



Pennsylvania Environmental
Resource Consortium



College & Community Connecting on Climate

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A program on creating a partnership between the Pennsylvania Environmental Resource Consortium and the Pennsylvania state government on supporting Local and County Government on the development of Climate Change Mitigation (GHG Emissions, Reductions, and Strategies) and Resilience/ Adaptation Programs

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Meeting Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to gather information relevant to developing a new partnership between Pennsylvania schools of higher education that are members of the Pennsylvania Environmental Research Consortium (PERC) and Pennsylvania State government that will support and encourage local and county governments to develop climate change greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategies and targets and programs to enhance resilience and adaption to climate change impacts.

AGENDA

9:00-9:20 Welcome and Review of Meeting Agenda and Goals

- **Josh Hooper**, PERC Executive Director
- **Donald Brown**, Widener University Commonwealth Law School
- **Katherine Straub**, Susquehanna University/ PERC President
- **John Quigley**, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

9:25-9:55 Panel 1: Current PERC School Activities on Climate Change Community Outreach

Panel Moderator: Michele Halsell, Penn State University

Speakers:

- **John Dernbach**, Widener University Commonwealth Law School
- **Brandi Robinson**, Penn State University

10:00-10:30 Panel 2: Local Government Leadership on Climate Change Issues in Pennsylvania Local Governments

Panel Moderator: Ben Culbertson, Shippensburg University

Speakers:

- **Richard Freeh**, City Energy Project Manager, Office of Sustainability, City of Philadelphia
- **Alan Sam**, State College Borough
- **Dan Zimmerman**, Warwick Township

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:15 Panel 3: Leadership on Climate Change GHG Emissions Reduction Planning and Strategies from the US and Other Communities Around the World

Panel Moderator: Shaunna Barnhart, Bucknell University

Speakers:

- **Shaunna Barnhart**, Bucknell University
- **Tom Simpson**, Franklin and Marshall College
- **Melissa Tier**, Swarthmore College

11:15-11:20 PERC Sponsor, Chris O'Brien, Director - Higher Education Programs, Altenex LLC

11:25-11:55 Panel 4: Adaptation and Resilience Work at the Local Government Level

Panel Moderator: Chris Steuer, Millersville University

Speakers:

- **Richard Freeh**, City Energy Project Manager, Office of Sustainability, City of Philadelphia
- **Robert Graff**, Manager, Office of Energy and Climate Solutions, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

12:00-1:15 Lunch on your own

1:15-1:45

Panel 5: Support for the PERC/State Partnership on Local Government Climate Change Programs from Local Government Organizations in Pennsylvania

Panel Moderator: Michele Halsell, Penn State University

Speakers:

- **Ed Knittel**, Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs
- **Jim Price**, Sustainable Pittsburgh

1:50-2:35

Panel 6: Interest in the Program from Pennsylvania State Government and EPA

Panel Moderator: Don Brown, Widener University
Commonwealth Law School

Speakers:

- **Megan S. Goold**, Office of Air Partnership Programs, U.S. EPA
- **Eric Hagarty**, Chief of Staff, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (invited)
- **Kelly Heffner**, Special Deputy Secretary for Water Resources Planning, PA DEP
- **Paul Marchetti**, Executive Director, PENNVEST
- **John Norbeck**, Deputy Secretary for Parks and Forestry, DCNR
- **Keith Welks**, Deputy State Treasurer for Fiscal Operations and Senior Advisor for Policy, PA Treasury Department

2:45-3:45

Brainstorming Elements of a Strategic Plan for the New PERC/State Government Partnership on Local Government Climate Change Programs

3:45-4:00

Closing Remarks

- **Hayley Book**, Deputy Director, DEP Policy Office
- **Donald Brown**, Widener University, for PERC