



Our Purpose Statement:

The **New Jersey Coastal Resilience Collaborative (NJCRC)** is a network established to foster sustainable and resilient coastal communities and ecosystems by generating informed action.

The NJCRC Values:

- **Build partnerships** – We bring stakeholders and interested parties from all sectors to the table to optimize expertise and include all elements related to coastal resilience. These include but are not limited to land use and future development, transportation, housing, economic development, public facilities and infrastructure, natural resource protection, and historic properties and cultural resources.
- **Work directly with communities** – We work to raise awareness, identify challenges, build support for addressing those challenges, and help implement beneficial solutions.
- **Share information** – We promote open communication within the group and with the public. Continuous open communication creates a knowledge base that allows for leveraging other’s successes and failures to improve and enhance resiliency among coastal communities.
- **Inform decision-making to foster action** – through the **development of science, tools, and data**; We use **common and consistent messaging to promote best practices** and provide accessible education and training.

Our Current Work Groups:

Resilience is the priority – The Collaborative creates applicable Workgroups to provide comments on proposed rules and documents; an example is the [comments](https://bit.ly/NJCRC-202001) (https://bit.ly/NJCRC-202001) submitted for the State of New Jersey to consider in the development of the NJ Climate Change Resilience Strategy. Current Workgroups have two main focuses: 1. Providing technical assistance to our coastal communities and 2. Providing guidance on and synthesizing regional knowledge on ecological restoration and the beneficial use of dredged material. NJCRC leadership along with the full Collaborative are continuously working together to identify the next set of priority actions for the NJCRC with a focus on collaborative work spanning NJCRC partner expertise and interests. The current Workgroups include:

- **Technical Assistance Coffee Chat**
- **Beneficial Use Learning Network**
- **Ecological Restoration and Science**

We are a Collaborative:

Collaborative Partners include but are not limited to state and private universities, non-profit and for-profit groups, National Estuary Programs and Reserves, advocacy groups, State agencies, regional planning groups, local municipalities, and business interests.

All Partners Receive:

- An invitation to all full collaborative meetings,
- The opportunity to join Work Groups.
- A regular email with updates, news, and resources.
- Access to other partners and partner only resources via an account on the NJCRC Basecamp portal.



NJCRC PARTNER AGREEMENT



Levels of Partnership:

- **GENERAL PARTNER** – You are able to formally sign as a partner of the NJCRC to endorse the purpose/goals, may choose to share your expertise with Work Groups, and are interested in staying up to date through periodic updates, attending full partnership meetings and role modeling best practices.
- **RESOURCE AFFILIATE** – You are unable to formally join as a General Partner but are able to share expertise with Work Groups and will receive periodic updates.

By submitting this completed partnership agreement, you are agreeing to:

- Support the purpose of NJCRC, either as an individual or representative of an organization.
- Be an ambassador for NJCRC activities, including best practices, policy initiatives and awareness-raising efforts, to the ability that aligns with your organization's or your individual mission and values.
- Implement and/or support coastal resilience solutions in your organization or community.

Set Your Level of Partnership:

If you are interested in joining the NJCRC, please identify the level of partnership you are committing to:

- General Partner**
- Resource Affiliate**

**We currently have Work Groups addressing the following priority areas.
Please indicate if you desire to participate in one or more:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial Use Learning Network | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecological Restoration & Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Assistance Coffee Chat | <input type="checkbox"/> Conference/Workshop Planning |

In addition to identifying your preferred partnership level (above), please, identify your areas of expertise:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Policy, Standards and Rules | <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science and Tools | <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation and On-Ground Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach and Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Name

Date

Title and Organization

Name of Alternate Representative, if applicable

E-mail Address

E-mail Address of Alternate Representative

Submit Partnership Agreement to NJCRC Co-Facilitator, [Laura Kerr \(LKerr@stevens.edu\)](mailto:LKerr@stevens.edu)