



NJ INTERAGENCY COUNCIL
ON CLIMATE RESILIENCE
2024 ANNUAL
REPORT











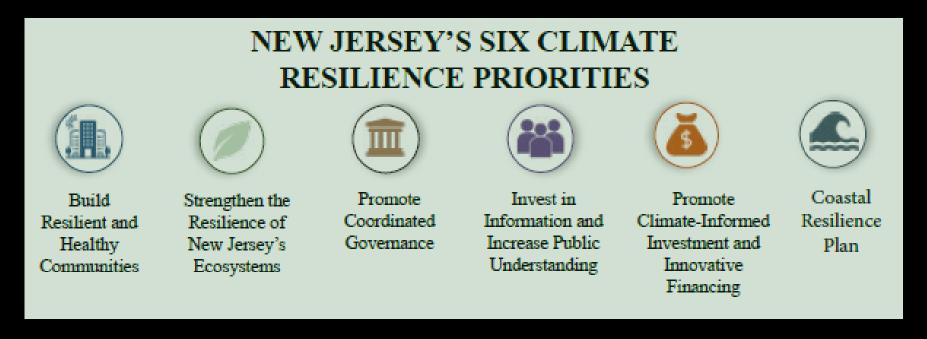


26 Member Agencies

- Board of Public Utilities
- Dept of State
- Dept of Agriculture
- Dept of Banking & Insurance
- Dept of Transportation
- Dept of Treasury
- Economic Development Authority
- Dept of Children & Families
- Highlands Council
- Pinelands Commission
- Dept of Community Affairs
- Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency
- Infrastructure Bank
- NJ Transit
- Office of Emergency Mgmt

- Dept of Community Affairs
- Dept of Education
- Dept of Environmental Protection
- Dept of Health
- Dept of Human Services
- Dept of Labor & Workforce Development
- Dept of Law & Public Safety
- Dept of Military & Veterans Affairs
- Port Authority of NY & NJ
- Sports & Exposition Authority
- Turnpike Authority

2024 Achievements & Ongoing Efforts to Address the six Climate Priority Areas



Highlights 88 actions State agencies have taken in 2024 to adapt and respond to climate change.

To learn more: Click here.

- IAC Work Plan
- Collaborative Activities of the Council (Work groups)
 - Outreach & Engagement Strategy
 - Extreme Heat Coordinated Communication
 - Vulnerability Assessment
- Activities of Member Agencies

1. Resilient & Healthy Communities

NJPACT REAL Rules (NJDEP)

State Hazard Mitigation Plan (NJOEM)

Resilient NJ

Climate Resilience Funding Directory

Blue Acres

Implementation of Flood Disclosure Law (Flood Risk Notification Tool)

NJ Extreme Heat Resilience Plan

2. Strengthen Ecosystem Resilience

Implementing habitat connections in applications for crossings (DEP)

Climate smart
agriculture
strategies identified
(Ag)

Sustainable agriculture grants by Highlands Council (Highlands)

Restoring Surface Water Habitats (DEP)

Ecological
Restoration & green
infrastructure
(NJDOT)

Water supply monitoring for harmful algal blooms (DEP) Resilience Planning in the NJ Meadowlands (NJS&EA)

Shoreline & marsh restoration (NJS&EA)

Pinelands Projects in the IAC Annual Report



Water Management (K-C) rule amendment implementation

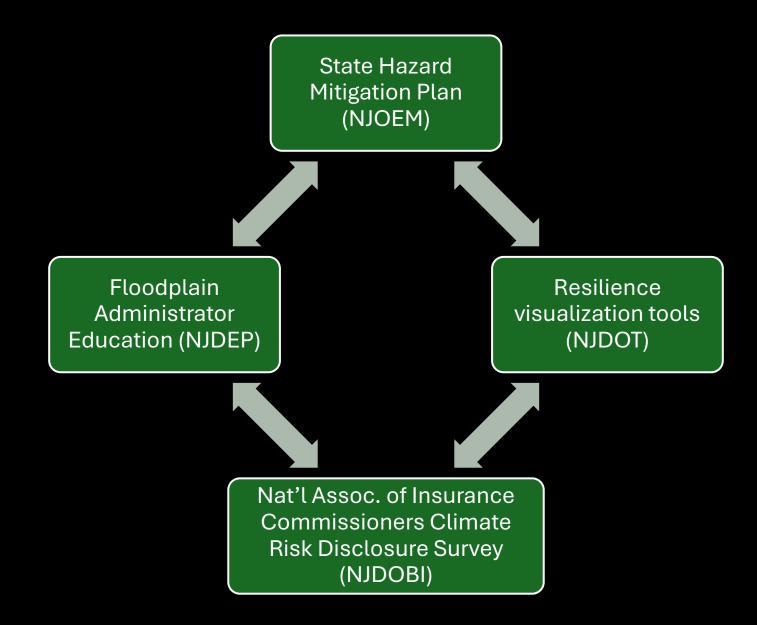


Pinelands Management Area vulnerability assessments



Pinelands Conservation Fund acquisition priorities and expanded target areas for climate impacts

3. Promote Coordinated Governance



4. Invest in Information and Increase Public Understanding

- Climate Change Public Education Outreach Campaign (DEP)
- K-12 Climate change education grants (EDU)
- Heat Hub and Heat-related illness Dashboard (DEP)
- Community resilience videos on municipal resilience work in Stafford Township and in the City of Lambertville (DEP)
- Clearinghouse website for climate science (DEP)
- Americorps Training to expand climate response skills (DEP)
- MyCoast photo challenge (DEP)
- Updating current science on Sea-level Rise and Coastal Storms and climate model projections (DEP)

5. Promote Climate-informed Investments & Innovative Financing

ASSEMBLY, No. 3829

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 17, 1985

By Assemblyman MARSELLA

An Acr authorizing the creation of a debt of the State of New Jersey by issuance of bonds of the State in the sum of \$30,000,000.00 for the purpose of providing grants and loans to local units of government in the pinelands area for infrastructure capital projects necessary to accommodate development in the regional growth area; providing the ways and means to pay the interest on the debt and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof; providing for the submission of this act to the people at a general election and making an appropriation therefor.

Funding for hazard mitigation and resilience projects (I-Bank and NJOEM)

Competitive grants for storm recovery and mitigation in infrastructure (DCA)

Web-based applications and guidance for financing drinking water quality and reliability projects (I-Bank and DEP)

Requirements to incorporate climate change considerations into planning & design of State Revolving Fund projects (DEP)

Ready to be Resilient Stormwater and Resilience Funding program (DEP)

Finance assistance for private sector resilience (EDA)

Site assessment protocols & project design for sustainable and resilient housing to apply for competitive 9% tax credit awards

6. Coastal Resilience Plan

 Climate Ready NJ - Coastal Management Program received \$72.4 million to implement a 5-year program to establish and expand community resilience through planning, project design, and implementation

• Tidal wetland monitoring and assessment (NJS&EA)

Takeaways and next steps

High level of effort across all state agencies

- Number of activities
- Number of agencies

Need for coordination and integration across agencies

- IAC direction
- Results

Activities that intersect Commission projects and goals

- Open space acquisition
- Ready to be Resilient Stormwater and Resilience Funding Program
- Infrastructure

Consider Commission next steps

- Watershed improvement plans
- Community planning for resilience

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