



**The REACH (Resilience Excellence and Capacity Hub) The Center for Natural Resources  
(CNR), NJIT [cnr.njit.edu](http://cnr.njit.edu)**

in Collaboration with

**The Mitigation Unit – NJ Office of Emergency Management**

Invites you to attend a workshop on

## **Tackling Flooding in NJ Communities**

**Date:** Thursday April 17th, 2025, Noon-2:30 pm

**Location:** Room 116 Central King Building, NJIT, Newark, NJ

### **Agenda**

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM Registration and Meet & Greet Networking with Lunch

01:00 PM - 01:05 PM Program Outline. Michel C. Boufadel, Director of the CNR.

01:05 PM - 01:10 PM Welcoming Remarks. Teik Lim, NJIT President

01:10 PM – 01:20 PM Patrick Calahan, Superintendent, NJ State Police

01:20 PM – 01:30 PM Christopher Testa, Mitigation Unit Manager, NJ Office of Emergency Management.

01:30 PM - 01:40 PM Robert Hoffmann, City Manager, Englewood. Statutory Changes needed. Lessons learned from major storms.

01:40 PM - 02:10 PM Open Discussion.

02:10 PM – 02:20 PM Closing Remarks.

**Registration Link (Attending In Person):** <https://forms.gle/zK8hHSnFuJyPTkseA>

**Zoom Link (Attending Online):**

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Attendees (around 200):

**Mayors, city managers, city emergency managers, engineers:**

Englewood, Bergenfield, Cresskill, Leonia, Tenafly, Cresskill, Patterson, Asbury Park, Newark, Neptune City, Irvington.

**Academia:**

Faculty, administrators, and students from NJIT, Rutgers, Princeton, and Stevens.

**Industry:**

Langan Engineering, HDR, AECOM, Veolia, American Water.

#### **About the Center for Natural Resources ([cnr.njit.edu](http://cnr.njit.edu))**

The CNR was established to foster sensible approaches for environmental and energy resource utilization along with protecting communities from hazards.

The Center's specialties include assessment and mitigation of major hazards impacting communities; remediation studies of pollution in natural settings; and evaluation of natural resources for potential production of energy, especially the production of renewable energy.

The staff of the CNR integrates comprehensive field measurements with powerful computational models. The CNR conducts studies ranging from the microscopic scale to the landscape scale and utilizes advanced networks of sensors. The Center is internationally known for its long-term studies of major disasters, such as the Exxon Valdez and the Gulf of America spills, Hurricane Sandy, and the COVID pandemic. The Center's publications have been in renowned journals, such as NATURE geosciences and Environmental Science and Technology. The CNR Center collaborates with a broad range of constituents, including federal, industrial and regional foundations to create sustainable approaches that adequately balance the diversity of public and private interests.

**Why You Should Attend:** The workshop attendees will have the opportunity to learn about recent developments and current and future challenges in tackling flooding in a practical way. They will get to network with other attendees and with the personnel of the REACH on how to address flooding in their communities.

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