

JOIN US!

The **Partnership for the Delaware Estuary** is seeking abstracts for the eighth Delaware Estuary Science and Environmental Summit to be held January 27–30, 2019 in Cape May, New Jersey. This three-day conference retreat will bring together scientists, researchers, and environmental education specialists to share information. This conference is an excellent opportunity for professionals from diverse sectors of the environmental field to network with and learn from each other. The seventh Science and Environmental Summit held in 2017, consisted of more than 150 presentations and was attended by almost 300 stakeholders.

The theme, **Estuary 2029: Saving Our System Through Collaboration**, highlights interdisciplinary and cross-sector relationships that will be needed to successfully implement the new Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan for the Delaware Estuary. Attendees will be invited to forge new collaborations that promote ecosystem-based science, management and restoration. Join us at the summit to celebrate science, nature and the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary.

WHAT ARE THE TOPICS?

The program will include a full range of material related to current and emerging issues within the Estuary. Each speaker will be given 15 minutes for an oral presentation. Oral presentations will be limited, and poster presentations are strongly encouraged. A significant amount of conference time will be allocated toward poster sessions, and each poster will be affiliated with oral session topics.

Session themes may include but are not limited to:

- Communicating Science
- Ecological Linkages
- Hot Topics
- Innovative Outreach
- Living Resources
- Monitoring & Assessment
- Physical & Chemical Processes
- Restoration & Conservation
- Water Quality & Quantity
- Wetlands & Other Habitats

Depending on contributions, special sessions for 2019 may include:

- Critical Habitats
- Emerging Energy Issues
- Habitat Migration
- Blue Carbon
- Environmental Justice

Visit www.DelawareEstuary.org for the up-to-date agenda. Join us from January 27–30, 2019 to present your exciting new research or activity!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Environmental researchers
- Environmental education and outreach specialists
- University extension specialists and marine agents
- State and federal resource managers
- Environmental consultants and corporations
- Environmental interest groups
- Municipal officials
- Graduate and undergraduate environmental students
- Concerned citizens

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT ONLINE

Abstracts are encouraged for any environmental topic related to the Delaware Estuary and its watershed. One of the conference goals is to share information with people from diverse sectors who would not normally be exposed to your topic. Therefore, please plan for a general audience who may not be knowledgeable about sector-specific jargon or interested in detailed methodologies. Presenters are not limited in the number of presentations they may submit.

Please visit www.DelawareEstuary.org to submit your abstract. The body of the abstract must be 300 words or less. By submitting an abstract, you and all co-authors agree to have the abstract published in the program and online.

Abstracts are due August 31st.

Next Steps

Abstracts will be reviewed for quality and relevance to the conference goals and theme. Notification of acceptance, tentative conference schedule, and registration information will be distributed in October. All speakers will be required to pay the regular registration fee. Special rates will be available for students.

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