

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S (NJDEP) WEBINAR "IMPLEMENTING NEW JERSEY'S PRIORITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN," CHAT, MAY 1, 2024

00:25:58 Denise Nickel: Middlesex County

00:25:59 Karen Twisler: municipal consultant

00:25:59 Matt von der Hayden: Matt von der Hayden, Township of Stafford in Ocean County

00:25:59 Ari Messinger: Cherry Hill Township

00:25:59 Samantha Smith: Mercer County Park Commission

00:26:00 Kayla Wrigley: Town of Dover, Morris County

00:26:00 John Pitts: Margate NJ Atlantic County.

00:26:02 Brenda Kraemer: Lawrence Township, Mercer County

00:26:03 Joshua Morris: Joshua Morris - Wayne Environmental Commission

00:26:05 Siva Jonnada: Morris Township, Morris County

00:26:05 Victoria Bearden: Sustainable Jersey

00:26:05 Dennis Blazak: Point Pleasant Boro, Ocean County

00:26:05 Sydney Duncan: GreenVest, LLC

00:26:05 GP Caminiti: Borough of Pennington, Mercer County

00:26:06 Amanda Archer: Amanda Archer, Jacques Cousteau NERR

00:26:06 Kim Clark: Pinelands Regional School District, Ocean County

00:26:06 Theresa Camilleri: Borough of Caldwell, Essex County, NJ

00:26:07 Bilen Getachew: Town of kearny

00:26:07 Sheila Baker Gujral: Association of NJ Environmental Commissions (ANJEC)

00:26:08 James Oris: RVE engineering representing several towns

00:26:09 Matthew Cofone: Ocean County

00:26:09 Daniel Clark: NJDEP

00:26:09 Sandra Chen: Sandra Chen, Princeton Shade Tree Commission

00:26:12 Michael Carelli: Michael Carelli, Borough Administrator, Borough of Pompton Lakes (Passaic County)

00:26:13 Susan Townshend: Guttenberg, NJ private citizen

00:26:13 sherrine cox: Sherrine Cox WE ACT TCTAC

00:26:14 Claire Crimando: Kym Jones, Bruno Associates, Inc.

00:26:14 John Pitts: Sustainable Margate

00:26:17 John Wiggins: Township of Irvington, Essex County

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00:26:17 Michael Reissner: East Brunswick Township

00:26:18 Walter Lane: Walt Lane, Somerset County Planning Division

00:26:18 Patricia Vogler: Cranford Twp (Union County) Shade Tree Commission and Environmental Commission

00:26:19 Kathleen Bland: Kathleen Bland, BRS, Inc

00:26:20 Jonathan Redwine: West Orange, NJ - Essex County
chair of Sustainability Committee in the township

00:26:22 Kristin Ace: Morristown Shade Tree Commission

00:26:22 Lisa Pellegrino: Center for Ecotechnology (CET)

00:26:23 Suzanne Forbes: Delaware River Greenway Partnership/Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River

00:26:24 Michael Capabianco: Jamesburg Borough, Middlesex County

00:26:26 Kamari Moore: Millennium Strategies

00:26:28 Lara Mendenhall: Summit (Union) Env Commission + Berkeley Heights Environmental Science
teacher

00:26:28 Madhusudan Patel: Private Citizen

00:26:33 Mylissa Bauman: Mylissa Bauman - Cranford Shade Tree Commission

00:26:34 Christina PioCosta-Lahue: Christina PioCosta-Lahue, Vivaria Ecologics

00:26:41 Susan Savoy: Dover morris county nj shade tree comission

00:26:45 Neil O'Regan: Neil O'Regan, Ocean County Utilities Authority

00:26:46 Megan Bushlow: Arcadis, joining in my capacity as support for the Resilient Northeastern NJ
program

00:26:47 Christina PioCosta-Lahue: Virginia Lamb, Groundwork Education and Consulting and SOMA Climate
Action, Maplewood, Essex County.

00:26:49 Ashlyn Spector (She/They): <https://njclimateresourcecenter.rutgers.edu/>

00:26:49 Voula Papadopoulos: Wayne environmental commission - Passaic

00:27:06 Andrea Mandel: Councilwoman Andrea Mandel, West Windsor Township, Mercer County, Vice
President of Township Council

00:27:27 Darren Delenick: JMT

00:27:48 jeff guevara: Jeff Guevara Town of Dover D.P.W

00:28:17 David Butler: David Butler, Washington Borough, Warren County, Shade Tree Commission

00:28:17 Yazan H: EV Edison and Power Edison

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00:28:30 faith teitelbaum: Faith Teitelbaum Long Branch Environmental Commission

00:28:32 Ashlyn Spector (She/They): <https://njclimateresourcecenter.rutgers.edu/>

00:28:33 Shari Garretson: Shari Garretson

00:28:47 Shari Garretson: South River Environmental & Shade Tree Commission/Green Team

00:28:59 Ashlyn Spector (She/They): <https://dep.nj.gov/climatechange/mitigation/cprg/>

00:29:09 Steve Tuorto: Steve Tuorto - Director of Science @ The Watershed Institute

00:30:56 Andrea Mandel: Will you be sending out the presentation slides?

00:31:22 Susan Savoy: Susan Savoy Dover Morris county nj shade tree commission.

00:31:24 Ashlyn Spector (She/They): Yes, presentation slides will be posted online.

00:31:29 Ashlyn Spector (She/They): <https://dep.nj.gov/climatechange/mitigation/cprg/>

00:34:27 New Jersey Climate Change Resource Center: Friendly reminder to speak slowly for the interpreters!

