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## *Water Pages eNewsletter*

### [Addressing Flooding Associated with the Royce Brook]

Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) continues to expand its efforts in urban Extension by securing funding to work directly with municipalities and their residents to address important issues afflicting New Jersey's towns. Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County has partnered with Hillsborough Township and Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association (SBMWA) to obtain a \$175,539 grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to address flooding problems that are associated with the Royce Brook.



The Royce Brook flows through the center of Hillsborough into the Borough of Manville and ultimately the Raritan River. The project will focus on engaging the community to adopt practices that help reduce flooding and clean the water in Royce Brook. The grant will provide funding to install rain gardens in the Township among other stormwater management practices. Patricia Rector, environmental agent for RCE of Somerset County, will lead the project.

This collaborative partnership will begin the process of reducing flooding in Hillsborough Township and improving the water quality of Royce Brook. Key partners include the Hillsborough Township Committee, Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee, the Environmental Commission, RCE Water Resources Program, RCE Master Gardeners, SBMWA staff, and Township residents.

For more information, please contact Patricia Rector at [rector@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:rector@njaes.rutgers.edu).

## [New Jersey Water Resources Research Institute RFP]



The New Jersey Water Resources Research Institute (NJWRRI) invites proposals for research addressing water resource issues within the state. NJWRRI expects to fund three larger research projects conducted by faculty and 4-5 grants-in-aid to graduate students to support thesis research.

The mission of the NJWRRI is to fund research that addresses critical water resource problems in New Jersey, and by so doing, to produce the water resource professionals needed to protect and manage water in our increasingly crowded state. To this end, the Institute especially encourages proposals from junior faculty to develop research programs targeting priority water resource issues and from graduate students to develop thesis research projects on these issues.

Two types of project are invited: a) research projects, which address unanswered questions in water resource sciences, and b) information transfer projects, which explore and develop methods of communicating water resources information to the public.

All information is available on NJWRRI's website by [clicking here](#). The deadline to submit proposals is **Friday, November 21, 2014 at 5pm**.

## [Rutgers Cooperative Extension 2014 Annual Conference Celebrates 100th Anniversary of Smith-Lever Act]

The 2014 Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) Annual Conference convened on October 20th at the Cook Student Center in New Brunswick. With 223 in attendance, this has been one of the largest RCE conferences to date! We are growing in recent years with SNAP-Ed/EFNEP members in attendance and the Office of Continuing Professional Education (OCPE). The conference incorporated special activities to mark the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act of



1914, which officially created the national Cooperative Extension System. Happy 100th Anniversary of Cooperative Extension! (Photo credit: Jeff Heckman)

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