KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Matthew Tejada
Senior Vice President,
Environmental Health - NRDC

Kate Georgiades
Vice President of Talent
Management, Reworld®

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Greetings!

Welcome to the 4th Annual *Sustainability Conference*.

We wanted to take a quick moment to thank you all for attending today's event. The New Jersey Chapter of the Air and Waste Management Association (A&WMA) and Rutgers University–Camden are excited to once again partner in hopes of furthering environmental education in the region. Climate change and increased development pose complex challenges for this region. For far too long overburdened areas, such as Camden, have largely been left behind for potential opportunities while also having to bear increasing climate impacts, such as heat and flooding.

We started planning this event by focusing on how we can maximize the impact of our discussions and lead critical parties toward collaboration and planning. Our morning sessions introduce many of the challenges posed by climate and ongoing changes to workforce development due to emerging sectors, like AI. Then, our afternoon round table sessions are meant to dig into micro-level impacts across major topics. We hope that these discussions will lead to action and your plans will lead to positive change.

We encourage you to use this time to question our expert speakers, bring up ideas, and look for possible collaborations. These are all daunting issues that can foreseeably make someone feel powerless to affect an impact. Learning from each other and collaborating will be what drives impact.

We look forward to meeting you all and having a great conference!

Sincerely,

Conference Planning Committee

Chris Whitehead, QEP – Co-Chair, AWMA-NCNJ Chapter and Founding Principal, CWC
Jyoti Agarwal, PhD – Co-Chair, AWMA-NCNJ Chapter and Director of Environmental Programs, Reworld®
Monica Adya, PhD – Dean, Rutgers School of Business–Camden
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8:00 AM	**Registration & Breakfast**
8:45 AM	**Welcoming Remarks** • **Monica Adya, PhD,** Dean, Rutgers School of Business–Camden • **Dennis J. Shields**, Interim Chancellor, Rutgers–Camden • **Chris Whitehead** and **Jyoti Agarwal, PhD,** Co-Chairs, AWMA-NCNJ Chapter • Video message from **Senator Andy Kim**
9:00 AM	**Keynote Speaker** • **Matthew Tejada, PhD,** Senior Vice President, Environmental Health, NRDC Chief visionary and strategist for NRDC's advocacy to protect human health
10:00 AM	**Panel 1: Climate Risk Resiliency Planning & Execution for Communities** ***Moderator: Chris Whitehead, Founding Principal, CWC*** • **Jane Brogan,** Director, Cohn Reznick Advisory LLC • **Amy Chester**, Director, Rebuild by Design • **Margie Hunter,** Director Engineering – Planning, New Jersey American Water
11:00 AM	**Panel 2: Workforce Development – Maximizing Opportunities in Already Overburdened Communities** ***Moderator: Christina Renna, CEO, South Jersey Chamber of Commerce*** • **Lindsay Fitzpatrick,** Director, AI Career Whisperer • **Cathy Yuhas,** Team Lead, Workforce Innovation Partners, NJEDA • **Jason Abreu, PhD,** President, Atlantic Cape County Community College
12:15 PM	**Lunch**

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1:00 PM **Keynote Speaker**

- **Kate Georgiades**, Vice President of Talent Management, Reworld®

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2:00 PM **Industry Round Tables (Sponsored by Local Partners)**

1. **Water Utility Resiliency** – **Dr. Richard Michelfelder**, Professor of Practice, Finance, RSBC
   Sponsor: New Jersey American Water
2. **Supply Chain Resiliency – Mark Brennan, PhD,** Assistant Professor, Management, Rutgers School of Business–Camden
3. **Consumer Behavior & Sustainability Perceptions vs Reality – Yuliya Strizhakova, PhD** Professor, Rutgers School of Business–Camden
4. **Education and Workforce Development – Richard Perello,** Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, Atlantic Cape County Community College
5. **Sustainable Waste Management – Praneeth Annam**, Sustainability Manager, ***Sponsor: Reworld®***
6. **Healthcare – Elizabeth Cerceo, MD, DCM, FACP, FHM, FEFIM,** Director of Climate Health at CMSRU, Associate Program Director of Internal Medicine at Cooper University Health Care
7. **Food Security – Sophia Curcio,** Vice President of The Campbell's Foundation and Sr Manager of Community Impact at The Campbell's Company
8. **Housing Affordability and Climate Impact – Carla Villacis**, Research Project Coordinator, Walter Rand Institute
9. **Innovation – Kristen Foca**, Regional Director – Southern New Jersey, Office of Senator Andy Kim
10. **Power and Energy – Robert Brabston,** Executive Director, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

