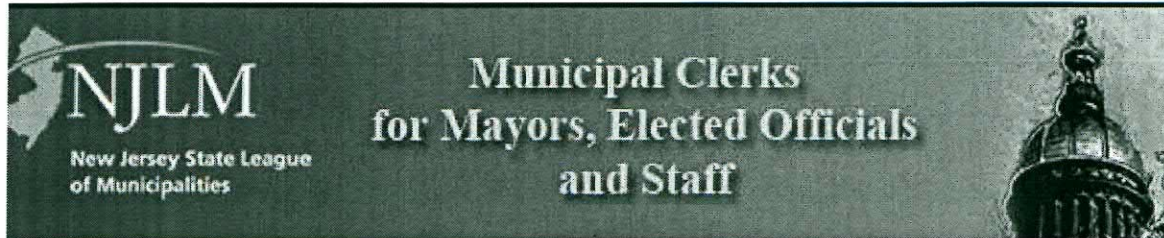


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March 29, 2010

**RE: I. Impact of Federal Healthcare Reform on Local Governments**

Dear Mayor:

Last week, President Obama signed into law landmark Healthcare Reform legislation. This has been described, by both proponents and opponents of the initiative, as the most significant piece of Federal social legislation, since the "Great Society" Civil Rights and Voting Rights Acts of the 1960's.

Inevitably, the reforms will effect municipal government. Accordingly, we have posted on our website the first, of what will be a series, of memos analyzing the new reforms. The memo, which can be accessed at <http://www.njslom.com/letters/NLC-health-care.html>, was prepared by Neil Bomberg, who serves on the Federal Relations staff of our watchdog in Washington, the National League of Cities.

The memo includes the following sections:

- New Requirements for Employers
- Immediate Changes in Health Changes
- The Next Steps.

If you have any questions on this, contact Jon Moran at 609-695-3481, ext. 121.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
Executive Director

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**Re: II. Shaping the "City" of New Jersey Conference**

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Dear Mayor:

The League of Municipalities in conjunction with the Rutgers faculty and Cooperative Extension staff are committed to providing solutions for New Jersey residents and governing bodies. Because our State is projected to be the first in the country to be fully “built-out” we believe there must be an increased emphasis on urban and suburban issues. To this end, Rutgers is hosting a *Shaping the “City” of New Jersey Conference* that will bring together elected officials, Environmental County Agents, the NGO community, Rutgers faculty and staff to address environmental and economic issues facing the State’s urban and suburban communities. Our goal is to develop economically feasible and creative solutions for the myriad environmental and infrastructure issues confronting municipalities today. The conference will be held at the Cook Campus Continuing Studies Conference Center on Friday, April 16, 2010.

Panel discussions will focus on green infrastructure and job creation, and highlight work currently in progress across the State that is providing environmental and economic benefits to local communities. We cordially invite you to join us for the Conference, which is being funded by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. Should you be unable to attend, we hope that you will designate a member of your administration to represent you at the event. Information **for free** Conference registration is available at the website [www.water.rutgers.edu](http://www.water.rutgers.edu).

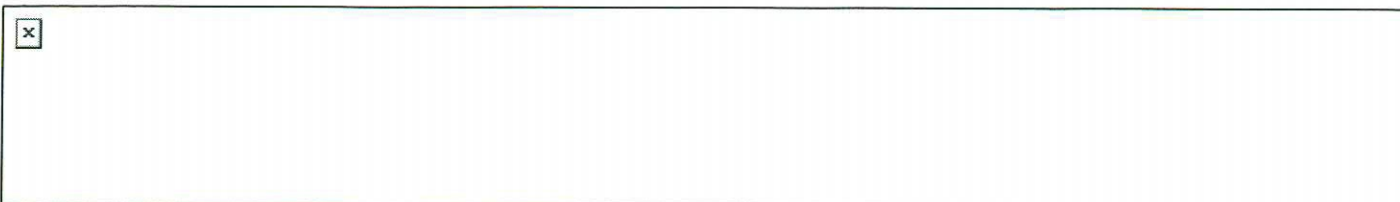
We hope you will join us for what promises to be an informative and beneficial collaboration between Rutgers faculty and staff, local elected officials, and representatives of New Jersey’s NGO community.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
Executive Director

Beth Ravit, Ph.D.

Christopher Obropta, P.E., Ph.D.



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## Conference AGENDA

A workshop that brings together Rutgers faculty working on urban-suburban issues, Rutgers Environmental County agents, non-governmental organizations, and public officials throughout the State to craft sustainable solutions.

### **8:30 Breakfast & Registration**

**9:00 Opening Speaker (Dr. Steven Handel, Center for Urban Restoration Ecology)**

### **9:30 Urbanity Panel: What do we really mean by urbanization in New Jersey?**

- **Dr. Wolfram Hoefler: Moderator** – Department of Landscape Architecture & Design, Rutgers, New Brunswick
- **David Tulloch** – Center for Remote Sensing & Spatial Analysis
- **Judy Shaw** – Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy, National Center for Neighborhood & Brownfields Redevelopment
- **Rob Wisniewski**, Director of Sustainable Development, Newark
- **Claus Holzapfel** – Fusion Ecology Lab, Rutgers, Newark
- **Dean Cardasis** – Department of Landscape Architecture & Design, Rutgers, New Brunswick

### **10:15 Coffee**

### **10:30 Economy Panel: Green infrastructure and green jobs**

- **Dr. Christopher Obropta: Moderator** – Department of Environmental Sciences, Rutgers, New Brunswick
- **Tony Broccoli** - Rutgers Center for Environmental Prediction
- **Bob Ceberio** - Executive Director, NJ Meadowlands Commission
- **Robin Dougherty** – Executive Director, Greater Newark Conservancy
- **Jason Grabosky** – Urban Forester, Rutgers, New Brunswick
- **Kevin Lyons** - V.P. Purchasing, Rutgers University

### **11:15 Solutions Panel: In-ground projects – Pros & Cons**

- **Dr. Beth Ravit: Moderator** – Department of Environmental Sciences, Rutgers, New Brunswick
  - **Debbie Mans**, NY/NJ Baykeeper
  - **Frank Gallagher**, NJDEP
  - **Greg Remaud**, NY/NJ Baykeeper
  - **Raymond Dressler**, Director, Bergen County Parks Department
  - **Bill Sheehan**, Hackensack Riverkeeper
  - **Michelle Knapik**, Dodge Foundation
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**12:30 Lunch – Poster Presentations**

**1:00 Luncheon Speaker**

**1:30 Christopher Obropta  
Environmental & Natural Resource County Agents**

**2:00 Needs Assessment Breakout Work Groups (by County)**

**3:00 Break**

**3:15 County Needs Analyses – Top Priorities**

**4:00 Closing Remarks, Dean Bob Goodman**

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