

# Preliminary Program

## *“Bridging the Gap: Connecting Ecological Research and Restoration Practice”*

Joint Conference of the Mid-Atlantic Chapters of the  
Ecological Society of America and the Society for Ecological Restoration

The College of New Jersey, March 13-14, 2009

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### **Friday, March 13**

- Registration, Continental Breakfast, Poster Set-up (8:00 am)
- Welcoming Remarks (8:45 am)
- Opening Plenary Presentations
  - Bridging the Gap:
    - Planning Duke Farms Sustainable Landscape Stewardship Center (NJ)**  
*Steven Handel, Dept. of Ecology & Evolution, Rutgers University*  
*Carol Franklin, Andropogon Associates*
    - Beyond Urban Legends: Baltimore Insights & Regional Practices (MD, DE)**  
*Peter Groffman, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies*  
*Flavia Rutkosky, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*
- Break
- Concurrent Sessions I
  - Bridging the Gap: Forest Ecosystems
    - Research and Restoration meet in the Pine Barrens (NJ)**  
*George Zimmermann, Richard Stockton College*  
*Bob Williams, Land Dimensions Engineering*  
*Andy Windisch, NJ Office of Natural Lands Management*  
*Emile DeVito, New Jersey Conservation Foundation*
  - Contributed Paper Sessions A, B, and C
- Lunch and Business Meetings (12:15 - 1:30 pm)

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- Concurrent Sessions II

  - Bridging the Gap: Freshwater Ecosystems

    - Worms in Soils, Macroinvertebrates in Streams (PA)**

      - Fran Lawn, Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education*

      - Anne Bower, Philadelphia University*

    - New Findings and Techniques in MidAtlantic Stream Restoration**

      - Joe Berg, Biohabitats, Inc.*

      - Keith Underwood, Underwood & Associates*

  - Contributed Paper Sessions D, E, and F

- Break

- Concurrent Sessions III

  - Bridging the Gap: Estuarine Ecosystems

    - Clam Restoration in the Great South Bay (NY)**

      - Carl Lobue, Marine Resources, The Nature Conservancy, LI*

      - Mike Doall, Functional Ecology Lab, Stony Brook University*

    - Salt Marsh Restorations on the Delaware Estuary (NJ)**

      - Ken Strait, PSE&G Estuary Enhancement Program*

      - Ray Hinkle, URS Corp.*

  - Contributed Paper Sessions G, H, and I

- Closing Plenary Panel Discussion

  - Bridging the Gap

    - Janet Morrison, The College of New Jersey (ESA)*

    - Michael Leff, Philadelphia Green/ PA Horticultural Society (SER)*

    - and others from the day...*

- Poster Pub (5:10 - 6:30 pm)

- Dinner (6:45 - 8:15 pm)

  - Dinner Presentation:

    - Bridging the Gap: a Geologist's Perspective**

      - Roger Kuhns, Black & Veatch*

## Saturday, March 14

- Field Trips:

  - HABITAT REGENERATION AT DUKE FARMS** Hillsborough, NJ

  - ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION IN THE NEW JERSEY PINE BARRENS** Southern NJ

  - TIDAL FRESHWATER RESTORATION AT THE HAMILTON-TRENTON MARSH**

    - Bordentown, NJ