3:15 PM **Student Poster Session & Networking**

4:00 PM **Closing Comments**
Richard Michelfelder, PhD, Professor of Professional Practice, Finance, Rutgers School of Business–Camden

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SPEAKER BIOS (listed alphabetically)

Jason Abreu, PhD
President, Atlantic Cape County Community College

Dr. Jason Abreu became the 10th President of Atlantic Cape Community College on July 1, 2026. A dedicated higher education leader with more than two decades of experience, he is committed to advancing student success, fostering community partnerships, and strengthening institutional excellence.

Prior to joining Atlantic Cape, Dr. Abreu served as Vice President for Student Affairs at Tarrant County College's Trinity River Campus in Fort Worth, Texas. He has also held executive leadership positions at colleges and universities in South Carolina and Florida, where he led strategic initiatives focused on student engagement, enrollment, retention, and organizational effectiveness.

In addition to his administrative leadership, Dr. Abreu has served as an adjunct faculty member for more than 12 years, including over a decade teaching in the community college sector. His commitment to student-centered leadership is complemented by a strong foundation in teaching, mentoring, and professional development.

Dr. Abreu earned both his doctorate and graduate degrees from Nova Southeastern University and his Bachelor of Arts degree from Florida International University. He is also a graduate of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Certificate in Student Affairs Law and Policy, reflecting his commitment to ethical leadership and sound institutional governance.

Monica Adya, PhD
Dean, Rutgers School of Business–Camden

As Dean of the Rutgers School of Business–Camden, Dr. Monica Adya oversees strategic growth of all programs, a professional and executive education unit, as well as Centers of Excellence. A scholar in information systems, her areas of expertise include IT Strategy, digital transformation, systems design and use, and women in technology. She serves as chair of the AACSB Women Administrators in Management Education (WAME). Monica received a PhD in MIS from Case Western University, an MS in Computer Systems Management from Creigton University, and Bachelor's in Commerce (Honors) from Delhi University.

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Jyoti T. Agarwal, PhD
Director, Environmental Programs, Reworld®

Dr. Jyoti Agarwal is Director of Environmental Programs, including Sustainability, at Reworld®. Her primary focus is on execution of sustainability strategy, reporting, and ensuring success of environmental compliance data systems. Her responsibilities also include developing teams to craft and communicate clear, science-based messaging for waste-related topics, such as air pollution, climate policy and analysis, and life cycle assessment. She is a Certified Professional Environmental Auditor for Compliance, Greenhouse Gas Verification and ISO-14001 Environmental Management Systems with over fifteen years of experience in industry and consulting. She earned a BS in Biology from St. Peter's University, Masters in Environmental Sciences from New Jersey Institute of Technology and a doctorate from Rutgers University–New Brunswick.

Robert Brabston
Executive Director, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

Bob Brabston is Executive Director of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU), where he leads the agency's technical divisions, including Audits, Customer Assistance, Clean Energy, Engineering, Reliability and Security, Revenue and Rates, and State Energy Services, along with the Offices of the Chief Economist, Cable Television & Telecommunications, and Federal and Regional Policy, providing policy guidance that translates BPU decision-making into operational activity. Before joining the BPU, he was Vice President and General Counsel for American Water's Eastern Division, and earlier served as Deputy Director and Managing Attorney at the NJ Division of Rate Counsel during the restructuring of the power industry. Bob previously served on the Board of Directors of the NJ State Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Committee of the Board of the NJ Utilities Association, and is a member of the Board of Consultors for the Public Utilities Law Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association. He is also a member of the American and New Jersey Bar Associations. He holds a law degree from Pace University School of Law, with a Certificate in International Law and a concentration in Environmental Law, and a BA in Peace Studies from Colgate University, and is licensed to practice law in New Jersey.

