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Event Program

DECEMBER 9-10, 2020
VIA ZOOM

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SUMMIT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9TH

10 - 11:30 AM

Recover Delaware Initiative: Improving Economic Resilience During and After COVID-19

- Troy Mix, Associate Director and Policy Scientist, University of Delaware, Institute for Public Administration
- Kirsten McGregor, Founder and Principal, SAGAX Associates LLC
- Dr. Erik Pages, President and Founder, EntreWorks Consulting
- **MODERATOR:** Jennifer Holmes, Coastal Training Program Coordinator, Delaware Dept. of Natural Resources & Environmental Control

2 - 3:30 PM

Understanding Social Stressors and How to Factor Them into Community Resilience Planning

- Tiffany Ganthier, Institute Associate, Georgetown Climate Center
- Patricia Drago, Member, Coordination Team, Cape Community Coordination for COVID-19
- **MODERATOR:** Lisa Locke, Executive Director, Delaware Interfaith Power & Light

THURSDAY, DEC. 10TH

2 PM - 3:30 PM

Lessons from the Trenches: Tips for Preparing for the Next Extreme Event

- AJ Schall, Director, Delaware Emergency Management Agency
- Dr. Karyl Rattay, Director, Delaware Division of Public Health
- **MODERATOR:** Danielle Swallow, Coastal Hazards Specialist, Delaware Sea Grant

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

RECOVER DELAWARE INITIATIVE: IMPROVING ECONOMIC RESILIENCE DURING AND AFTER COVID-19

12/9/20 @ 10 - 11:30 AM

Presentations will provide guidance for municipalities and businesses on economic resilience and recovery from unexpected events, including storms. Communities will learn how to build back and incorporate economic resilience into their planning efforts and how to form a recovery plan. Innovative ideas for resources and funding will also be explored.

UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL STRESSORS AND HOW TO FACTOR THEM INTO COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLANNING

12/9/20 @ 2 - 3:30 PM

This session will focus on how and why information on social vulnerability should be incorporated into planning, and on resources that communities can use to approach adaptation in an equitable manner, including the equitable adaptation toolkit that Georgetown Climate Center recently developed. Additionally, a local perspective on community planning will highlight the role of relationship-building within communities in order to coordinate an effective response to the COVID-19 crisis, and the lessons learned in that effort that can be applied to the adaptation community.

LESSONS FROM THE TRENCHES: TIPS FOR PREPARING FOR THE NEXT EXTREME EVENT

12/10/20 @ 2 - 3:30 PM

Both the Delaware Emergency Management Agency and the Delaware Division of Public Health have been addressing the COVID-19 pandemic for much of 2020. This response required planning with uncertainty, reacting in real time to changing circumstances, and coordinating efforts across various sectors. This panel will cover those challenges including lessons learned from responding to Tropical Storm Isaias during the pandemic and how those lessons can be applied to future events. Hear advice that can be implemented at the community level, including responding to compounding events, and how our responses to disasters will need to evolve over time due to factors like climate change and social vulnerability.

PRESENTER BIOS

[Presented in alphabetical order]



PATRICIA DRAGO

Drago is happily retired after a challenging and rewarding career in the commercial property/casualty insurance sector. She now invests her time and energy in community service on behalf of Sussex County and the Cape region. As CEO of NATLSCO/Broadspire Services and president of Crum & Forster Insurance, she was fortunate to lead smart, talented executive teams through several strategic transformations.

TIFFANY GANTHIER

Ganthier, an Institute Associate at the Georgetown Climate Center, provides legal and policy analysis on adaptation projects at the federal, state, and local levels. Her work focuses on equitable adaptation and she is the project lead of The Equitable Adaptation Legal & Policy Toolkit. Ganthier was also Student Attorney in the Howard University School of Law Fair Housing Clinic as well as the Environmental Justice Clinic where she worked with the Environmental Defense Fund.



KIRSTEN MCGREGOR

McGregor is the Founder and Principal of SAGAX Associates, LLC, an Economic Recovery and Development consulting firm supporting governments, nonprofit organizations, public-private partnerships, and businesses to respond to and prepare for economic disruptions and disasters since 2013. SAGAX is a certified small, woman-owned business by the Small Business Administration. McGregor has over twenty years of experience as an economic development professional through roles in consulting and state and federal government.



TROY MIX

Mix is Associate Director and Policy Scientist with the University of Delaware's Institute for Public Administration (IPA). He leads IPA's Regional Development + Planning Team, which works with communities, individuals, and organizations seeking to shape the future of places they care about. His work focuses on the delivery of data-driven research and analysis, strategic planning, and training services to support the economic and organizational development efforts of governments, business groups, and community stakeholders across Delaware and the mid-Atlantic region.



DR. ERIK R. PAGES

Pages is President and Founder of EntreWorks Consulting, an economic development consulting and policy development firm focused on helping communities and organizations achieve their entrepreneurial potential. Since its founding, EntreWorks has worked with communities in 46 states and overseas. Recent engagements include work for the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Pentagon's Office of Economic Adjustment, the National Association of Counties, the US Small Business Administration, and for communities in states across the country.



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DR. KARYL THOMAS RATTAY

Rattay is the Director of the nationally accredited Division of Public Health (DPH) within the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services. As Delaware's State Health Officer, Dr. Rattay leads nearly 700 employees who promote health, reduce health inequities, and protect Delawareans from disease, environmental hazards, and public health emergencies. She oversees a \$140 million budget and upholds DPH's vision: healthy people in healthy communities.

A.J. SCHALL JR.



Schall became the Director of the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) in 2015 and in 2020 was also named the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor.

Schall brings a background in public safety to the agency, complementing it with emergency management and corporate experience. Since becoming Director, DEMA has facilitated multiple State of Emergencies, FEMA Graded Exercises and launched an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) program.

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