

**Forum on the Environmental Programs and Policies of the Whitman Administration**  
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**Eagleton Institute of Politics**

**Participants**

**Nancy H. Becker** is the program development associate for the Rutgers Eagleton Center on the American Governor. She was the founder of Nancy Becker Associates, an independent public affairs consulting firm that she guided for 30 years. (She represented the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, her first client, for all of those years.) Becker oversaw the firm's government affairs and public relations divisions. She sold the firm in July of 2006. She currently chairs the board of Capital Health and serves on the Community Advisory board of NJTV. Previously, Becker served on the boards of Rider University, the Mental Health Association of New Jersey, Greenwood House, and the New Jersey Conservation Foundation. She was a founder of the Christine Todd Whitman Excellence in Public Service Series. She served for eight years as the vice-chair of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and was a long-time member of the board of the American Repertory Ballet, where she served as chair from 2002-2004. Her other affiliations include the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, the Center for Non-Profit Corporations, Women in Philanthropy and the Trust Company of Princeton. In 2004 she received the Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award from the New Jersey Women's Political Caucus and an award from the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners. She was also recognized by the legislature in 2003 as an outstanding woman in New Jersey. In 1998, Becker received a TWIN award from the YWCA. She also authored a handbook on lobbying for Eagleton's Center for American Women and Politics. Becker is a graduate of the University of Michigan and received an M.A. from Manhattan College.

**John O. Bennett, III** is of counsel to Dilworth Paxon LLP where he focuses his experience in municipal law and public finance and is a recognized authority in those fields. He currently is a registered lobbyist with the State of New Jersey. Bennett served as a member of the New Jersey Legislature for more than 24 years. He was first elected to the General Assembly in 1979. In May of 1989, after five terms in the Assembly, he was chosen to fill a vacant seat in the New Jersey Senate and was subsequently re-elected to four more terms. He held the positions of Majority Leader, Senate Co-President and Acting Governor in 2002.

**Bob Bostock** was a member of the Whitman administration from December 1994 to January 2001. During that time, he served in the Governor's office as a speechwriter, senior policy advisor, and senior deputy director of communications for strategic communications planning. He joined Governor Whitman at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where he was assistant to the administrator and chief speechwriter as well as assistant to the administrator for homeland security. After leaving the EPA, he assisted the Governor with her *New York Times* best-seller, *It's My Party Too: The Battle for the Heart of the GOP and the Future of America*. Following more than ten years as a freelance speechwriter, and after a stint as U.S. Senator Jeff Chiesa's speechwriter during his brief service as an interim senator, in January 2014 Bostock returned to government as director of communications for Congressman Rodney P. Frelinghuysen. In November 2014, he returned to state government, where he now serves as director of strategic communications at the NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

In July 2013, Bostock was appointed by Governor Christie to serve as chairman of the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission. In 2007, Bostock was elected to the Lawrence Township Council, where he served one term.

**Arthur R. Brown, Jr.** served as New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture from 1982 through 2001. His contributions included the establishment of the highly popular "Jersey Fresh" marketing campaign, which became a model for other agriculture departments across the country, and the implementation of a nationally recognized biological pest control program. Brown worked to help win support for a stable source of state funding for farmland preservation with the realization of the Garden State Preservation Trust Act in 1999, which established a constitutionally dedicated source of funding for both farmland and open space preservation. He also led efforts to extend the farmland preservation program to the Pinelands. Brown worked with the Legislature to amend the state's Right to Farm Act to provide greater protection for farmers from restrictive municipal ordinances and public and private nuisance actions. Over the years, he served in leadership positions for various national and state agriculture organizations and received countless awards and commendations recognizing him for his tenacity. Brown has served as associate director for outreach with Rutgers' Food Policy Institute and remains a strong proponent of important agricultural programs, including farmland preservation, biological pest control, soil and water conservation, and animal and plant disease prevention.

