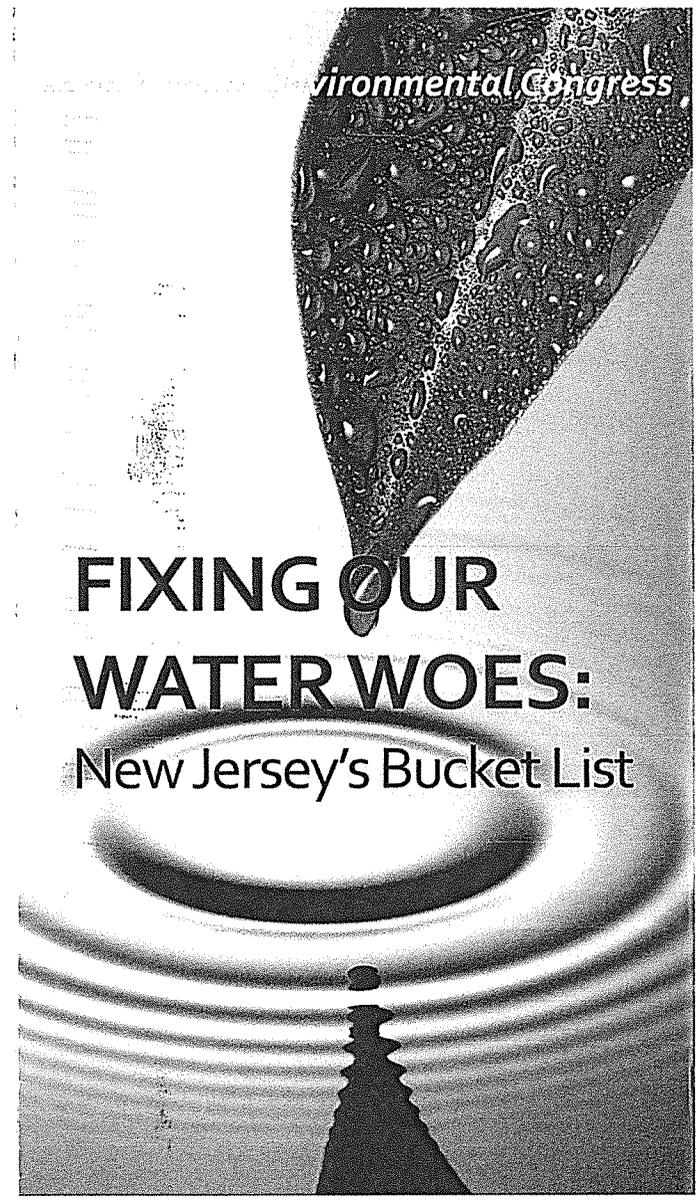
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# FIXING OUR WATER WOES: New Jersey's Bucket List

Friday, October 9, 2015  
9am - 4:30pm  
Raritan Valley Community College  
Branchburg



## Directions

Raritan Valley Community College  
118 Lamington Rd., Branchburg, NJ 08876  
[www.raritanval.edu/about/directions.html](http://www.raritanval.edu/about/directions.html)

The event is in the **Conference Center** right off the main (front) entrance to the college. Park in Lots #1 and #2. (Parking also permitted in other student parking areas.)

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## Morning Workshops

### Local Projects to Protect and Create Habitat

Environmental commissions are well-suited to organizing local habitat projects that benefit birds, pollinators, amphibians and other wildlife. Typical projects include plantings, vernal pool identification, removing invasives, and limiting mowing during breeding seasons. Hear case studies, lessons learned, and information about ANJEC grants for habitat projects on open space.

*Shane Godshall*, Woodstown-Pilesgrove Env. Comm.  
*Stephan Stocker*, Madison Environmental Comm.  
*Jenine Tankoos*, Manalapan Environmental Comm.

### Stormwater Management at the Municipal Level

Despite NJ's stormwater regulations, our streams continue to be degraded by excessive stormwater flows. Recent NJDEP proposed rules would weaken protections, increasing the need for effective local stormwater management. Learn how towns can better administer the existing regulations using an "e-learning tool" developed by Rutgers' Water Resources Program. Also learn about innovative local stormwater ordinances and a model ordinance developed by Sustainable Jersey.

*Barbara Jones*, Hightstown Environmental Comm.  
*Emma Melvin*, Sustainable Jersey

### Goal: Zero Plastic Pollution in Our Waters

Plastic pollution in our waters from items such as plastic bags is a vast problem that degrades habitats and harms wildlife. Learn about EPA's Trash Free Waters program and what NJ towns are doing to tackle this problem, including plastic bag fees, advocacy and education programs. Also hear about the ReThink Disposal program which offers business solutions to replace single use products.

