



Strengthening Your Neighborhood with Green Infrastructure

Panelists

Drew Curtis ~ @ironboundcc Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC)

Drew Curtis serves as Director of Community Development and Environmental Justice at Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC), where he oversees a staff of fifteen working on community organizing, policy development, economic empowerment & development, affordable housing, neighborhood planning & revitalization, and environmental initiatives. He comes to ICC from the Bergen County Division of Community Development, where he coordinated economic development projects and oversaw compliance with federal regulations in the areas of fair housing, labor standards, and the environment. Drew also holds a Master of Science in Urban Policy Analysis and Management from Milano School of International Affairs, Management, and Urban Policy at the New School University. He also sits on the board of the Essex Community Land Trust, which has the mission of keeping housing perpetually affordable.

Emma Melvin ~ @SJ_Program Sustainability Institute at The College of NJ

Emma Melvin currently serves as the Green Infrastructure Coordinator at Sustainability Institute at The College of NJ as part of the Resiliency Team. She recently worked with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society as the Plant One Million Regional Project Manager overseeing restoration grants, stormwater projects and green stormwater infrastructure training programs. Emma has worked in the water and natural resource protection field for the last 12 years, starting with the US Geological Survey as a hydrologist in the New Jersey Water Resource Center and continuing on to the University of Vermont Lake Champlain Sea Grant, where she educated municipalities on natural resource planning and low impact development.

Meishka Mitchell ~ Cooper Ferry's Partnership

Meishka Mitchell joined the Cooper Ferry's Partnership (CFP) staff as a graduate intern in 2003 and worked as a project manager until 2005. In 2010 Meishka was promoted to Vice-President of Neighborhood Initiatives. Meishka has a Bachelor of Political Science from William Paterson University in Wayne, NJ and a Master of City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania. Meishka has played a key role in broadening CFP's mission to address planning and redevelopment efforts in Camden's neighborhoods. Utilizing her experience as a life-long Camden resident, Meishka has managed the implementation of several key neighborhood projects with a high level of community input and participation. Meishka also works closely with many of our neighborhood partner organizations providing technical assistance in the areas of capacity building, mission, and policy development. Meishka has served as the project manager for several historic restoration, park, streetscape, and infrastructure projects throughout the City of Camden. Meishka is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners and maintains a Professional Planners license with the State of New Jersey.

Moderator

Jane Rosenblatt ~ @NewJerseyFuture New Jersey Future

As a planning and policy associate, Jane supports New Jersey Future's Urban Water Solutions initiative. Prior to joining New Jersey Future, Jane managed the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program, coordinating the application, selection and reporting processes. She previously worked at the New Jersey State Historic (over →)

Preservation Office, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Parks and Forestry, and the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, where she conducted research on New Jersey gubernatorial environmental policy. Jane holds a B.A. in history and political science from Rutgers University with a concentration in environmental policy.