



Extreme Weather Community Resiliency Summit

October 8-10, 2014
Tom Ridge Environmental Center
Erie, Pennsylvania

AGENDA

Intense storm and flooding events are happening more frequently than in the past and are expected to continue to increase into the future, threatening Erie's homes, businesses and critical infrastructure. The need for communities to prepare, adapt, recover, and thrive in the face of disastrous events is at an all-time high. This summit will bring together members of the Erie community to discuss the actions needed to help create a hazard resilient and emergency prepared coastal community.

This summit is intended for all audiences; however, Thursday evening's presentations have been tailored toward a more general audience, while Friday's presentations are adapted towards professionals, business owners, and municipalities.

First 45 registered for the Thursday evening public workshop will receive a free Emergency Preparedness "Go-Bag" sponsored by the American Red Cross and Erie Insurance. Limit one Go-Bag per household. All are welcome!

Featured Films:

Green City Clean Waters: A 30 minute documentary created for the Philadelphia Water Department on Philadelphia's plan to transform the city into an oasis of rain gardens, green roofs, treescapes, and porous pavements, which advocates say is less expensive than tunnels and makes for a more livable, prettier city with higher property values and better community health. For more information, check out: <http://www.stormwaterpa.org/>

Extreme Realities: In the wake of recent weather related disasters, we ask ourselves these fundamental questions: Are these merely weather events that happen once in a hundred years — or are they early warning signals of a new reality — a new normal — a tipping point pushing our planet towards an environmental cliff? And can we stop this from happening? Narrated by Matt Damon, Extreme Realities investigates the link between severe weather, climate change, and threats to our national security. For more information, or to check out the trail, follow this link: <http://www.screenscope.com/extreme.html>



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Wednesday, OCTOBER 8, 2014

5:30 pm **Registration Opens**

6:00 pm Film Screening: *Extreme Realities*
Big Green Screen

Thursday, OCTOBER 9, 2014

5:30 pm **Registration Opens**

5:50 – 6:00 pm Welcome
Room 112

6:00 – 6:40 pm Film Screening: *Green City, Clean Waters*
Big Green Screen
Anita Brook Dupree - GreenTreks Network, Inc.

6:40 – 7:15 pm Concurrent Sessions A: **Forget the politics, it's time to prepare!**
Room 112
Dale Robinson - Erie County Emergency Management

6:40 – 7:15 pm Concurrent Sessions A: **Personal Resiliency as a Basis for Community Resiliency**
Room 110
Tom Cook - Mercyhurst University

7:15 – 7:25 pm BREAK

7:25 – 8:10 pm Keynote Speaker: **Before Disasters Strikes: What's in Your "Go Bag"**
Room 112
Trish Lawrence - Erie County, American Red Cross

8:10 – 8:45 pm Sessions B: **Severe Weather**
Room 110
Sarah Jamison – NOAA National Weather Service

8:45 – 9:00 pm **Wrap Up**
Room 112

Friday, OCTOBER 10, 2014

8:45 – 9:00 am **Registration Opens**

9:00 – 9:15 am Welcome
Room 112

9:15 – 10:15 am Film Screening w/ Panel: *Green City, Clean Waters*
Big Green Screen
Anita Brook Dupree - GreenTreks Network, Inc.
Dan Dahlkemper - Dahlkemper Landscaping

10:15 – 10:55 am Session A: **Climate Change and Biophilic Design**
Room 112
Adam Trott – Adam Trott Architect

10:55 – 11:05 am BREAK

11:05 – 11:45 am Session B: **Extreme Weather Threats Facing Northwestern Pennsylvania**
Room 112
Kerry Moyer - Edinboro University

11:45 – 12:25 pm Session C: **Severe Weather and Emergency Management**
Room 112
Matthew Exley - Millcreek Township

12:25 – 12:30 pm BREAK

12:30 – 1:30 pm **LUNCH with Keynote: Prepare, Respond and Recover**
Room 112
Scott Graham – Mid-Atlantic Region, American Red Cross

1:30 – 1:40 pm BREAK

1:40 – 2:20 pm Session D: **Safety After the Storm**
Room 112
Rich Pietron - OSHA

2:20 – 3:20 pm Panel Discussion: **Utility' Extreme Weather Impacts and Preparedness**
Room 112
Bill Jerin - Penelec
Michael Anderson - National Fuel
Craig Kern - Erie Water Authority

3:20 – 3:30 pm **Wrap up**
Room 112
