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NJCPA Regular Meeting  
Friday, April 19, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.  
Thompson Park's Visitor Center, Lincroft, NJ

## Minutes

**1. Welcome** - Kamal Saleh called the meeting to order at 11:00.

**2. Presentations**

**a. Nick Angarone- NJDEP-**

Mr. Angarone Provided an overview of the State's new Climate Resiliency Report, sea level rise scenarios, Resilient NJ, the State's Resilience Action Plans, Resilient NJ Website and Toolkit, Resiliency funding available, revision to the Blue Acres program, flood disclosure FEMA flood Mapping, and Community based planning initiatives for risk communications. There was discussion on stormwater management and waste water management planning and the regulatory issues. There was discussion on a new \$5 million dollar funding opportunity for planning initiatives related to resiliency. There was some discussion on NJDEP coordination with the ongoing State Plan update. There was discussion on funding ranking for several programs. There was discussion on program initiatives to focus more on implementation of the planning. There was discussion on watershed based planning initiatives.

**3. Introductions** –Ryan Conklin called the roll call. 12 counties were present.

**4. Presentations(continued)**

**a. Donna Rendeiro – SPC/OPA-** Ms. Rendeiro requested information from the Counties about which municipalities have utilized the Warehouse Guides, and if they have not, what problems they experienced. Ms. Rendeiro also stated that there has been some confusion among the municipalities surrounding affordable housing obligations. She clarified that the State Planning Commission is not the entity that is developing the affordable fair share housing obligations and asked that the Counties share that information with their municipalities.



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Ms. Rendeiro stated that the SPC is targeting May 1st for their meeting regarding the State Plan. The meeting may be delayed to May 15<sup>th</sup> or May 22<sup>nd</sup>, which may result in rescheduling of public hearings. Ms. Rendeiro stated that many of the Counties have received interns, and would like to know if anyone is experiencing any issues. She noted that she was working to get equal support for all of the Counties, providing consultants to those who either never received an intern, or who are losing their intern. Mr. Saleh asked if there is a time frame for getting the Counties the support they need. Ms. Rendeiro stated that they were planning to send out 3 bids to consultants and conduct further interviews with possible interns. She stated that the interviews would be held next week. Ms. Rendeiro stated that Professor John Hasse would be presenting what they are calling the Mapping Protocol, a suitable for development protocol which will not be embedded into the State Plan Policy Map. Ms. Rendeiro stated that they are anticipating changes to planning areas only if there has been development patterns that change the characteristics of an area. She noted that she would be working with the Counties during cross-acceptance to determine if there are any changes related to that. Ms. Rendeiro stated that the protocol identifies development factors and environmental factors and is a screening tool that will give you information to help you understand whether the State Plan is encouraging development in your municipality or not.

**b. Professor John Hasse – PhD, AICP and Katrina M. McCarthy, Director of NJ Map**

Professor Hasse opened the presentation by giving an overview of NJ Map, stating that they have been around for 12 years, and that they try to better communicate information to a broader audience through storytelling. For the State Plan, NJ Map will be able to explain to a large audience what has gone on with development in New Jersey over the past 35 years. Professor Hasse used several examples of how the platform can be utilized by planners throughout the State planning process, and displayed several capabilities including animation. Professor Hasse demonstrated how the platform is helpful in reviewing elements of land use and changes over time.

Professor Hasse discussed the Conservation Blueprint, which is the combined vision of the conservation community, and works as a tool to identify areas for development or



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redevelopment and to get an idea of the conservation footprint of where to preserve based on the most sensitive land. Ms. McCarthy asked that a Survey123 form be shared by the Counties to their municipalities so that they can submit their planning comments to the NJOPA and reviewing suitability scores.

## 5. Business

- a. **February 2024 Meeting Minutes: Virginia Michelin** – Somerset County made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Warren County. All voted in favor.
- b. **Treasurer’s Report: Kamal Saleh** – Somerset County made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report, seconded by Warren County. All voted in favor.

## 6. Committees and Agency Liaison Updates

- a. **State Planning Committee** – Walt Lane provided a quick update and overview
- b. Maria Connolly from Local Government Services- Provided an overview of the local aid services that can provide and LPS affordable trust fund and compliance monitoring.
- c. Allen Weston NJAC (New Jersey Association of Counties)- Update on OPRA reform discussed updates available online; NJAC Conference in May
- d. **Transportation Committee** – Kamal Saleh provided an update on funding and grant opportunities for freight management; mobility DOT grant is available and open; rail system grant available; TAC bus ticket scanning; AI safety analysis at light rail crossings; Port Authority station upgrade program
- e. **Legislative Committee**- Ryan Conklin Thanked Anthony Soriano for the continued email updates

Meeting Adjourned at 2:13 on a motion by Linda Weber seconded by Ryan Conklin All in Favor

### County Attendees

### Affiliation

Frances Brown

Atlantic



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Katherine Fullerton	Hunterdon
Bob Hornby	Hunterdon
William Millette	Hunterdon
Andrew Lloyd	Mercer
Regine Delcy	Mercer
Linda Weber	Middlesex
Joe Barris	Monmouth
David Schmetterer	Monmouth
Harriet Honigfield	Monmouth
Victor Furmanec	Montmouth
Virginia Michelin	Morris
Walt Lane	Somerset
Samantha Quan	Somerset
Erika Phillips	Somerset
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## **Partners/Presenters**

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Meghan Levy  
Simnran Riar  
Donna Rendeiro  
Professor John Hasse  
Katrina M. McCarthy  
Maria Connolly  
Allen Weston

## **Affiliation**

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