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The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, in partnership with the Watershed Watch Network and Monmouth University, is pleased to present two of our national volunteer monitoring partners, Eleanor Ely and Robert Carlson. NJDEP Commissioner Lisa P. Jackson will join us as keynote speaker.

This year's theme is Converting Data into Information to Initiate Local Changes. Presentations will include projects, programs and outreach tools that have been effective in meeting program goals and initiating change. Come learn about monitoring techniques, how to use the new web-based data system, managing volunteers, and monitoring efforts at the local, state, and federal levels. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- **Using information/data collected in the community to initiate change, focusing on successes and challenges**
- **Stormwater monitoring techniques, equipment and programs**
- **Recruiting and retaining volunteers**
- **Keeping a volunteer water monitoring program afloat: managing funding, equipment, mail list, and overall mission of the program**
- **Collaborative efforts in data sharing, program management; successes and challenges**
- **Marketing data, thinking outside the box**
- **Quality Assurance - successes and challenges**
- **Keeping the "big picture" in mind, connecting biological monitoring to visual surveys to determine if land use is causing a change in the biological community**
- **Selecting a contract lab, and keeping detection, reporting and minimum limits in minds, successes and challenges**

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