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Mayor Jaclyn Veasy
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NJCM President

Dear Fellow Mayors, Friends, and Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the New Jersey Conference of Mayors' third annual Evening on the Bay and our 2026 Policy to Practice educational program.

In just three years, Evening on the Bay has become a signature NJCM gathering, bringing mayors and partners from across New Jersey together for timely conversation, meaningful engagement, and an evening dedicated to strengthening the connections within our statewide community. I am proud to continue this growing tradition as President of NJCM.

New Jersey's mayors don't just represent their communities—we live in them. We serve alongside our neighbors and see firsthand the challenges and opportunities facing our towns every day. Across New Jersey's 564 municipalities, mayors are on the front lines of local government, where the impact of decisions made in Trenton is ultimately felt.

That firsthand perspective must be part of shaping the policies that affect our municipalities. NJCM brings those local voices together, giving New Jersey's mayors a united voice in Trenton and strengthening the connection between Local Leadership and Legislative Action.

Tonight's Policy to Practice discussion on New Jersey's new Resilient Environments and Landscapes (REAL) rules underscores why municipal perspectives matter. Decisions involving redevelopment, infrastructure, housing, economic growth, and local planning have real consequences in our communities. Mayors must have a voice in the conversations surrounding policies that directly affect the people and places we serve.

While every municipality is unique, New Jersey's mayors are united by a shared responsibility to the people and communities we serve. We don't simply advocate for our towns—we live in them, experience the impact of our decisions, and remain accountable to our neighbors every day. That is what makes a mayor's voice so important and why our collective voice through NJCM is so powerful.

Thank you to our Business Council members, sponsors, speakers, and guests for joining us tonight, and to my fellow mayors for the leadership you provide every day. Together, we will continue to ensure that the voices of our communities are heard in Trenton and turn Local Leadership into Legislative Action.

Respectfully,

Jaclyn Veasy

Mayor Jaclyn Veasy, Evesham Township
President, New Jersey Conference of Mayors

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NJCM Executive Director



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Over the past year, the New Jersey Conference of Mayors has continued to grow with a clear purpose: to be increasingly responsive to the needs of our mayors and the communities they serve.

That means listening. It means creating relevant educational opportunities, strengthening our network of public- and private-sector partners, and ensuring mayors have access to the people, information, and resources they need to navigate an increasingly complex municipal landscape.

Policy to Practice grew directly from that commitment. When we introduced the series at Evening on the Bay last year, our goal was to create a forum where mayors could engage on timely issues in a practical and meaningful way. Tonight, we continue that work with a discussion of New Jersey's new Resilient Environments and Landscapes (REAL) rules and what they may mean for municipalities across our state.

Our Business Council is an important part of that year-round network. The professionals and organizations engaged with NJCM bring expertise across many of the issues municipalities are confronting—from infrastructure, redevelopment, and engineering to finance, energy, technology, healthcare, and other essential areas of local government. Their involvement gives mayors access to additional perspectives and subject-matter expertise, while giving our partners a better understanding of the challenges and priorities facing communities across New Jersey.

Most importantly, our mayors remain at the center of this work. The issues they raise, the challenges they share, and the conversations we have throughout the year help us identify where NJCM can provide greater value—whether through educational programming, advocacy, access to expertise, or stronger connections across our statewide network.

Thank you for being part of this work and for your continued collaboration. Together, we will continue to listen, evolve, and strengthen an organization that reflects the needs of New Jersey's mayors and delivers meaningful value to the communities they lead.

Warm regards,

Amanda M. De Palma

Amanda M. De Palma
Executive Director, New Jersey Conference of Mayors

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Understanding the REAL Rules: Municipal Impacts and Mayor Perspectives

New Jersey's Resilient Environments and Landscapes (REAL) Rules have significant implications for municipalities across the state—from shore and river communities to redevelopment areas and established residential neighborhoods.

