

\$9.4M to Improve Water Quality & Battle Climate Change in NJ

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Yesterday, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection directed \$9.4 million in grants to local communities to fund projects that will improve water quality and reduce the impacts of [nonpoint source pollution from stormwater](#).

Stormwater runoff carries a wide variety of pollutants into waterways, including nutrients from fertilizers, animal wastes, and improperly operating

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ing problems brought on by severe storms resulting from climate change.

More than \$5 million in grants have been awarded to projects in the Delaware River watershed and in the urbanized northeast region.

NJ DEP focuses on five target regions for water quality development and environmental improvement grant funding, rotating their focus yearly. Funding for these projects is provided through the federal [Clean Water Act](#), [Department of Defense Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration](#) funds, and the [New Jersey Corporation Business Tax](#).

The DEP has awarded the following grants to:

South Jersey Resource Conservation and Development Council, \$200,414, to develop a Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan for the Chestnut Branch Watershed to address water quality impairments.

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watersheds, listed as priority waterways by the DEP due to impairments.

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, \$467,872, to develop a Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan for the Rancocas Creek watershed that identifies opportunities to reduce pollutant loading to the waterway and reduce localized flooding.

Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation, \$137,025, to implement a project to significantly decrease septic-related phosphorus loading using easy-to-install, operate, and maintain septic system modification technology.

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of ultrasonic equipment. Additional data will be collected to paint a comprehensive picture of the source of bloom outbreaks. The ultrasonic control system, which was installed with assistance from the DEP, has been effective in maintaining low levels of toxins associated with outbreaks.

Western Monmouth Utilities Authority, \$300,000, to implement a study on Duhernal Lake, in need of the setting of a Total Maximum Daily Load for phosphorous to attain compliance with surface water quality standards. This project will evaluate measures to reduce nonpoint and point source pollution in the lake's watershed.

North Jersey RC&D Area, Inc., \$490,983, to implement the approved Musconetcong River Watershed Protection Plan: Hampton to Bloomsbury and the approved Alexauken Creek Watershed Protection Plan. Specifically, the AgAssist and the EQIP-Assist Programs will be implemented for areas with E. coli and phosphorus impairments which will result in water quality improvements.

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Clove Brook, and install green infrastructure in Sussex Borough to reduce nonpoint source pollution. These measures are found within the approved Clove Brook Watershed Restoration Plan and the Papakating Creek Watershed Restoration Plan.

Pemberton Township, \$192,310, will install a natural bank stabilization mechanism that promotes vegetative growth. The affected stream is a headwater of the North Branch of the Rancocas Creek. This project will improve downstream water quality, encourage the growth of native species and lead to improvements in water quality within an Overburdened Community.

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ture best management practices that will control runoff from impervious surfaces, restore stream banks, and install retention basin retrofits in the Smithville Lake watershed and the North Branch of the Rancocas Creek in Eastampton.

The Watershed Institute, \$300,000, to produce a comprehensive condition assessment of New Jersey’s waterways. This will be achieved by harnessing the existing power of community water monitoring organizations and fostering new ones to produce water quality data of known and sufficient quality.

Hackensack River Keeper, \$90,000, to continue the Urban Watershed Education Program at locations in the Newark Bay Complex, which includes the Hackensack River, Newark Bay, Arthur Kill, and Hudson River. This watershed education program is targeted at middle school students and covers a broad range of topics such as nonpoint source pollution, climate change combined sewer overflow infrastructure, water quality testing, legacy p...

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Camden Community Partnership, \$1,506,131, to design and construct a series of bio-retention basins along the Harrison Avenue-State Street corridor, improving water quality in the Cooper River through the removal of total suspended solids and nutrients.

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, \$1,165,898, to install green infrastructure through the Fairmount Avenue Green Streets project, providing hands-on training opportunities for the certified graduates of the Newark Green Works Program while implementing projects and educating community leaders, young people, and residents about the benefits and opportuni-

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tive by partnering with Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program to implement two shovel-ready green infrastructure projects including tree trenches and curb extensions along MLK Drive and Bramhall Street. Jersey City is considered an Overburdened community under the New Jersey Environmental Justice Law.

The Nature Conservancy, \$354,893, to implement a community-based green infrastructure initiative in the City of Paterson. This initiative will result in stormwater management features that will reduce the frequency of combined sewer overflows, sewer backups into private properties, and nuisance flooding, as well as decrease the surcharging of sanitary sewers in the city.

