

8th Annual Environmental Health Summit
What's in our Food
October 10, 2025

9:30am Registration, Coffee and Continental Breakfast

10:00am Welcome, CEED Leadership

10:15am Panel and facilitated conversation: What's in our Food?

Moderator: -Shereyl Snider, Program Coordinator, East Trenton Collaborative

Contaminants

Rob Laumbach, MD, MPH – Associate Professor, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health and Justice, Rutgers School of Public Health

Processing and Fortification

Joshua W. Miller, PhD, DFASN, Professor and Chair, Department of Nutritional Sciences, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University

Pesticides

Mark Gregory Robson, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Distinguished Professor, Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Rutgers School of Graduate Studies

Pathogens

Donald W. Schaffner, Ph.D. – Department Chair, Distinguished Professor, Extension Specialist, Department of Food Science, Rutgers University

11:15am Panel and facilitated conversation: What's in our Children's Food?

Moderator: Nikki Baker, Organizer, New Jersey Work Environment Council (NJWEC)

Pregnancy and Breast Milk

Emily S. Barrett, PhD, George G. Rhoads Endowed Legacy Professor, Vice Chair, Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, Rutgers School of Public Health

Toddler and Early Childhood

Mackenzie Ferrante, Ph.D., RDN – Assistant Professor, Department of Nutritional Sciences, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University

School Lunches

Marion Williams, Chef, National Program Director, Wellness In the Schools

12:20pm Keynote: Norah MacKendrick, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers University

12:40pm Keynote: Tobias A. Fox, Founder & Managing Director of Newark Science and Sustainability, Inc.; Founder & Facilitator of Newark Community Food System

LUNCH 1:00pm to 2:00pm

2:00pm Plastics in Food

Rebecca Florsheim, MD, MPH, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

2:15pm Panel and facilitated conversation: Creating Access to Healthier Food

Moderator: Heather Sorge, Program and Community Organizing Manager, Lead-Free NJ

Alex Caroleo, Farm Market Director, City Green Inc.

Cara Cuite, Ph.D. – Associate Extension Specialist, Associate Professor, Undergraduate Program Director, Department of Human Ecology, Rutgers University

Nurgul Fitzgerald, Ph.D., MS, RD – Associate Professor, Department of Nutritional Sciences, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University

Alicia Newcomb, Executive Director, C.R.O.P.S. (Communities Revolutionizing Open Public Spaces)

3:00pm Panel and facilitated conversation: On Local, State and Federal Food Policy

Moderator: Amy Goldsmith, New Jersey State Director, Clean Water Action

Jackie Bavaro, MPH – Senior Policy Analyst, Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)

Charlie Kratovil, – Organizer, Food and Water Watch

Marta Young, Zero Waste Specialist, Clean Water Action

3:50pm Closing Remarks