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Mark Brennan, PhD
Assistant Professor, Management, Rutgers School of Business–Camden

Dr. Mark Brennan is an assistant professor, logistician, and data scientist at Rutgers University–Camden. His work focuses on retail and frontline services, with the aim of making basic necessities—food, housing, and healthcare—more available to people in need. Mark is committed to broadening operations management's empirical evidence base in these areas, building bridges between supply chain ideas and urban planning problems, and sharing this thinking in public forums, including *The Hill* and New Jersey media outlets, like the *Star-Ledger*. Mark's academic work on health and urban operations has appeared in top journals across the operations and policy domains from *Production and Operations Management* to the *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. He has advanced this agenda in *Health Care Management Science, Urban Affairs Review, Cities & Health,* and *Housing Policy Debate*, among others. At Rutgers, with Karti Puranam, he runs the ***Jersey Logistics Report***, an occasional roundup of Jersey logistics news, which reaches c-suites across the state's cities and companies.

Before joining Rutgers, Mark held operational and analyst roles: running the UN's food stamps retail operation in Somalia in 2023, working in analytics with a major public ambulance service and at New York City's largest nonprofit hospital, and researching on studies commissioned by USAID and FEMA. He earned his PhD from MIT, studied applied mathematics on a Mitchell Scholarship, and completed his undergraduate degree at Johns Hopkins University.

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Jane Brogan
Director, Cohn Reznick Advisory LLC

Jane Brogan is a nationally recognized leader in disaster recovery, climate resilience, and community development with more than 20 years of experience spanning the public and private sectors, including 15 years as a state and local government leader. Her career includes senior roles at the New York Governor's Office of Storm Recovery, the New York City Office of Management and Budget, and the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, where she helped shape and implement some of the most complex and high-profile recovery and resiliency programs.

Over the course of a distinguished public service career, Jane designed and oversaw programs using nearly $12 billion in federal funding that assisted more than 23,000 households, 11,000 small businesses, and delivered hundreds of resilient infrastructure projects.

She currently serves as the Housing and Community Development Lead in CohnReznick's Government & Public Services Advisory practice, where she supports state and local governments in designing and executing disaster recovery, mitigation, housing, and community development programs. She emphasizes practical solutions that allow states to maximize resources, streamline operations, build lasting public-sector capacity, ensure compliance, and deliver measurable outcomes for their communities."

Elizabeth Cerceo
Director of Climate Health at CMSRU, Associate Program Director of Internal Medicine at Cooper University Health Care

Elizabeth "Lisa" Cerceo, MD, DCM, FACP, FHM, FEFIM, is Professor of Medicine and Executive Director of Climate Health at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU) and a board-certified internist and hospitalist at Cooper University Health Care. A nationally recognized leader in climate and environmental health, sustainable healthcare, and medical education, she has led the integration of climate and environmental health curricula across CMSRU's undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education programs. Her research and grant-funded initiatives address climate-related health

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impacts, air pollution, environmental justice, and healthcare infrastructure resilience, and she has authored more than 150 peer-reviewed publications and educational resources. She chairs the Climate Health Task Force for the Medical Society of New Jersey and Advocacy for Clinicians for Climate Action New Jersey, co-chairs the Climate-Smart Health Care Committee of the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health, and serves on the boards of the Climate Health Society and the American Public Health Association's Center for Climate, Health, and Equity. Her environmental justice work focuses on urban communities disproportionately affected by poor air quality, heat exposure, and limited green space, and she has received the Presidential Award from the New Jersey Public Health Association for her leadership in public health and climate action. Dr. Cerceo earned her medical degree from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, completed residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and holds a Diploma in Climate Medicine from the University of Colorado.