Town of Secaucus, \$154,600, to implement the installation of rain gardens on Centre Avenue, near the Town Hall Annex and other municipal buildings. The proposed project will deploy green infrastructure design strategies to reduce stormwater flooding and the amount of nonpoint source pollution

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City of Hoboken, \$562,060, to implement the construction of green/gray tanks to improve stormwater management efforts and delay stormwater discharge to Hoboken’s combined sewer system. This will result in fewer combined sewer overflows and reduce nonpoint source pollution in the Hudson River.

City of Trenton, \$562,060, to install green infrastructure through strategic integration of trees and increased pervious surfacing. This project will provide a green aspect to the downtown area and will capture and filter stormwater. The green infrastructure will provide a wealth of other benefits,

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NY/NJ Baykeeper, \$220,000, to expand the implementation of Phase 2 of the Naval Weapons Station Earle Living Shoreline Project, which is working to reduce the impacts of climate change and promote climate resilience. Funds will be used to continue stabilizing the Raritan Bay and Ware Creek shorelines, increase biodiversity with additional bottom habitat and measure the increased biodiversity of associated marine species.

Barnegat Bay Partnership/Ocean County College, \$300,000, to improve littoral habitat and increase climate change resilience of a public open space parcel in an overburdened community through the replacement of a hardened shoreline with a living shoreline. A secondary goal is to increase public awareness of the benefits of living shorelines for climate change resilience.

New Jersey Department of Agriculture, \$399,024.90, to implement Animal Waste Management Plans (AWMP) for livestock farms within 100 feet of a water body. This project will result in improved water quality and a reduction in

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Division of Fire Safety Continues to Encourage Fire Safety as Summer Winds Down



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Being Mindful of the Following Tips Can Ensure the Remainder of Your Summer is a Safe One. As we approach the latter part of the summer, the Division of Fire Safety is encouraging residents to remain vigilant when it comes to summer fire safety. As we spend time with family and friends during outdoor activities including barbecues, parties, travel to summer homes, and camping, it is important to be aware of the following tips to keep you and your family safe.

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\$10M Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Aims to Reduce Gun

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\$10M Supports Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs to Reduce the Cycle of Gun Violence in NJ Communities. Governor Murphy and New Jersey Attorney General Platkin yesterday announced that \$10 million in federal American Recovery Plan (ARP) funds will be allocated towards the State's Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs, which aim to help gun violence victims and break the cycle of gun violence in NJ communities.

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Governor Murphy signed a package of bills into law that aims to toughen New Jersey's Antitrust Laws. Will They? You decide. The Governor of New Jersey signed three bills into law last Friday, S-891/A-1557, S-902/A-1559, and A-1556/S-901, that include measures to toughen New Jersey's antitrust laws.

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Acting AG Platkin, DEP Commissioner LaTourette Announce Natural Resource Damages Lawsuit against Monsanto and other Corporate Defendants over PCB Contamination. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has filed a lawsuit against Monsanto Co. (bought by Bayer in 2018) and two other corporate defendants over extensive damage to New Jersey's natural resources caused by contamination from toxic chemical compounds known as PCBs (polychlorinated

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8 New Laws from the Governor of NJ this Week



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Governor Murphy signs another 8 bills into law concerning everything from car and liability insurance, cannabis, apprenticeships, county airports, retirement, and sales tax. Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following eight bills into law, concerni

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Our Mental Health Care System is set up to prevent people from accessing it, and the problem is only getting worse. Humans have been notoriously bad at talking about

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Updated Rules for NJ Cannabis, Public Invited to Comment



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New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission proposes updated rules, and invites the public to weigh in during the comment period ending September 30. The New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission has submitted updated rules for the state's personal-use cannabis market for public comment.

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Additional Pandemic Food Assistance Benefits



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Food assistance benefits are now available to eligible parents of children under 6; eligible parents of school-aged children will receive benefits in September. Human Services Commissioner Sarah Adelman yesterday announced the Department is delivering Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) food assistance benefits to children under age 6 and will be sending benefits to school-age children in September.

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Governor Murphy signed legislation requiring the establishment of an electric school bus program; up to \$45M over 3 years will fund the purchase of electric school buses and charging stations.

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Governor Murphy Signs Legislation Extending Permissions for Outdoor Dining to Support Restaurant Industry. Outdoor dining will continue in New Jersey; Governor Murphy signed a bill on August 3 (S-2364) extending the pandemic-era permissions for restaurant restaurants, bars, distilleries, and breweries to serve customers outdoors "in private areas, on sidewalks, and in other municipally-designated outdoor areas."

