



# SUSTAINABILITY SPEAKER SERIES (S3)

Bringing Together Sustainability Experts in New Jersey

Wednesday June 19, 2019

Time 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Pinelands Nursery & Supply

557 Island Rd, Columbus, NJ 08022

The Goal of S3 is to offer NJ business stakeholders information sharing and educational opportunities focusing on the topic of sustainability.

## AGENDA

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| <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>Registration/Meet &amp; Greet</b>  |
| <b>10:35 AM</b> | <b>Introductions</b><br>Gina Gambacorto, Environmental Specialist 1<br>Office of Sustainability<br>New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection                                      |
| <b>10:50 AM</b> | <b>Sustainability at Pinelands Nursery &amp; Supply</b><br>Tom Knezick , Production Analyst<br>Pinelands Nursery & Supply   |
| <b>11:20 AM</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>11:30 AM</b> | <b>Creating Pollinator Habitat</b><br>Kelly Gill, Senior Pollinator Conservation Specialist<br>The Xerces Society<br><br>Partner Biologist<br>USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service |
| <b>12:00 PM</b> | <b>Tour of Pinelands Nursery &amp; Supply's Wildflower Farm</b>   |
| <b>12:30 PM</b> | <b>Adjourn</b>  |



# SPEAKERS



## **Tom Knezick, Pinelands Nursery & Supply**

Tom Knezick is the Production Analyst at Pinelands Nursery & Supply. Pinelands Nursery & Supply was founded by Tom's parents in 1983 and has since grown to be one of the largest native plant nurseries that specializes in plants for restoration on the east coast. Tom also co-owns and operates Pinelands Direct Native Plants, a pollinator focused online garden center, with his wife Melissa.



## **Kelly Gill, The Xerces Society & United States Department of Agriculture**

Kelly Gill is a Pollinator Conservation Specialist for The Xerces Society and a Partner Biologist with the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service. Kelly provides technical support for designing, installing, and managing habitat for pollinators and beneficial insects. Kelly's responsibilities include writing site-specific conservation plans, with a focus on protecting and improving habitat for pollinators, beneficial insects, and benefits to other wildlife, and assisting NRCS staff with habitat planning for Farm Bill conservation programs. She has experience working in a variety of landscapes and habitat types. Kelly also develops technical guides on restoring and managing habitat and conducts training courses and educational programs. Kelly completed her Master's Degree in Entomology at Iowa State University where she conducted field research to evaluate different plant communities for their use in conservation plantings and on development of best practices for conserving pollinators and beneficial insects in agricultural landscapes.