



***2018 RASCL Summit:
“The Buck Stops Here. Funding Resilient and
Sustainable Projects at the State and Local Level”***

December 5, 2018

Del-One Conference Center, Delaware Tech Campus

Dover, Delaware

Register for the Summit at: www.derascl.org/summit

The second annual RASCL Summit takes a comprehensive look at funding projects that help Delaware communities manage and mitigate the changes brought by extreme weather, environmental degradation, and global warming. We will explore funding strategies at the local, state, and federal levels and the costs of action – and inaction. We will spotlight new initiatives and promote dialogue on future responsibilities and funding needs. Moreover, we will expand networks and partnering opportunities by convening a forum for community leaders, state and federal agencies, businesses, academics, and non-profits to gather and share new information. As a participant you will:

- Learn about the complex decisions, trade-offs, and policies that influence spending on federal, regional, state, and local resiliency and sustainability projects
- Discover innovative funding programs and opportunities from subject matter experts
- Hear about best practices at the local level and how to apply them to your projects
- Expand your professional network and identify potential collaborators

For more information about the Resilient and Sustainable Communities League (RASCL), please visit: <https://www.derascl.org/>

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8:30 am **Registration and Check In**

9:00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

A.J. Schall - Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA).

"Delaware's New All-Hazard Mitigation Plan." Introduced by **Kelly Valencik**, RASCL Steering Committee and Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)

9:30 **Panel Presentation I - Stemming the Tide: Investing in a Resilient Future**

Matt McCullough - FEMA Region III Risk Mitigation Division

John Kane - Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

Darlene Finch - NOAA Office For Coastal Management

Tony Pratt - Consultant to the Association of Coastal Towns

Moderated by **Danielle Swallow** – RASCL Steering Committee and Delaware Sea Grant

10:45 **Break**

11:00 **Panel Presentation II – Show Me The Money: New Out of the Box Funding Initiatives**

Ann Gravatt - Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT)

Tony DePrima - Sustainable Energy Utility

Ellen Kohler - University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center

Moderated by **Jim Pappas** – RASCL Steering Committee and DelDOT

12:10pm **Catered Buffet Lunch** - Exhibitor booths available to browse prior to keynote remarks

Keynote Remarks: Lisa Sharrard, Principal - U.S. Flood Solutions, LLC

"Building Resiliency and Self-Preservation in Today's Natural Disaster Environment." Introduced by **Kate Hutelmyer**, RASCL Steering Committee and Partnership For the Delaware Estuary

1:20 **Break**

1:35 **Stories From the Field – Local Success Stories, Best Practices, and Lessons Learned**

"Laurel, DE Redevelopment" - **Ed Lewandowski**, Delaware Sea Grant

"Southbridge Wetland Park" - **Leah Kacanda**, Wilmington Office of Economic Development

Moderated by **Mike Tholstrup**, RASCL Steering Committee and DNREC

2:30 **Discussion Session – Where Do We Go From Here? Turning Information Into Action**

Moderated by **Jim Pappas**, RASCL Steering Committee and DelDOT

3:15 **Networking Session** – Exhibitor booths open and refreshments served

4:00 **Wrap Up and Door Prize Drawing**