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The F. M. Kirby Foundation invests in communities in specific areas – the Greater Morris County area, being one – through grants for education, arts, health, environment, religion, and more organizations.

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Morristown Weather Forecast: Friday Aug 5 – Tuesday, Aug 9



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What to expect when you step outside. Today, an air quality alert and a high of 96 degrees by 5pm. More extreme heat and some rainy weather coming our way. We are going to reach nearly 100 degrees today, Thursday, August 4. The rest of the week and into the weekend will be between 70 and 90 degrees with a potential for rain Friday through Sunday.

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Mandatory Boil Water Advisory for Warren Township and the Borough of Watchung



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AUGUST 3, 2022 – As a result of loss of water pressure from a main break along Carrar Drive between Mountain Blvd. and Glen Eagle Drive in Watchung, New Jersey American Water has issued a mandatory boil water advisory to customers within the following communities:

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Funding For Spotted Lanternfly Treatment Available in All NJ Counties



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Funds of potentially over \$15,000 is available for all 21 NJ counties to put towards the use of Spotted Lanternfly treatment control. The New Jersey Department of Agriculture has announced that reimbursement funding is available for all New Jersey counties for treatment of the spotted lanternfly.

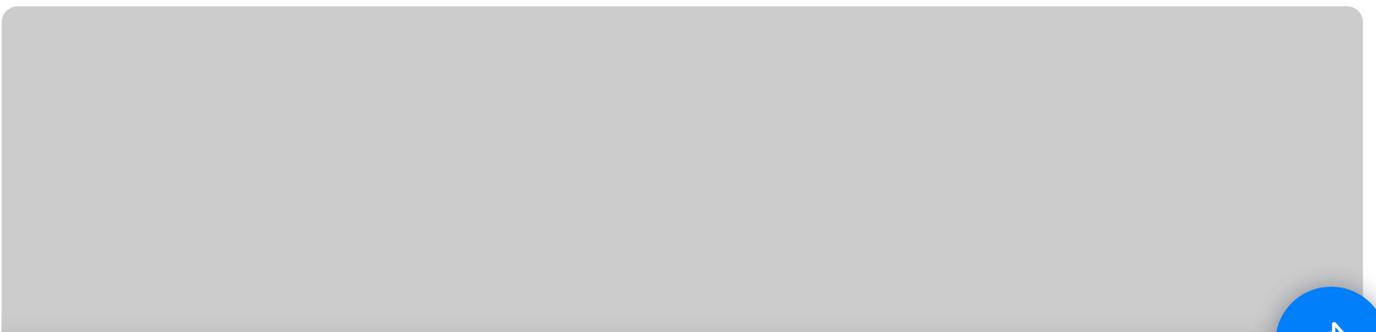
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Newest School Safety Updates: Clear Backpacks



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A Middlesex County, NJ, school district introduces new mandates that require clear backpacks for all students. South River School District, of Middlesex County, New Jersey, will require students to use clear backpacks in all South River district schools beginning this upcoming school year.

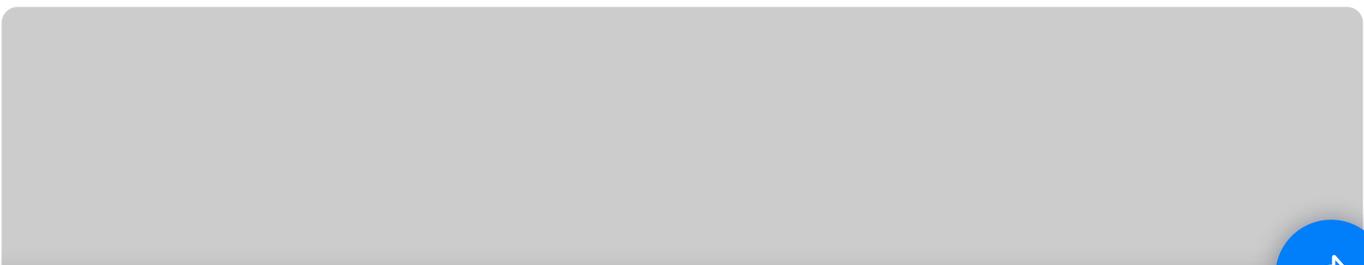
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Filming in NJ: AMC's The Walking Dead Spin-Off Starring Lauren Cohan and Jeffrey Dean Morgan