*Amy Goldsmith*, Clean Water Action New Jersey  
*Shawn Klein & Renee Resky*, Livingston Township  
*Bainy Suri*, Consultant

### NJ Open Space Policy Update

Learn the latest status of NJ's Nov 2014 voter-approved, dedicated funding for open space, farmland, historic preservation and stewardship. Also, hear a discussion on emerging and growing concerns about appropriate and unacceptable diversions of preserved open space.

*Emile DeVito, Ph.D.*, NJ Conservation Foundation  
*Jaclyn Rhoads, Ph.D.*, Pinelands Preservation Alliance

### New Jersey's Energy Supply: Clean or Dirty?

Is it really possible to meet New Jersey's goals for cutting climate pollution and building a clean energy future for our state? Mark Warner is the former Energy Director for the Sustainability Institute at TCNJ, and a true visionary strategist. He will discuss how sustainable energy transformation can be accomplished and what actions will have the greatest impact.

*Mark Warner*, Gabel Associates

## Afternoon Workshops

### Getting Traction on Green Stormwater

Fixing NJ's water woes with nonstructural/green stormwater management requires a critical mass of residents and property owners installing rain gardens, pervious pavement, cisterns, trees and green roofs. This workshop will present information about how to make local projects happen – what does it really take, what are the obstacles, and how do we get people on board? Hear about successful local projects and strategies from around the state.

*Heather Desko*, NJ Water Supply Authority  
*Mary Judge*, Island Heights Environmental Committee  
*Meishka Mitchell*, Cooper's Ferry Partnership

### Pipelines! Pipelines! Pipelines!

From the Pinelands to the Highlands, New Jersey is under unprecedented pressure to accommodate new natural gas and petroleum pipelines. Learn why this is happening, how pipelines are regulated, their local impacts, and how to participate in the process. Hear how NJ's environmental groups are working to protect natural resources, and a discussion of changes in the current regulatory framework needed to govern pipeline siting more responsibly.

*Tom Gilbert*, New Jersey Conservation Foundation  
*David Peifer*, Assn. of NJ Environmental Commissions

### Water Supply:

#### Acting Locally in the Absence of a Statewide Plan

The public owns the water we drink, which is managed on our behalf by the State of New Jersey. Explore how the State manages this water supply and what environmental commissions and municipal leaders need to know about their drinking water supplies.

*Daniel Van Abs, Ph.D.*, Rutgers University  
*Suzanne McCarthy*, South Jersey Land & Water Trust

### New Tech Hacks for Environmental Data Gathering

It's hard to protect what you can't see. Fortunately, there are important new tools to help you visualize and analyze environmental conditions on the ground. Learn about conservation drones now being used worldwide for ecological research, monitoring and enforcement, and NJDEP's GeoWeb, which offers easy, interactive access to a wealth of environmental mapping data for the entire state. Roll up your sleeves for some hands-on practice in the computer lab! Limited seating\*

*Brenden Duffy*, ConservationDrones.org  
*David Tulloch, Ph.D.*, Rutgers University CRSSA

### Conversations with NJDEP about Water

Dan Kennedy, NJ Department of Environmental Protection Assistant Commissioner of Water Resources Management, will discuss issues and take questions in an informal setting.

*\*There are 24 seats in the computer lab. Reserve a spot by indicating your preference on the registration form.*

## Agenda

8:15 Registration, Exhibits and Continental Breakfast

9:00 Welcome & Presentation of Environmental Achievement Awards

9:30 Keynote Address --  
George Hawkins, CEO, DC Water  
*Sewage and Rainwater, Gray or Green?*

10:30 Workshop Session I

12:00 Lunch and Exhibits

12:55 ANJEC Annual Meeting

1:00 *The State of New Jersey's Environment*

2:00 Workshop Session II

3:30 Networking Reception  
Refreshments and Raffle Drawing

## About our speaker.....

*George Hawkins, Esq.* - As CEO and General Manager of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water), Mr. Hawkins is leading the monumental Clean Rivers green and grey infrastructure project that will solve CSO and other problems affecting the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers and Chesapeake Bay. Before joining DC Water in 2009, Hawkins held senior positions at USEPA, and served as Executive Director of New Jersey Future and the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association. He holds degrees from Princeton and Harvard Law School, and taught environmental law and policy at Princeton.

## Registration

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