**Michael Catania** is the executive director of Duke Farms, a 2,742 acre center for stewardship and sustainability. Previously, he was the founder, president and general counsel of Conservation Resources Inc. Catania began his career with the Office of Legislative Services for the New Jersey Legislature. From 1974 to 1981, he staffed the various agricultural and environmental committees of the legislature, drafting many of New Jersey's conservation and environmental laws, including the Pinelands Protection Act, the Conservation and Historic Preservation Restriction Act, the Natural Areas System Act, and the Green Acres Bond Acts. Catania was the first director of the Office of Regulatory Services at the NJDEP and in 1986 became the deputy commissioner of DEP, serving in that position under two governors and three commissioners until 1990. He taught environmental law and policy as a visiting professor at the Eagleton Institute of Politics and Cook College at Rutgers and was the executive director of the Nature Conservancy of New Jersey from 1991 until 2003. Catania served as a founding member and co-chair of the Stockton Alliance; vice chair of the Mendham Borough Environmental Commission; and co-chair of the Coalition to Preserve Natural Resources. In 1993 he founded the Coalition for Conservation. Catania holds a BA from Livingston College, an MA in political science from Rutgers University, where he was an Eagleton Fellow, and a JD from the Rutgers School of Law in Camden. He is a member of the New Jersey Bar and has been admitted to practice law in the state since 1981.

**Carol Cronheim** recently stepped down as New Jersey's assistant secretary of state. Her responsibilities included the cultural divisions in the Department, including the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the New Jersey Cultural Trust, the New Jersey Historical Commission, the State Museum, and the Archives. Her previous government experience includes serving as deputy chief of policy and planning in the Whitman administration, where she also served as a speechwriter, the senior advisor for cultural affairs, a policy advisor, and as Acting Secretary of State. Governor Whitman nominated Cronheim to serve on the first board of the New Jersey Cultural Trust, where she served as

vice chair and chair until 2012. She also served as chair of the State Capitol Joint Management Commission. Cronheim serves on the boards of ArtPride NJ, (the statewide arts advocacy organization), the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission, and The Princeton Charter Club. She is a Republican committeewoman in Hunterdon County. From 2008-2011, Cronheim was the seminar director for Leadership New Jersey. Earlier, she was the legislative director to New Jersey Assemblyman (now Congressman) Leonard Lance (R-23). In 1990 and 1991, she served in the Bush Administration on the staffs of the National Endowment for the Arts and the President's Commission on the Federal Appointment Process. During the second Kean administration, she worked for the New Jersey Department of State and the Governor's Office. Cronheim has a degree in classics from Princeton University, a master's in politics from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, and a Ph.D. from the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers.

**Judy Jengo**, currently senior policy advisor in the Office of the Commissioner at the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), works on various state policy matters, coordinates the US Environmental Protection Agency/NJDEP goal-based joint Performance Partnership Agreement for NJDEP, and is NJDEP's liaison to the Governor's Office regarding appointments to boards, councils and commissions. Prior New Jersey state service involved tenure as the first executive director of the Garden State Preservation Trust, the organization created to oversee and implement Governor Whitman's stable source of funding initiative for the preservation of open space, farmland and historic sites throughout New Jersey. Jengo previously served as deputy commissioner at the NJDEP; senior policy advisor in Governor Whitman's Policy Office working with environmental, agricultural, sustainability and planning issues; and senior policy advisor at the NJ General Assembly Republican Office working with these same issue areas. Other environmental work included executive director positions with environmental NGOs in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, senior environmental planner and GIS coordinator with the RI Department of Environmental Management, and Resource Management Technician with the National Park Service at Gateway National Recreation Area. Education includes a Bachelor of Science degree from Cook College-Rutgers University, Master of Science degree from Colorado State University and PhD coursework at the Rutgers Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. Volunteer work includes previously serving on municipal town council, on the nonprofit Sourland Conservancy board, and oil spill emergency response at Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research, along with current service on a regional open space advisory committee.

