



# 2ND ANNUAL SOS SACO BAY COASTAL CONFERENCE

## A CALL TO ACTION - CONFRONTING RISING SEAS AND COASTAL EROSION

FERRY BEACH RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER IN SACO, MAINE IS HOSTING THE 2ND ANNUAL SOS SACO BAY COASTAL CONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2023, 8:00AM - 4:30PM!

ATTENDEES WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL EARN SIX (6.0) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS

### HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

**Keynote Address:**

Lori K. Gramlich, Maine State House of Representatives

**Protecting Critical Infrastructure:**

Cassie Bethoney, RLA, Weston & Sampson Design Studio

**Confronting Accelerated Shoreline Erosion:**

Anders Bjarngard, PE, GZA GeoEnvironmental

**Rotating Field Stations on the Beach:**

Robert Anderson, Peter Slovinsky & Peter. M. Hanrahan

**Special Student Track:**

Students also attend Keynote and all Afternoon Sessions

...AND MORE! SEE FULL SCHEDULE ON BACK!

### EVENT LOCATION

Rowland Hall

Ferry Beach Retreat & Conference Center  
14 Boardwalk Drive, Saco, Maine

*Parking Along Boardwalk Drive, 21 Ferry Park Ave,  
and 96 Seaside Ave*

### REGISTRATION

**\$85.00** General Admission

**\$60.00** Government Admission

**\$25.00** Student Admission

*Registration includes food, refreshments, all breaks  
and conference materials*

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# SESSION SCHEDULE

8:00 - 8:30AM Registration & Exhibits

8:30 - 9:00 AM Keynote Address  
*Lori K. Gramlich, Maine State House of Representatives;  
Old Orchard Beach, ME*

9:00 - 9:15 AM SOS Saco Bay – A Coastal Update  
*David Plavin, Vice President, SOS Saco Bay, Saco, ME*

9:15 - 10:00 AM Living Shorelines –  
On the Ground in the State of Maine  
*Paul Bernacki, The Home Place Team, Belmont, ME*

10:00 - 10:30 AM Break in the Exhibit Area

10:30 - 11:00 AM Confronting Accelerated Shoreline Erosion at  
Plum Island, Newburyport, MA  
*Anders Bjarngard, PE, GZA GeoEnvironmental; Amesbury, MA*

11:00 - 11:30 AM Protecting Critical Infrastructure at Prescott Park in  
Portsmouth, NH  
*Cassie Bethoney, RLA, Weston & Sampson Design Studio;  
Boston, MA*

11:30 - 12:00 PM Regulatory Update  
*Marybeth Richardson, Maine Department of Environmental  
Protection; Portland, ME*

12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch Provided/Exhibits

1:00 - 2:00 PM Rotating Field Stations on the Beach

1. Shoreline Construction: Planning & Implementation  
*Robert Anderson, Maine Coastal Protection, LLC; North Yarmouth, ME*
2. Understanding the Ferry Beach Shoreline  
*Peter Slovinsky, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry; Augusta, ME*
3. What are the Future Options for Protecting Camp Ellis Beach?  
*Peter M. Hanrahan, CPESC; Hanrahan Environmental, LLC; Topsham, ME*

2:00 - 2:30 PM Salt Marsh Restoration at the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge  
*Rachel Stearns, Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge; Wells, ME*

2:30 - 3:00 PM Break in the Exhibit Area

3:00 - 3:30 PM Erosion control, Private Structures and the Loss of Public Access in Camden Harbor  
*Alison McKellar, Town of Camden; Camden, ME*

3:30 - 4:00 PM Working with Proactive Communities in Coastal Maine on Climate Resilience  
*Maggie Kelly-Boyd and Bina Skordas, FB Environmental Associates; Portland, ME*

4:00 - 4:30 PM Wrap Up Session/Questions & Answers

4:30 PM Adjourn

## STUDENT TRACK

9:30 - 10:00 AM  
**Welcome to the Schiller Center**  
*Holly Parker, Pd. D., Bowdoin College;  
Brunswick, ME*

10:00 - 10:30 AM  
**Climate Ready Coast**  
*Abbie Sherwin, Southern Maine Planning and  
Development Commission; Saco, ME*

10:30 - 11:00 AM  
**Sea Level Rise and Coastal Flooding**  
*Hannah Baranes, Ph. D., Gulf of Maine  
Research Institute; Portland, ME*

11:00 - 11:30 PM  
**Technology and Tools for Coastal  
Protection**  
*Michael Everhart, Everett J. Prescott, Inc.;  
Gardiner, ME*

11:30 - 12:00 PM  
**Resilient Infrastructure**  
*Nathan Robbins, Maine Department of  
Environmental Protection; Augusta, ME*

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