

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

**2016 Northeast Regional Meeting**

**Sunday, August 14th**

**Conservation Tour**

**HOSTED BY:**

**NORTHEAST CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

**Depart Stockton Seaview Resort - 11:00 AM**



**Arrive SAHL'S FATHER SON FARM –**

***“Where Everyone’s a Kid”***

**11:15 AM**

**Depart Sahl’s Farm - 11:45 AM**



**Arrive JAKES BRANCH COUNTY PARK**

***“Jersey Fresh” Lunch***

**@ *“The Gateway to the Pine Barrens”***

**12:45 AM**

**Depart Jakes Branch Park - 2:00 PM**



**Arrive TUCKERTON SEAPORT**

**2:30 PM**

**Depart Tuckerton Seaport - 4:30 PM**

**Arrive WALMART MITIGATION PROJECT**

**Site**

**4:45 PM**

**Depart Walmart Project - 5:15 PM**

**Arrive STOCKTON SEAVIEW RESORT**

**6:00 PM**

**ICEBREAKER RECEPTION (Cash Bar) @ SEAVIEW**

**6:30 PM**

**♪ The Kingston Brothers ♪**

**Site Descriptions following and/or on Reverse Side**

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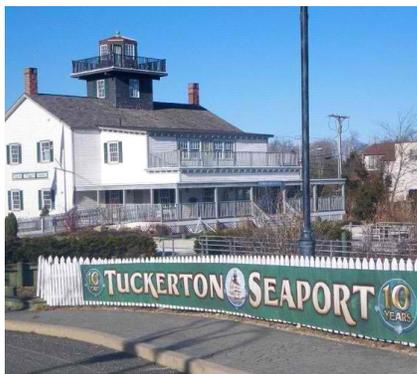
**Sahl Father Son Farm**

A stop at the nearly 150 year-old farm, located in the heart of the coastal plain region, is a chance to see a multi-generation farm that has embraced new conservation practices to help improve soil health. The farm also has embraced agri-tourism and annually creates a unique and complex corn maze that brings visitors from miles away to experience a South Jersey farm. NRCS has developed a conservation plan including drip irrigation, conservation cover crop and no-till farming to conserve natural resources.



**Jakes Branch State Park**

This location illustrates two of the biggest challenges to healthy managed landscapes in the Barnegat Bay watershed: sandy and highly compacted soils. Because of this, the park's grounds were an excellent place to learn which soil improvement techniques would be most useful to Ocean County residents. The SHIP team evaluated soil health and biological activity quarterly for 2 years at the demonstration turf plots and native plant gardens at Jakes Branch, in addition to providing public education around soil health. The Ocean County Soil Conservation district, Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve, Rutgers Agricultural Experiment Station, The American Littoral Society, Ocean County Parks and Recreation and Montclair State University teamed up to implement the Soil Health Improvement in Ocean County. The project was funded by the Barnegat Bay Partnership.



**Tuckerton Seaport**

Come explore one of the largest grass roots maritime museums in the United States. The Tuckerton Seaport, located along the Tuckerton Creek, is in the heart of historic Tuckerton with charming shops and restaurants. This one-of-a-kind attraction shows the Jersey Shore's maritime traditions through people, exhibits and hands-on activities. Stroll the boardwalk. Experience life on the Tuckerton "Crik." Decoy carvers, boat builders, basket makers and baymen entertain, educate and delight visitors of all ages. Identify birds and plants on the nature trail through the Maritime forest. Discover the Jersey Shore's unique heritage and the interaction between culture and nature on the Barnegat Bay. Experience the rich traditions through the Seaport's recreated and historic buildings, demonstrations, interpretive exhibits, live aquatic displays and more.

**WalMart Stormwater Basin**

A stop at the newly constructed WalMart in Little Egg Harbor Township will appeal to all, showing the manner in which WalMart handles compliance with stormwater regulations and SCD comprehensive oversight and implementation, as well as specific innovations at this site. (ie. The use of all native plants in the basin; the wetlands mitigation requirement of this site and how it was handled, etc.) This sight highlights and showcases a project with which New Jersey Soil Conservation Districts have been involved and provides a balanced perspective on efforts to protect and conserve natural resources while ensuring applicable compliance with regulations.

