



Stockton Hosting Northeast Shore and Beach Preservation Association's Major Coastal Conference

Many Sessions to Focus on Hurricane Sandy Recovery, Sept. 9-11

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Galloway Township, NJ – The Coastal Research Center of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is hosting the annual Major Coastal Conference at the main campus here, **Monday through Wednesday, Sept. 9-11** beginning at 8:45 a.m.

The Northeast Shore and Beach Preservation Association (NSBPA), a chapter of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, represents members from coastal states from Maine to New Jersey.

This conference will showcase speakers discussing a variety of coastal-related disciplines such as engineering, science and management. This year, however, many of the sessions will be related to Hurricane Sandy and the recovery.

"This conference is very timely now that Federal and State agencies are wrestling with how to implement coastal resiliency in light of climate change," said Doug Gaffney, president of the organization and a coastal engineer from Voorhees, NJ. "This is a key moment in the region's recovery."

The three-day conference includes an optional field trip to Long Beach Island on Wednesday, Sept. 11.

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The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association was founded in 1926 by individuals who recognized the need for an organized effort to combat erosion, a serious problem in many coastal areas.

For more information about the NSBPA or to register for the Major Coastal Conference, please visit the NSBPA's website at www.nsbpa.org or contact Daniel Barone of the Coastal Research Center at Daniel.Barone@stockton.edu, (609) 652-4245.

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