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RCE Water Resources Program at the 2024 New Jersey American Society of Landscape Architects Annual Conference

The 125th anniversary of the founding of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) was celebrated at the 2024 annual conference of the New Jersey Chapter of the ASLA (NJASLA). The Past + Future-themed conference drew an audience of landscape architects and aligned professions, students, and exhibitors to Atlantic City, NJ on January 28-30 to learn, share, and celebrate the work of landscape architects around the world. With a special focus on projects impacting our tri-state region, the invited speakers shared projects and new ideas on green stormwater infrastructure, suburban redevelopment, and living shorelines, among many other topics.

RCE Water Resources Program student interns, Brooke Belmonte and Alrick Rodriguez-Perez, represented the student delegation from Rutgers University Department of Landscape Architecture and participated in the conference by introducing presenters, attending a professional meet and greet session, and attending the awards ceremony. Jeremiah Bergstrom, LLA, currently of South Dakota State University and formerly of the RCE Water Resources Program, was honored with the 2024 NJASLA Chapter Award in Landscape Architectural Communication and Research for the publication of “**Creating Flood-Resilient Landscapes: A Primer for New Jersey Communities.**”



*Brooke Belmonte (RCE Water Resources Program student intern) participating in the professional meet and greet session at the 2024 NJASLA Annual Conference.
[Photo credit: NJASLA]*



*Brooke Belmonte with Alrick Rodriguez-Perez (RCE Water Resources Program student interns) as "Fredrick Law Olmsted" and Chris Perez (RCE Water Resources Program) at the 2024 NJASLA Annual Conference
[Photo credit: RCE Water Resources Program]*



*Alrick Rodriguez-Perez (RCE Water Resources Program student intern, second from the left) receiving an NJASLA award at the 2024 NJASLA Annual Conference
[Photo credit: RCE Water Resources Program]*



2024 Annual NIWR Meeting February 4-7, 2024 Washington, DC

Christopher Obropta and Lisa Galloway Evrard participated in the 2024 Annual Meeting of The National Institutes for Water Resources (NIWR) from February 4 – 7 in Washington, DC. Christopher is the Director of the New Jersey Water Resources Research Institute (NJWRRI) at Rutgers, and Lisa is the Research Project Manager for the Institute. The NJWRRI is one of the 54 institutes that make up NIWR. The Water Resources Research Act of 1964 provides funding to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), which they distribute to the institutes. NJWRRI uses these funds to provide small grants to young career faculty and graduate students. The goal is to help these individuals jump start their research efforts and provide them resources that they might be able to leverage for larger grants. Another role of NJWRRI is information transfer, taking the latest research and providing it to New Jersey residents to help them address water resources issues. NJWRRI currently releases a request for proposals in early spring and has an advisory board that reviews and ranks proposals for funding consideration.

The annual NIWR meeting provides the institute directors and staff a chance to share ideas and identify opportunities for collaboration. The NJWRRI is part of the Mid-Atlantic Region, which is considering hosting a conference in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Additionally, NIWR is co-hosting a national conference in St. Louis on September 30 to October 2 with the University Council on Water Resources

(UCOWR) and the American Water Resources Association (AWRA). This is the 60th anniversary of NIWR, and the conference looks to be a great event!



For more information on NJWRRI, please visit our website at <https://njwrri.rutgers.edu/>.

DID YOU REGISTER YET? What are you waiting for? Become a leader, become a Green Infrastructure Champion in 2024!



There is still time to sign up for the remaining seven (7) classes! Please remember you need to register for and attend a minimum of five (5) classes to be considered a green infrastructure champion!

Here is the link to sign up:

https://rutgers.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nuaE-xe4T8e080uhQ-l6vg#/registration.

All sessions for the 2024 training program will be offered via an online format from 10AM to 12NOON every other Friday.

Generous support from our funders is allowing us to offer this year's training for free.

Here is what we can offer as part of the program:

- Training on green infrastructure planning and implementation
- Technical support to develop a design for a green infrastructure demonstration project
- Networking opportunities with other Green Infrastructure Champions for mutual support
- Assistance with grant writing

2024 Training Program Class Schedule:

1. How to identify green infrastructure projects in your town (January 12)

2. Moving from planning to implementation of green infrastructure (January 26)
3. Maintaining green infrastructure practices/projects (February 9)
4. Stormwater management regulations, policies, and ordinances (February 23)
5. Green infrastructure planning and implementation for Sustainable Jersey points (March 8)
6. Green infrastructure projects for schools (March 22)
7. How to design and build a rain garden (April 5)
8. Retrofitting traditional detention basins with green infrastructure (April 19)
9. Developing green infrastructure master plans for an entire site or neighborhood (May 3)
10. Using green infrastructure to promote climate resiliency (May 17)

Registration is required.

Attendance at a minimum of **five (5) classes** is **needed for certification**.

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Contact **Hollie DiMuro** (hollie.dimuro@rutgers.edu) if you are interested in becoming a Green Infrastructure Champion.



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