

March 26, 2024 AGENDA
Can a Bottle Bill Help Recycling in New Jersey
A Public Meeting of the New Jersey Plastics Advisory Council

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
9:15 AM – 5:00 PM via Microsoft Teams

Agenda

9:00am

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| 9:15 AM | Cindy Zipf, Chair, Plastics Advisory Council
Brief Introduction and Focus of the Day |
| 9:20 – 9:30 | Panels Facilitator, Dr. Beth Ravit, Rutgers University (Retired)
Hearing Topic and Procedures |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | Panel #1: Baseline metrics, status of container recycling rates in New Jersey and Bottle Bill States:
Panelists:
Wayne DeFeo, President
DeFeo Associates Representing the Association of New Jersey Recyclers
Susan V. Collins, President
Container Recycling Institute
Seth Hackman, Bureau Chief
NJDEP Division of Sustainable Waste Management |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Panel #2: Economic implications of a potential bottle bill, pro and con:
Panelists:
Elizabeth Balkan
Reloop Platform
JoAnn Gemenden, Executive Director
New Jersey Clean Communities Council
Gary Sondermeyer, Vice President of Operations
Bayshore Recycling |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Panel #3: Environmental considerations:
Panelists:
Judith Enck, President
Beyond Plastics
Brooke Helmick
Environmental Justice Alliance
Steven Rinaldi
NJDEP Bureau of Sustainability |
| 12:30 – 1:00 | Lunch Break |

1:00 – 2:00

Panel #4: Business perspectives on the bottle bill question:

Panelists:

Mary Ellen Peppard, Vice President

New Jersey Food Council

Megan Daum, Vice President

American Beverage Association

Marilyn Schlossbach, Restaurateur

The Marilyn Group

2:00 – 3:00

Panel #5: Government perspectives on the bottle bill question:

Panelists:

Janine MacGregor, Director

DEP Division of Sustainable Waste Management

Allen A. Weston, Legislative Director

New Jersey Association of Counties

John Weber, Councilman

Borough of Bradley Beach

3:00 – 4:55

General Public Comment Period

(3 Minutes Per Speaker)

4:55 – 5:00

Cindy Zipf, Chair, Plastics Advisory Council

Closing Remarks