

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
2016 Northeast Regional Conference

Monday, August 15th

KEY INGREDIENTS

BREAKFAST & EXHIBITOR SET UP(until 8:00 AM): **6:30 AM**

WELCOME: Moderator: Raymond Cywinski, NJACD Board President **8:30 AM**

- **COLOR GUARD** – 177th Fighter Wing, NJ Air National Guard, Atlantic City Air National Guard Base
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Dr. William Pollock, Chairman, Ocean County SCD Veteran, US Army, Military Assistance Command Vietnam
- **NATIONAL ANTHEM** – Mary Van Olden
- **INVOCATION** – Jay Kandle, Supervisor, Gloucester County Soil Conservation District
- **NEW JERSEY LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR KIM GUADAGNO** – *Invited*
- **RAYMOND CYWINSKI**, President, New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts (NJACD)

SPEAKERS: **9:00 AM**

CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS – WHAT MAKES CONSERVATION A SUCCESSFUL RECIPE?

• **SECRETARY DOUGLAS H. FISHER, NJ DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (NJDA)**

• **PARTNER INTROS:**

National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) – Lee McDaniel, President

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Gayle Barry, Regional Conservationist for the Northeast Region, NRCS

National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA) –

Mike Brown, Executive Director

Break **10:00AM**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **10:30 AM**

RECIPE FOR A SUCCESSFUL HABITAT AND FUTURE

DOUG TALLAMY, NOTED AUTHOR –

“BRINGING NATURE HOME”

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE PROFESSOR



SPECIAL PRESENTER: **11:30 AM**

KIRA JACOBS, EPA REGION 1: Drinking Water Protection Program

THE BIG PICTURE – Connecting Soil and Water to Healthy Environments

LUNCHEON SPEAKER: **12:00 PM**

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS, Production & Promotion— On a Farm Scale

LARRY KUSER, Fernbrook Farms

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BREAKOUT SESSION A (SELECT 1 OR 2)

1:30—2:45 PM

1. Going with the Flow: The Jersey Way!

Moderator: Frank Minch, Executive Secretary, NJ State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC), NJDA

- **NJDA Stormwater Initiatives & Basin Prioritization Matrix** –
Steve Souza, *President, Princeton Hydro Inc.*
- **Collaborative Effort: NJ Soil Conservation Districts** –
John Showler, P.E., *State Erosion Control Engineer, NJ Department of Agriculture*
- **Stormwater Compliance Program** – **Michelle J. Peterson**, *Construction Mgr. Northeast, Walmart &*
Joseph Odenheimer, *Civil Engineer, Project Manager with Stantec,*
- **NJ Infiltration Basin Performance Assessment – Preliminary Results**
Jeromie Lang, P.E., *Maser Consulting*

2. The Garden State: Growing & Harvesting...

Moderator: Christine Hall, State Resource Conservationist, NJ NRCS

- **Conservation Program Partnerships: CIG Program, Pollinator Habitat, NFWF Regional Conservation Planning** - **Dave Reilly**, *District Manager, Cape Atlantic SCD*
- **Soil Health & Farmland Initiatives, Aerial Seeding Program** –
Chad Cherefko, *Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations, New Jersey NRCS*
- **Farmland Preservation Program: Keeping Farms in the Garden State** –
Susan Payne, *Exec. Director, NJ State Agriculture Development Committee*
- **Marketing Agriculture from 1984 to present: Jersey Fresh Keeps Growing** –
Al Murray, *Director of Markets, NJ Department of Agriculture*

Break

2:45–3:00 PM

BREAKOUT SESSION B (SELECT 3 OR 4)

3:00 – 4:15 PM

3. Soil Health: At the Root of Everything (Demonstration, Outreach, Education)

Moderator: Tim Thomas, Freehold Soil Conservation District

- **NJ Soil Restoration Law** – **Frank Minch**, *Executive Secretary, SSCC, NJDA*
- **Contractor Training in Soil Erosion & Sediment Control in NJ** –
Paul Evans, *Resource Conservationist, Burlington County SCD*
- **Special Urban Initiatives: Skylands Golf Course** –
Matt Ward, *Supervisor, Hudson–Essex–Passaic SCD*
- **Soil Health Improvement Project (SHIP) & Other Related Initiatives** –
Christine Raabe, *District Director, Ocean County SCD*

4. Explore to Restore the Coastal Environment (Wetlands, Dunes and Shorelines)

Moderator: Don Knezick, Supervisor, Burlington County SCD & Pinelands Nursery

- **Growing the Plants to Restore the Shore & Beyond!** –
Chris Miller, *Center Director, NRCS Cape May Plant Materials Center*
- **Money Makes the World Grow Around: Getting the Green to Restore the Green** –
Marty McHugh, *McHugh Environmental Associates, LLC*
- **Bringing Shorelines Back to Life – Initiatives to Create & Sustain Living Shorelines** –
William E. Young, *Professional Wetlands Scientist, USA Environments, LP*
- **Monitoring, Assessing & Planning for the Future of Coastal Resiliency: Mid-Atlantic Wetlands Initiative** - **Martha Maxwell Doyle**, *Project Leader, Barnegat Bay Partnership*

PARTNER MEETINGS:

4:15 – 5:30 PM

AFTERWARD: DINNER ON YOUR OWN TO EXPLORE!