Amy Chester
Director, Rebuild by Design

As the Director of Rebuild by Design, Chester's first task was to lead an international design-driven competition that utilized a truly inclusive and collaborative process to create implementable large-scale infrastructure projects to address the physical and social vulnerabilities exposed by Hurricane Sandy in the Northeast United States. The process resulted in $930 million in awards from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to implement the winning designs, that now have over $4.5 billion of investment. Under her leadership, Rebuild by Design transformed the competition's collaborative approach into an organization that helps governments and communities replicate its success for a variety of scales in locations around the world to address challenges such as climate change, transportation, housing, community collaboration and equity. Locally, Chester is responsible for the research and strategic direction that led to New York State's $4 Billion Environmental Bond Act for climate resilience and ecological restoration, as well as founding the NYS Adaptation Practitioners Network for professionals to share best practices.

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Sophia Curcio
Vice President of The Campbell's Foundation and Sr Manager of Community Impact at The Campbell's Company

Sophia Curcio is Vice President of The Campbell's Foundation and Sr Manager of Community Impact at The Campbell's Company, where she leads strategic partnerships and philanthropic initiatives focused on food and nutrition security. She works across the nonprofit, public, and private sectors to develop collaborative approaches that address community needs and support long-term outcomes. Her work includes corporate philanthropy, grantmaking, partnership development, and employee volunteer initiatives that connect business resources with community needs.

Lindsay Fitzpatrick
Director, AI Career Whisperer

Lindsay Fitzpatrick is an executive recruiter and AI-native founder of Future Fluency Labs, an AI readiness and workforce advisory helping employers, educators, and public institutions navigate how AI is reshaping work, with 12+ years of experience across hiring, career transitions, and workforce change. Through Future Fluency Labs, she helps leadership teams make stronger decisions, prepare people well, and build durable human capability as AI reshapes work and workforce decisions. She currently also serves as an Executive Recruiter with Beacon Hill, building out the firm's New Jersey market, and has held prior recruiting leadership roles at Genuine Search Group and Jobot. Lindsay works with organizations and professionals navigating decisions about talent, leadership, growth, and the changing nature of work. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Marketing, and Public Relations from Towson University.

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Kristen Foca
Regional Director – Southern New Jersey, Office of Senator Andy Kim

Kristen Foca serves as Deputy State Director and Southern New Jersey Regional Director for U.S. Senator Andy Kim, managing regional operations, constituent outreach, and intergovernmental relations across South Jersey communities from the Senator's state office. She joined the Senator's team after serving as Outreach Director in his U.S. House of Representatives office and as Political Director and Communications Manager on his 2022 congressional campaign. Her earlier career spans political and communications roles, including Deputy Campaign Manager and Communications Director for Stephanie for New Jersey, Director of Communications and Marketing for The Philadelphia School, and Associate Director of Communications and Community Engagement at Penn Medicine. Kristen holds a Master of Liberal Arts in Writing and Social Policy from the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Maryland.

Kate Georgiades
Vice President of Talent Management, Reworld®

Kate Georgiades is Vice President of Talent Management at Reworld, where she leads enterprise talent strategy and leadership development. Prior to Reworld, she held senior talent leadership roles with TE Connectivity, Mondelēz International, and Cadbury, helping organizations navigate transformation, strengthen culture, and develop leaders around the world. She holds a Master's degree in the Psychology of Leadership from Penn State University and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Sussex. Originally from the UK and now a proud New Jersey resident, Kate is passionate about resilience, wellbeing, and helping people thrive through change.

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Margie Hunter
Director Engineering – Planning, New Jersey American Water

Ms. Hunter is Director of Engineering – Planning for New Jersey American Water. In this role, she provides technical and functional leadership for the New Jersey American Water Planning Program and team. Ms. Hunter has over 24 years of experience at American Water in progressively responsible positions involving water and wastewater resource planning, sustainability and capital investment management. In her prior role, Ms. Hunter led the American Water Engineering Planning Program and has extensive experience in water resources and sustainability planning, the assessment of water and wastewater systems, evaluating the condition, performance, and adequacy of treatment and distribution network assets having managed numerous capital investment planning projects and programs across American Water. Margaret has contributed to the updates of water efficiency industry reference manuals and participated in several Water Research Foundation Project Advisory Committees in topic areas of demand forecasting, water efficiency and sustainability. Ms. Hunter received her Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Rowan University and her Master's degree in Engineering Management from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

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Richard Michelfelder, PhD
Professor of Professional Practice, Finance, Rutgers School of Business–Camden

Dr. Richard A. Michelfelder was previously President and Chief Executive Officer of Quantum Consulting, Inc, a national public utilities consulting firm, based in Berkeley, California. Dr. Michelfelder has also started up successful energy efficiency investment and international wireless public utility data communication companies. He also was an executive at Atlantic Energy, Inc., a major electric utility in New Jersey.