00:44:10 Shari Garretson: When you share the slides, I assume the links will still work, right?

00:44:47 Ashlyn Spector (She/They): The links should work on the uploaded Powerpoint slides.

00:45:16 Ashlyn Spector (She/They): A recording of this presentation and copy of the slides will be posted online at <https://dep.nj.gov/climatechange/mitigation/cprg/>

00:45:46 Laura Tessier: How is local government being defined?

00:47:33 Shari Garretson: What was this measure entitled?

00:47:44 Helaine Barr: Laura - do you mean in the PCAP or for the funding opportunities?

00:48:55 Laura Tessier: funding opps - special districts, authorities etc

00:49:14 Shari Garretson: It sounded like "316"

00:49:27 Lara Mendenhall: Where to public schools fit in this? Is there a contact for schools?

00:49:28 Nicole Provost: Executive Order No, 316

00:50:20 Ashlyn Spector (She/They): EO 316 <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-316.pdf>

00:51:42 Kamari Moore: Are school districts included in local governments here?

00:54:06 Shari Garretson: I've been told that our borough can't use solar because we have our own utility. Can you address this?

00:59:55 Jonathan Redwine: I understand that permitting for composting is a xceedingly difficult for municipalities. Is there a link for a playbook for the permitting process?

01:00:52 Shari Garretson: Could you specify the contact info for reaching out re school food waste reduction.

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- 01:02:46 Dennis Blazak: Can you provide a list of high GWP refig gases so we can check town HVAAC
- 01:03:41 Ashlyn Spector (She/They): @Shari here is the website for school food waste
<https://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/food-waste/schools.html>
- 01:04:52 Kristin Ace: We have begun reforestation, but the grants are so complex, that we can't apply. Can we have simpler ones for small projects?
- 01:05:53 Christina PioCosta-Lahue: Amen to simplifying applications for funding
- 01:07:02 Mario Caballero: Are there any penalties for municipalities that don't meet the 2030 and 2050 state electrification goals?
- 01:07:03 Christina PioCosta-Lahue: On Food Waste: Why is composting last, when it's the most economical and simple technology. Also no mention of carbon storage potential for agriculture?
- 01:08:47 Ashlyn Spector (She/They): @Dennis here is the link to the DEP website with further information on refrigerants <https://dep.nj.gov/ghg/ghgmr-rule/refrigeration/>
- 01:09:09 Andrea Mandel: Will there be grants to pay for the increased registration costs we will now incur for our electric fleet under the new Transportation Fund law? Or can municipalities be exempted?
- 01:09:14 Ashlyn Spector (She/They): In addition, here is a list of high GWP on the website:
<https://dep.nj.gov/ghg/ghgmr-rule/refrigeration/>
- 01:10:43 Christina PioCosta-Lahue: Hi. I wanted to note that Virginia Lamb used the same link as I did for the meeting. The comments above are hers. Thanks.
- 01:11:29 Jeanne Herb: For more on overburdened communities, see: <https://dep.nj.gov/ej/communities/>
- 01:11:33 Ashlyn Spector (She/They): Noted, thank you.
- 01:17:57 Shari Garretson: Frankly, I can't see my municipality taking proactive action on any of this unless forced to, and I think we need a professional to come in and identify the project needs and walk the town through the grant application process and oversee the process of meeting the various goals.
- 01:18:10 Joshua Morris: Same story as Kristin for the flood plain in Wayne. Town owned, former residential lands that needs reforesting.
- 01:18:15 Lara Mendenhall: I understand that the focus is not on K-12 schools BUT we could really use guidance & funding for efficiency & solar upgrades. My district has old lighting and a lot of empty roof space (Governor Livingston HS in Union County)
- 01:18:49 Siva Jonnada: Also, we need more opportunities for more charging stations
- 01:19:25 Jonathan Redwine: I think municipalities would benefit from templates that are as complete as possible for each of the opportunities. The templates should clearly include areas of information that a municipality would include before being approved. Municipalities lack resources (human and funding) and have varying degrees of commitment to these issues. Implementation would be greatly advanced if the administrative burden could be made as close to zero as possible.
- 01:19:34 Susan Townshend: Where does recycling fit in go reducing green house gasses?

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- 01:20:32 Andrea Mandel: Right now it costs so much professional manpower to request and follow grants that we are limited in how many we can pursue. I agree re simplification.
- 01:20:54 Shari Garretson: DEP: Engagement and enforcement on the local level.
- 01:21:42 Tracey Woods: That assistance is available through the BPU's Community Energy Planning program.
- 01:21:49 Dennis Blazak: Can NJDEP provide concept design service for salt marsh restoration projects (blue carbon)
- 01:21:56 Kristin Ace: Jonathan, this is what our STC is doing. Do you have one in your municipality?
- 01:22:31 Lorin Fernandez: how do we plan to tackle the waste from EV, solar panels. at the moment they is no way to recycle these products.
- 01:22:40 Ashlyn Spector (She/They): Please find the CPRG website here:
<https://dep.nj.gov/climatechange/mitigation/cprg/>
- 01:22:44 Rachel Davis: Is there a plan to increase NJDEP staff for the purpose of enforcement across the board?
- 01:22:58 Susan Savoy: our community has been designated as a revitalization without blight by the state. which means our town has developers in here shoeorning housing in our town. the state and town seems disingenuous with flooding and tree planting and protection of trees.
- 01:23:04 Molla Sarros: We appreciate all your feedback.
- 01:23:39 Karen Twisler: great job!
- 01:23:41 Jonathan Redwine: Thank you!