This Policy to Practice session will provide mayors with a baseline understanding of the REAL Rules, allow them to hear directly from municipal leaders about potential local impacts, and create a structured opportunity for mayors to identify concerns, priorities, and recommendations as NJCM continues its engagement with NJDEP.



Moderator
Mayor Jaclyn Veasy
Evesham Township

NJDEP Overview



Ed Potosnak, Commissioner
NJ Department of Environmental Protection

NJDEP will provide an overview of the REAL Rules, including where the process currently stands, key provisions affecting municipalities, and issues that remain under consideration.

Municipal Perspectives



Mayor Michael Mangan, *Manasquan Borough*
The shore community perspective, including potential impacts on homeowners and municipal infrastructure.



Mayor Barry Conaway, *City of Burlington*
The redevelopment perspective, including potential impacts on projects already navigating planning, financing, and approval processes.



Mayor Tony Perry, *Middletown Township*
The perspective of a municipality facing both shoreline and river-related impacts—and the different challenges that can exist within a single community.



Mayor Sheena Collum, *South Orange Village*
A broader planning and land-use perspective connecting the discussion to housing, redevelopment, local planning, and the varying realities municipalities face across New Jersey.

Mayor Feedback & Working Discussion

The session will conclude with a facilitated discussion focused on specific municipal concerns and policy considerations. Mayors will be invited to provide targeted feedback on how the rules may affect their communities, identify issues that warrant further attention, and help shape NJCM's continued dialogue with NJDEP.

Facilitators:



Mayor Bob Conley
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With more than 25 years of construction regulatory and compliance experience, Ron is widely regarded as an expert in labor regulations and identifying and exposing construction industry fraud. He has provided investigative, audit and best practices training to multiple government agencies. Ron currently serves as a member of the NJ Governor's Building Trades Construction Industry Fraud Committee and the DC Attorney General's Construction Worker Misclassification Task Force. He served on DC Attorney General Brian Schwalb's Transition Team.



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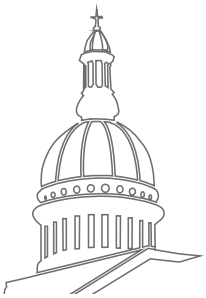
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3rd WEDNESDAYS | 10:00 AM
ZOOM MEETING FOR ALL MEMBER MAYORS

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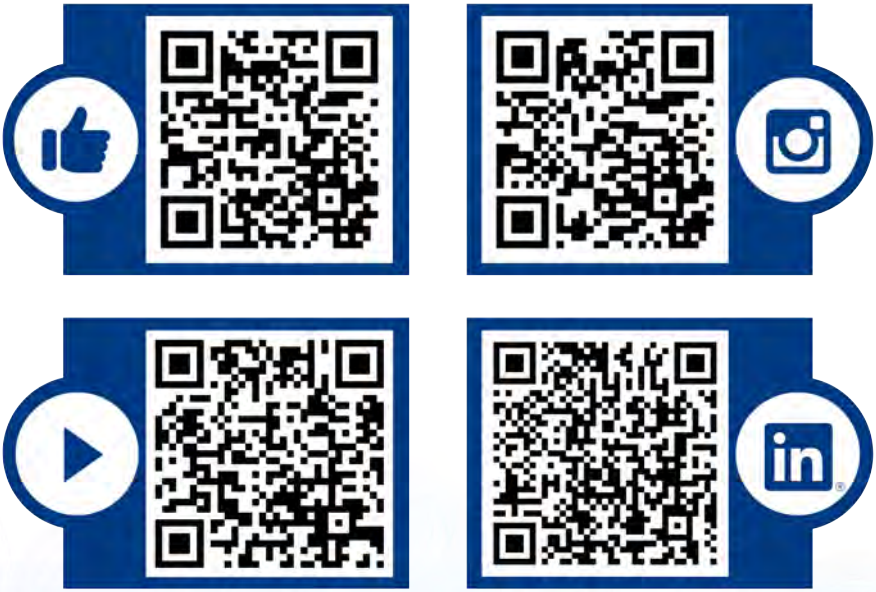
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