**![[USDA Forest Service]]()Rutgers Center for Resilient Landscapes**

**2017 Fall Symposium**

Tuesday, September 12th, 9 am - 2 pm

Rutgers Food Science and Nutritional Sciences Building West (65 Dudley Road), Old Dudley’s Café

**Schedule**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**9 am: Welcome**

Jason Grabosky, Professor in Urban Forestry, Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources, Rutgers University

**9:15 – 10:15 am: Introduction of USDA Forest Service Field Offices Staff and Science**

Keith Nislow, Project Leader and Research Ecologist, Northern Research Station, and other USDA Forest Service scientists

**10:15 – 10:30am: BREAK**

**10:30 – 11:30am: CRL Fellow Presentations**

**Moderators:** Michelle Johnson, Research Ecologist, USFS / Myla Aronson, Research Scientist, Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources, Rutgers University

* Dr. Nazia Arbab, CRL Postdoctoral Fellow, "*Assessing the forest vulnerability in Raritan River Basin*"
* Dan Clark, CRL Graduate Fellow, “*Predictors of park utilization among Kids in Parks’ TRACK trails program participants*”
* Amy Gage, CRL Graduate Fellow, “*In search of genetic resources to sustain the maritime forests: a study of coastal ecotypes*”
* Nicole Cohen, CRL Undergraduate Fellow, “*Legacy soil characteristics in the urban context*”

**11:30am – 12:00 noon: Discussion of Fellow Presentations**

**12:00 noon – 1:00pm: Poster Session and Lunch on your own at Harvest**

**1:00 – 2:00pm: CRL Business Meeting (all welcome)**

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*The Center for Resilient Landscapes (CRL) is a new center located on Rutgers’ George H. Cook Campus. It is a collaborative research effort of Rutgers University, the USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station, and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. The objective of the Center is to focus on the development of social-ecological system resilience, from short-term recovery, to longer-term restoration, to fundamental system re-organization or resistance.*