

# Using Stormwater Utilities to Address Water Quality and Flooding

*A Public Hearing sponsored by the New Jersey Clean Water Council  
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Public Hearing Room  
401 East State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625*

**Friday, October 25, 2019, 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (or close of testimony, if earlier)**

## **PURPOSE OF THE HEARING**

The New Jersey Clean Water Council plans to seek public testimony on the practices and approaches of stormwater utilities and how they may be used to help address local flooding, stormwater management and water quality concerns. The New Jersey Clean Water Council is inviting speakers who have implemented stormwater utilities to speak about their experiences and the factors that New Jersey communities may want to consider in determining if a stormwater utility is right for their community.

## **SPEAKERS**

- 1:00 Introduction of Issue: Anthony McCracken, CWC Chair
- 1:10 **Keynote Speaker: Catherine McCabe, NJDEP Commissioner**
- 1:30 *Stormwater Management: Find a Way or Make a Stormwater Utility:* Diane Alexander, Esq., Maraziti Falcon
- 1:55 *Stormwater Utilities – Considerations and Best Practices:* Tony Dill, PE, Arcadis
- 2:20 *Using Stormwater Utilities to Provide Sufficient, Equitable and Sustainable Financing:* Ellen Kohler, MS, JD, Environmental Finance Center, University of Maryland
- 2:45 *Collaboration for Cost Effective Stormwater Management:* Adrienne M. Vicari, PE, Herbert Rowland & Grubic, Inc.
- 3:10 Public Testimony

## **REQUEST FOR TESTIMONY**

The Council seeks recommendations regarding how stormwater utilities can be an important tool for managing storm-related flooding and runoff. Testimony should consider:

- What are the hurdles for implementing a stormwater utility in New Jersey?
- How can we better achieve public education regarding stormwater utilities?
- How can a stormwater utility help improve a municipality's stormwater program?
- What tools or guidance can be provided by NJDEP?

## **HOW TO TESTIFY**

The Council will provide 5 minutes per oral presentation and strongly encourages the submittal of detailed written comments by email or on paper, to augment your testimony. Written comments will be accepted until November 29, 2019, and can be sent to the NJ Clean Water Council, c/o NJDEP – Division of Water Quality, 401 East State Street, P.O. Box 425, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0425; by fax at (609) 341-4518; or by email to [Tracy.Omrod@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Tracy.Omrod@dep.nj.gov). If submitting electronically, the preferred format is Microsoft Word® 2003 or above (not Macintosh formats).

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