Dr. Michelfelder has taught finance and economics courses for over 20 years at undergraduate and graduate levels at West Chester University, Monmouth University, Stockton College, Rowan University, Holy Family College and Fordham University. He has also published a number of articles on energy and public utilities, and has testified before many state utility regulatory jurisdictions and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on matters involving the cost of capital for public utilities.

He holds a PhD in economics with concentrations in international finance, finance, and monetary economics. His current research is in regulation, utility stock prices, stock market risk, and the cost of capital.

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Richard Perello
Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, Atlantic Cape County Community College

Richard Perello is Assistant Professor of Environmental Science at Atlantic Cape Community College, where he has helped build a program offering diverse environmental laboratory and field work with a strong focus on undergraduate research preparing students for industry or transfer to four-year institutions. His career has spanned environmental outreach, fieldwork, and education across the region, including work with the endangered piping plover in collaboration with agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Student Conservation Association, natural history outreach to summer camps in Vermont, and environmental education for middle school students in West Philadelphia. He approaches teaching with a focus on understanding, friendliness, and excitement, aiming to engage students in stewardship of the natural world in southern New Jersey. Richard holds an MEd in Environmental Education from Concordia University in Oregon, and a BA from Sterling College in Vermont, where he studied ecology, agriculture, and outreach.

Christina Renna
CEO, South Jersey Chamber of Commerce

Christina Renna is President & CEO of the Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey, where she oversees a 10-person team with direct responsibility for public policy, education and workforce development, and membership growth and retention. She joined the Chamber in 2007, returned in 2014 as Vice President, and rose to the organization's helm in January 2020. In between, she served in the Christie Administration as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, acting as the primary liaison between the Administration and New Jersey's business community, and previously held government affairs and communications roles at South Jersey Industries and in the New Jersey State Legislature. Every year since 2019, Ms. Renna has been named to NJBIZ's Power List, the ROI-NJ Influencers Power List, and the BINJE most influential people in business lists, and she is one of 100 Chamber executives nationally selected to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce CCC100 Committee which is comprised of the top 100 Chamber executives in the nation. She holds a BA in Political Science from Saint Joseph's University and a Master's in Public Administration from Villanova University.

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Yuliya Strizhakova, PhD
Professor, Rutgers School of Business–Camden

Dr. Yuliya Strizhakova is currently a Professor of Marketing at School of Business–Camden and serves as the Director of the Business Honors Program. Her research interests are globalization and branding in developed and emerging markets, global citizenship and cross-cultural consumer behavior, environmentally responsible marketing and emerging markets, consumer well-being and responses to negative marketplace encounters, and consumer forgiveness and rumination. Her publications in these areas have been featured in impressive journals, such as the *Journal of International Marketing, International Journal of Research in Marketing*, and *Journal of Service Research.* In 2015, she was awarded the S. Tamer Cavusgil Award by the American Marketing Association in recognition for her work. She has been an active member on various committees and is currently professionally associated with the Association for Consumer Research, American Marketing Association, and Society for Consumer Psychology. She received her MA in Communication from the University of Hartford and her PhD in Marketing Communications from the University of Connecticut.

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Matthew Tejada, PhD
Senior Vice President, Environmental Health, NRDC

As the chief visionary and strategist for NRDC's advocacy to protect human health, Matthew Tejada oversees NRDC's clean air, water, toxics, and climate adaptation programs. He is also responsible for leading the teams, structures, partnerships, and policy initiatives needed to tackle major health threats facing communities.

