



Delaware Section of the American Water Resources Association presents  
**BLUE SHADES OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE**  
November 28, St. Jones Reserve

**9:00 DE AWRA WELCOME – Jim Eisenhardt, Cardno ENTRIX**

**9:15 OPENING AND OVERVIEW – Secretary Collin O’Mara, DNREC**

**9:45 – 10:45 PANEL 1: THE PIEDMONT TO THE COASTAL PLAIN**

*Moderator: Joanne Rufft, Artesian Water Company*

- **Transforming Impaired Sites through a Multipurpose Approach**  
*Matt Chesser, Environmental Program Administrator, Planning, Preservation, and Development Section, Division of Parks and Recreation, DNREC*
- **Analyzing Potential Natural Infrastructure Projects in Wilmington: Defining Conservation Wins and Navigating Barriers to Success**  
*Richie Jones, State Director, Delaware Chapter, The Nature Conservancy*
- **C&D Canal Pathway Project**  
*Jeff Niezgoda, Program Manager, 1<sup>st</sup> State Trails Initiatives, DelDOT*

**10:45-11:00 BREAK/POSTER SESSION**

**11:00-12:00 PANEL 2: DELAWARE’S HEARTLAND**

*Moderator: Rick Mickowski, New Castle Conservation District*

- **Immersing Delawarrians in the Mispillion Watershed**  
*Jason Beale, Abbotts Mill Nature Center Manager, Delaware Nature Society*
- **Stream and Wetlands Restoration in Lower Delaware**  
*Tom Barthelmeh, Program Manager, Division of Watershed Stewardship, DNREC*
- **Sea Level Rise: Fight or Flight – What About Adaptation?**  
*Doug Janiec, Cardno ENTRIX*

**12:00-1:00 LUNCH/POSTER SESSION**

**1:00-2:00 PANEL 3: DELAWARE’S COASTAL HERITAGE**

*Moderator: Martha Narvaez, Water Resources Agency, University of Delaware*

- **Delaware Trails and Pathways Initiative**  
*Jeff Niezgoda, Program Manager, 1<sup>st</sup> State Trails Initiatives, DelDOT*
- **Wetlands as Elements of Green Infrastructure**  
*Chris Bason, Executive Director, Center for the Inland Bays*
- **Bayshore Initiative**  
*Karen Bennett, Program Manager, Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, DNREC*

**2:00-3:00      PANEL 4: ECONOMIC IMPACTS AND BENEFITS OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE**

*Moderator: Larry Trout, Cardno ENTRIX*

- **Clean Waterways in Wilmington: The City of Wilmington's Approach to Incentivizing Green Infrastructure**  
*Mary Neutz, Environmental Programs Manager, Department of Public Works, City of Wilmington*
- **The Economics of Delaware's Water Resources**  
*Jerry Kauffman, Director, Water Resources Agency, University of Delaware*
- **The Economics of Coastal Blue-Green Infrastructure**  
*Jim Eisenhardt, Northeast Business Unit Manager, Cardno ENTRIX*

**3:00              WRAP UP – Jim Eisenhardt, Cardno ENTRIX**