



## Municipal Workgroup 18-Month Work Plan

**Reporting Period:** January 2025 – June 2026

### WORKGROUP LEADS

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### WORKGROUP MEMBERS

In order to enhance productivity of the workgroup, each workgroup member should be able to identify at least one municipality that they are representing, and the municipality should be aware of your participation in the workgroup. Members must fill out the following questionnaire below and follow up with a letter of acknowledgement from municipalities they are representing to help promote awareness of the NJCRC.

[NJCRC Municipal Workgroup Member Questionnaire](#)

The membership database will be refined to include specific information for each member, including:

Name

Email

Phone #

Municipal Affiliation

Title/Position/Responsibility

Letter of acknowledgement from municipalities represented

**PURPOSE STATEMENT** – The Municipal Workgroup aims to facilitate knowledge-exchange and best practices for municipalities to be resilient in planning and implementing projects and policies.

### OVERALL GOALS

- Promote awareness of the NJCRC to local governments.
- Facilitate peer-to-peer knowledge sharing around common, forward-thinking resilience goals.
- Build partnerships and collaborate with other municipalities by creating a space to discuss challenges, solutions and impacts to one another.
- Advocate for municipal representation on relevant stakeholder committees and NJCRC workgroups.
- Assist workgroup members with their coastal resilience projects by connecting technical assistance or funding opportunities.

## WORKGROUP ACTIONS AND OUTCOMES

**TASK 1** - Create recurring meeting times with a virtual link and template agenda. Promote through consistent messaging.

**DELIVERABLES:**

1. A flyer with recurring meeting times
2. A template agenda with identified topics lined up

**TASK 2** - Refine the Municipal Workgroup Members to enhance productivity, understand what brings them to the table, and promote visibility of NJCRC to municipalities.

**DELIVERABLES:**

1. Develop a municipal workgroup member questionnaire
2. Create a member database with information from the questionnaire and identify topics of interest and a list of projects.

**TASK 3** - Assist NJCRC leadership in developing and implementing a session at the NJ League of Municipalities (NJLM) to promote visibility of NJCRC to other municipalities.

**DELIVERABLES:**

1. Develop a session to submit to the League of Municipalities.
2. Provide input to a NJLM article as a primer to the conference session.
3. Implement a session at the League of Municipalities if the session is selected.

**TASK 4** - Scope existing municipal/county networks for ways to collaborate, expand capacity, and build resources.

## STANDARD PROTOCOLS

### MEETINGS:

MWG Meetings will be held monthly to work towards a specific task or address one of the topic ideas listed below. Each meeting is an hour. Welcome & Introductions (5 min); NJCRC Announcements (5 min); Topical/Technical Content (25-40 min); Resilience News (5 min); and/or Partner Updates (5 mins).

### 2025 Topic Ideas:

1. NJ PACT REAL Rules and their impact on municipalities
  - a. Using the new General Permits
2. Current Funding Opportunities
3. Permit Navigation
4. Challenges to Resilience Efforts
  - a. Municipal time sinks that take away from improving resilience
5. Municipal money savers - little efforts that go a long way
6. CRS Program
  - a. Preserving floodplains

7. MS4 Permits

2025 Technical Session Ideas:

8. CERAP - Mapping your restoration sites
9. Resources available on the NJCRC Library
10. Collaborating with your Neighbors (adjacent municipalities)

MUNICIPAL INTERACTION:

Use email to promote work of other NJCRC workgroups, share/attend public project meetings, reach out to specific individuals where and when appropriate.

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