

New Jersey Open Space and Farmland Preservation Coordinators'

Roundtable Discussion

Friday, April 19, 2013

9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

9:45 AM

Presentation: NJ Statewide Habitat Connectivity Plan

Gretchen Fowles, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), Division of Fish and Wildlife

Gretchen received a bachelor's degree in Biology from Carleton College in Minnesota and a master's degree in wildlife ecology from Idaho State University. She has been working for the NJ Endangered & Nongame Species Program for the last 9 years, managing the program's rare species database, building predictive habitat models, handling a wildlife detection dog for the program, and co-leading NJ's Roads & Wildlife Working Group and Habitat Connectivity Project Working Group.

10:30 AM

Presentation: Open Space Institute's Preservation Programs in Pennsylvania and New Jersey – Update

Bill Rawlyk, Mid-Atlantic Field Coordinator for the Bayshore-Highlands Fund, Open Space Institute (OSI)

Bill Rawlyk joined the Open Space Institute in 2011 as Middle Atlantic Field Coordinator for the Bayshore-Highlands Fund with responsibility for loans and grants in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Prior to joining OSI, Bill worked for twelve years at D&R Greenway Land Trust - a regional nonprofit land conservancy based in Princeton, NJ - as Director of Land Preservation and Naturalist. Bill negotiated and secured funding for over 200 land transactions and helped to preserve over 12,000 acres of land in New Jersey, including property in New Jersey's Delaware Bayshore region. Bill is a founding trustee of the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance, a land trust in Hunterdon County, NJ and has served on numerous municipal advisory committees including chairing his local Environmental Commission for many years.

11:30 AM

Presentation: Rowan University's NJ MAP Agricultural Preservation Toolkit

Prof. John Hasse, Director of Environmental Studies, Rowan University

John Hasse, Ph.D. AICP is professor of geography, chair of the Department of Geography & Environment at Rowan University and Director of the department's Geospatial Research Laboratory. Hasse teaches courses in geography, GIS and planning and his work within the Geolab focuses on quantifying and visualizing land use change and the interface of land use, environmental planning and spatial analysis. Hasse has presented numerous professional papers and reports on land use and environmental issues including analyzing sprawl, quantifying smart growth and evaluating the relationships between transportation and land use. Hasse received his B.A. in Geography from Rowan University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Geography from Rutgers University. Professor Hasse has testified as an expert witness regarding issues of land use, urban sprawl and smart growth and his work is recognized throughout the state.