



Water Finance Forum

December 2, 2015

9:00 AM — 4:30 PM

Hatch Mott MacDonald - Training Room
111 Wood Avenue South
Iselin, NJ 08830

Cost: Free. Registration required online at efcnetwork.org/events/new-jersey-water-finance-forum-workshop/ or mail in the form below.

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Why Attend?

The U.S. EPA Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center and Environmental Finance Center Network invite you to a peer and funder networking event. Topics will include setting sustainable rates, incorporating asset management, and communicating the value of water to the public.

Come to the Forum to:

- Hear how utilities have made financing decisions with water quantity and sustainable operations in mind
- Network with your peers on implementing successful financing strategies
- Interact with experts to discuss local infrastructure financing needs

Who Should Attend?

Drinking water and wastewater utilities, water sector professionals, community leaders, technical assistance providers, and funders



Mail-in Registration Form (or register online at efcnetwork.org/events/new-jersey-water-finance-forum-workshop/)

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Name _____

Title or Position _____

Water System / Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Group PWSID (Optional) _____

Please mail your completed registration form to:

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**** Mailed registration forms must be received prior to one week from the day of the forum.***



Water Finance Forum - “Financing Resilient and Sustainable Water Infrastructure”

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Agenda

8:30-9:00am

Registration

Session 1

9:00-9:30am

Welcome and Introduction

Welcome from Region 2 and EPA's Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center

Joan Matthews, *EPA Region 2, Clean Water Division, Director*

Jim Gebhardt, *EPA Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center, Director*

Session 2

9:30-10:30am

Financing Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure

Hear from a utility on how planning helped to finance needed infrastructure

Andrew Kricun, P.E., *BCEE, Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority,*

Executive Director/Chief Engineer

Interact with a panel of experts on:

- Importance of upfront planning for financial sustainability
- Using asset management practices to inform capital decisions

Panel:

(Technical assistance provider)

(NJ SRF, invited)

Jacki Ponti-Lazaruk, *USDA Rural Development,*

Assistant Administrator for Water and Environmental Programs

(HUD, Community Development Block Grant Programs)

10:30-10:45am

Break

Session 3

10:45am-12:00pm

Budgeting for the Future

Learn how to budget to meet your local needs

Glenn Barnes, *Environmental Finance Center at UNC Chapel Hill,*

Senior Project Director



Discussion questions:

- What challenges are communities facing when making long-term infrastructure decisions?
- If you were suddenly given a budget increase, what would you spend it on?
- What are the best ways to communicate financing and management needs to your board/decision makers?

Session 4

12:00-1:00pm

Networking Lunch - Lunch provided

Session 5

1:00-2:00pm

Communicating Utility Needs to Customers – Getting Community Buy-in for Financing Needs

Share successful communication campaigns and community engagement efforts that focus on local drivers

Sonia Brubaker, *EPA Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center, Program Manager*

Session 6

2:00-3:30pm

Setting Rates for Resilient Management

Hear how rates are structured, process taken to implement changes, and how the framework helped with financing sustainable infrastructure projects

Glenn Barnes, *Environmental Finance Center at UNC Chapel Hill, Senior Project Director*

Session 7

3:30-4:00pm

Conclusion

Take-aways from the discussions

Suggestions for the Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center

Jim Gebhardt, *EPA Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center, Director*

Session 8

4:00-5:00pm

Networking with Peers and Funders - Light refreshments provided

Talk one-on-one with:

- Funders/funding experts about local finance needs
- Utility peers on financing experiences
- The Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center to hear about services and activities