Prior to joining NRDC, Tejada served most recently as the deputy assistant administrator (DAA) for environmental justice within the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office for Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights. In his 10-plus years with the EPA as DAA for EJ and prior to that Director of the Office of Environmental Justice, Tejada led all aspects of environmental justice work throughout the agency and in coordination with other federal agencies, states, tribes, and local governments, including the development of an array of grants and technical assistance vehicles, and the creation and deployment of a nationally consistent screening and mapping tool that highlights environmental justice issues across the United States. His work also directed community engagement, outreach and communication, and management of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

Previously, Tejada was the executive director of Air Alliance Houston, an environmental justice organization that works to reduce the public health impacts from air pollution in the Houston and Texas Gulf Coast regions. His background also includes working as a public advocate with the Texas Public Interest Research Group and served as a volunteer teacher of English as a foreign language in the U.S. Peace Corps in Bulgaria.

Tejada earned his Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Texas, Austin, and also holds a Master's degree in Russian and East European studies, as well as a PhD in Modern History from St. Antony's College, University of Oxford.

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Carla Villacis
Research Project Coordinator, Walter Rand Institute

Carla Villacis is a Research Coordinator for the Senator Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs. She manages a variety of projects in the Southern New Jersey region, focusing on community well-being, health, and inclusive practices. Carla has led a variety of projects related to transportation access in Camden County, community health needs assessments for regional hospital networks, and the program evaluation for the Pascale Sykes Foundation's Strengthening Families Initiative. Carla also conducts bilingual research activities in English and Spanish. Carla holds a BA in Romance Languages and an MA in Psychology. Prior to WRI, Carla worked as a mental health care provider performing roles in direct care, case management, and translation.

Chris Whitehead, QEP
Co-Chair, AWMA-NCNJ Chapter & Founding Principal, CWC

Chris Whitehead has been an air quality specialist for nearly 20 years, with recent work focused on environmental justice (EJ) policies, climate impacts, risk analysis, renewables development, and cumulative impacts assessment. EJ work has become his passion as he strives to bring stakeholders to the table and objectively untangle the many nuanced impacts that have piled up to affect the health of people in overburdened communities. He is Founding Principal of Chris Whitehead Consulting (CWC), LLC, providing regulatory compliance, permitting, and advisory services to air sources nationwide, with an added focus on minimizing community impacts through environmental justice policy compliance and regulatory road mapping. He previously served as Senior Environmental Justice Consultant for Worley. Chris also serves as an Adjunct Professor in the Rutgers School of Business–Camden MBA program, and hosts the Perspectives on Sustainable Development Podcast. His most recent scholarly work centers on a cumulative impacts model that he developed in Southern NJ and Philadelphia. Chris holds a MS in Environmental Policy and Management from American Public University, a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Government from Loyola University Chicago, and a sustainability management certificate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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Cathy Yuhas
Team Lead, Workforce Innovation Partners, NJEDA

Cathy Yuhas is a collaborative professional with a passion for urban environmental systems, focused on evolving programming that supports an organization's long-term vision and building strong relationships across all levels of stakeholders. She currently serves as Team Lead, Workforce Innovation Partnerships, Economic Transformation at the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA), managing a portfolio of workforce development grant programs totaling approximately $15 million and leading Community of Practice forums that convene industry, education, and community partners to advance workforce strategies in New Jersey's green economy. She has played an instrumental role in developing offshore wind workforce training programs and the Academy of Environmental Science and Sustainability at High Tech High School. Cathy is a Fellow in Lead New Jersey's Class of 2026 Leadership Development Program and an Adjunct Instructor teaching Environmental Science at Dominican University New York. She holds Master's degrees in Urban Environmental Systems Management from Pratt Institute and Environmental Science from NJIT/Rutgers University–Newark, and a Bachelor of Science in Biology, with a minor in Environmental Studies, from Fairfield University.

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The Mission of A&WMA is to assist in the professional development and critical environmental decision-making of our members to benefit society. The Core Purpose of A&WMA is to improve environmental knowledge and decisions by providing a neutral forum for exchanging information.

