



The New Jersey Coastal Coalition

Mission Statement

The New Jersey Coastal Coalition is a group of New Jersey waterfront communities that meet monthly in a workshop setting, to discuss common municipal flooding issues. Formed in response to the 2012 Super Storm Sandy, we have met regularly since January 2013. Meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of each month at various participant facilities.

We are a 501 c 3 non-profit organization, incorporated in the State of New Jersey and are registered as a charity with the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs.

Our meetings are conducted in a non-political manner and include elected officials, County and Municipal staff as well as selected professionals. We recognize that "Mother Nature" periodically wreaks havoc on the Jersey Shore and work to avoid the "Fix and Forget" mentality that has existed in response to coastal events such as the 1944 September Hurricane, the 1962 "March Storm", the three 1991-92 Northeasters, and the 2016 Winter Storm Jonas that caused such devastation to our communities.

Attendance is by invitation only, are not open to the public, and monthly e-mails are sent to over 170 officials in Jersey Coast seashore municipalities with pertinent information regarding flood mitigation.

Our Mission.

To build more resilient communities at the Jersey Shore by developing policies and best practices that will anticipate future concerns and to create solutions to be shared by all participants.

Participants.

Currently we have the following active municipal and County participants: Atlantic City, Brigantine Beach, City of Pleasantville, Ventnor City, Margate City, Longport Borough, Linwood, Somers Point, Egg Harbor Township, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Stone Harbor Borough, Avalon Borough, City of North Wildwood, West Wildwood Borough, Wildwood Crest, Upper Township, Cape May City, Cape May Point,

Downe Township, Woodbridge Township, Berkeley Township, Borough of Beach Haven and Atlantic and Ocean County Governments. Our associate participants are: The Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve, Stockton University Coastal Research Center, Stevens Institute of Technology, NJ Sea Grant Consortium, Montclair State University School of Conservation, The Jersey Shore Partnership and the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering. Federal and State agencies that attend include the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE-Philadelphia District), the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT). And we partner with The Nature Conservancy on a variety of climate adaptation projects.