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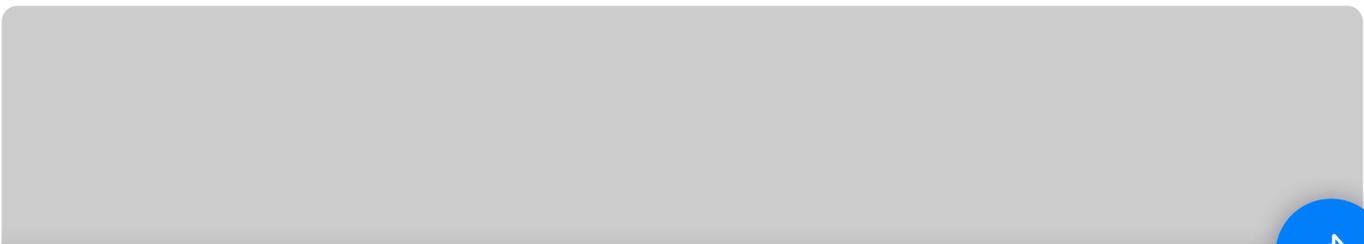
A Walking Dead spin-off series is coming to the garden state, filming at the Meadowlands, and plans to be released on AMC in 2023. AMC's The Walking Dead franchise expands its universe to the Meadowlands Arena and North Jersey locations for its upcoming spin-off series starring Lauren Cohan and Jeffrey Dean Morgan.

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Did Trump Use Ivana's Grave for Tax Breaks? He's Trying.



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Ivana Trump was buried last month at the Trump National Golf Course in Bedminster, NJ – her resting place might provide massive tax benefits for the former president. Ivana Trump died on July 14, 2022, from an accidental fall in her Manhattan residence.

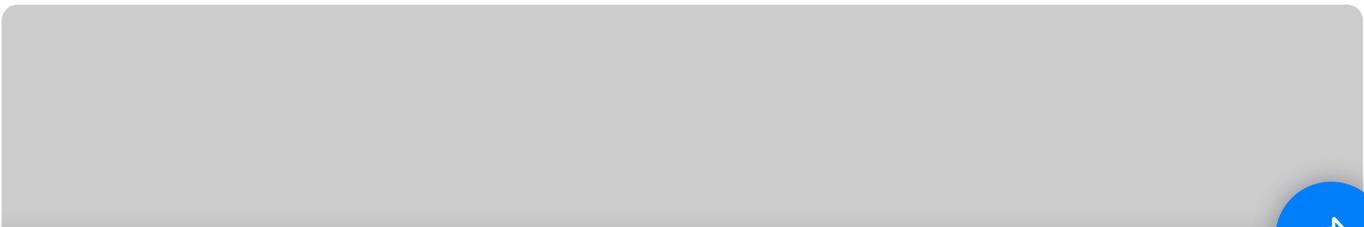
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New Law Requires NJ Public Schools to Develop Threat Assessment Teams



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New NJ law requires all state public schools to develop a Threat Assessment Team to identify students that pose a potential threat to others. Governor Murphy signed another new law today, A4075/3229, requiring the board of education in each school district in NJ to develop a threat assessment team.

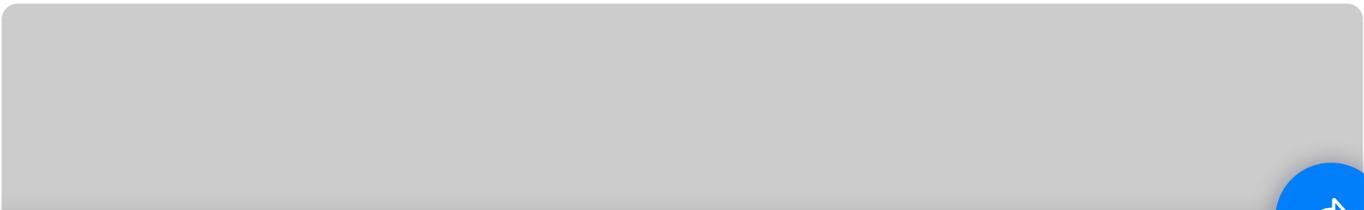
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Year 3 of Charge Up NJ Unveils New Residential Charger Program



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Governor Murphy announces year 3 of Charge UP NJ with second-round grantees and launches the application window for Clean Fleet, EV Tourism, and Multi-Unit Dwelling Charger Programs.

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