With 34 Sections and 65 Chapters worldwide, the Association also serves members at a local level. A&WMA's Sections and Chapters are local member units that provide members with environmental leadership, region-specific programming, and networking opportunities close to home.

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Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA)

The Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) provides solid waste and wastewater management services from its Wastewater Treatment Facility in Atlantic City and Environmental Park in Egg Harbor Township. The ACUA is an environmental leader that is nationally recognized for integrating renewable energy, alternative fuels, and innovative technologies across its operations.

www.acua.com

Chris Whitehead Consulting, LLC (CWC)
CWC was founded based on 20 years of technical expertise in the environmental compliance space. Our specialties include air permitting and policy, social impacts analysis, environmental justice compliance and planning, climate risk analysis, social license to operate, public engagement, and environmental management systems. We have completed projects in 34 states across most major sectors, but currently we are doing a lot of power and waste sector work. Check out our website for more information:

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New Jersey American Water is the largest regulated water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 2.9 million people in over 190 communities.

Our operations are driven by our commitment to responsibility, safety and environmental stewardship — from source to tap and back again. We know that our role as the state's largest and leading water service provider comes with a special responsibility to safeguard our natural resources. The investments we make across our service areas help ensure that our service continues to meet state and federal standards. Each year, we also take important steps beyond upgrading our infrastructure to invest in the communities we serve, supporting source water protection and conservation initiatives, as well as innovative sustainability efforts that support our environment for decades to come. New Jersey American Water takes water quality seriously and boasts an exceptional track record when it comes to regulatory compliance. Our team of experts monitor, maintain and upgrade our facilities to continue to operate efficiently and meet regulatory standards. This requires investing millions each year in our infrastructure, including treatment plants, tanks, pump stations, pipes, fire hydrants and metering equipment. In 2023, New Jersey American Water invested more than $510 million to improve its water treatment and pipeline systems across the state.

The company is also committed to supporting organizations that make our communities a better place to live and work for our customers and employees. In 2023, New Jersey American Water provided over $1.36 million through grants, charitable contributions, and programming support to nearly 70 organizations across New Jersey. This includes our annual Water and Environment grant program, which in 2024 provided $108,277 in grant funding to seven organizations for projects to improve, restore or protect watersheds, surface water and groundwater supplies in our local communities.

For more information, visit the News & Community page of our website at www.newjerseyamwater.com.

Reworld®

Sustainable
Waste Solutions

We are building a smarter, more sustainable world.

We help businesses and communities transform their most complex waste challenges into positive environmental and economic impacts by:

Reducing Risk

Our end-to-end solutions are safe, secure and compliant, minimizing customer liabilities.

Renewing Value

Our industry-leading technology and expertise optimize customer resource use and efficiency.

Reimagining Possibilities

Our decades of experience and innovation drive customer sustainability achievements to new heights.

We are redefining what's possible with waste.

We're committed to doing more and doing better for the people we serve and planet we share. It's why we're constantly driving sustainability in all its forms and striving to make a real, lasting difference.

4,180+
Employees

90+
Facilities

2,600+
Vehicles

REDUCING CLIMATE RISKS

39M Metric Tons of GHGs Avoided
Equivalent to...

- The amount of CO_2 offset by **45M acres** of forest (enough to fully cover 8 U.S. states).
- Removing **9M** gasoline powered passenger vehicles from the road for a full year.
- **Half of what the entire U.S.** avoids through utility-scale solar installations.

RENEWING RESOURCE VALUE

19M Tons of Waste Managed Sustainably
Including...

- **432K tons of metals** recovered; enough to build 5 Golden Gate Bridges.
- **250M gallons of wastewater** recycled or reused; enough to fill 379 Olympic-sized pools.
- **8.7M MWHe of energy** generated from waste; enough to power 810K+ homes for a full year.

REINVESTING IN COMMUNITIES

8.5K Volunteer Hours in Our Communities
In addition to...

- Providing **106K meals** to underserved groups.
- Honorably retiring **72K American flags**.
- Giving TTF tours to **2.6K visitors** and engaging in more than **1.2K community events**.

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