**Jane M. Kenny** is a co-founder and the managing partner of The Whitman Strategy Group, LLC, an all-women firm specializing in sustainability issues, including energy and environmental policy and the marketing of innovative environmental technologies. Kenny's experience includes high-level management positions in the private sector and in several complex and diverse government agencies. In 2001, she was appointed by President George W. Bush as the regional administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), where she oversaw the federal agency's work in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Prior to that, she was appointed as commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs by Governor Christine Todd Whitman, and she served as first chief of policy and planning after Whitman's first election. Governor Thomas H. Kean appointed her as cabinet secretary for his second term in office. In between her years in government, she was a vice president of corporate and community affairs in the financial services industry. Kenny is a director at

New Jersey Resources and Chair of its nominating and corporate governance committee and a member of its leadership and development committees. She also serves on the board of NJ Resources Clean Energy Ventures, which invests, owns and operates renewable energy projects. She is on the executive committee for both New Jersey Future and the Sustainable State Institute of New Jersey. She has received numerous national awards, including: the *Good Housekeeping* Award for Women in Government; the National Public Service Award; the Epiphany House Community Partnership Award; “Outstanding Achievement” award for accomplishments in urban revitalization from “City News;” the Excellence in Leadership Fellowship from Women Executives in State Government; the Oliphant Award for Distinguished Leadership in Historic Preservation; and the YWCA Tribute to Women in Industry. She was also named *Governing* magazine’s Public Official of the Year.

**Barbara Lawrence** is the executive director of The Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation. The Foundation has active grant programs in early childhood, aging in place, and medical research. The Foundation also funds organizations with historic ties to the Taub family. An important focus is on local communities in Bergen and Passaic counties, in areas with the greatest needs, including Paterson. Prior to HMTF, she worked on public policy issues in New Jersey for over two decades. She was a co-founder and executive director of New Jersey Future, a research and advocacy organization; senior vice president at Regional Plan Association and associate director of the Governor’s Commission on Science and Technology. As a citizen activist, Lawrence chaired the Waterfront Commission in Hoboken, NJ, which developed an award winning plan that revitalized the river front. Barbara received her undergraduate education from the University of California at Berkeley and her Master’s Degree in Public Affairs from Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School. Barbara is a resident of Englewood, where she lives with her husband, Michael Sage.

**Ruth B. Mandel** is director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics, and Rutgers Board of Governors Professor of Politics. She has led Eagleton’s expansion of graduate and undergraduate offerings and launched new program areas in youth political engagement, immigrant political behavior, and the study of governors. In 1971, Professor Mandel co-founded Eagleton’s Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP). As CAWP’S director for over two decades, she developed the nation’s premier research and education center for the study of women’s changing political roles. Her *In the Running: The New Woman Candidate* was the first book about women campaigning for office. During three administrations (1991 to 2006), Mandel held a presidential appointment on the governing council of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Named Council Vice Chairperson by President Clinton in 1993, she led the process to create the Committee on Conscience and became its founding chair. Her board service also includes the Charles H. Revson Foundation and the National Council for Research on Women. She currently serves on the board of the New Jersey Council on the Humanities.

**Joseph J. Maraziti Jr.** represents both public and private sector clients in locally and nationally significant regulatory, transactional and litigation matters involving environmental and redevelopment issues. With more than 40 years of experience in legal issues related to infrastructure and the environment, Maraziti is an active leader and driving force in the redevelopment arena. He previously served as chairman of the New Jersey State Planning Commission, which adopted the State Development and Redevelopment Plan in March 2001. In this role, he worked with the governor’s cabinet, counties, local communities and the private sector to ensure that development and

redevelopment in the State of New Jersey enhances the quality of life for all citizens. Maraziti has also testified before subcommittees of the United States House of Representatives as well as committees of the New Jersey Senate on various redevelopment topics. He is a trustee of New Jersey Future.

**Robert H. Martin** is professor emeritus at Seton Hall Law School. From 1985 to 2008, Martin served in the New Jersey State Legislature, the last fifteen years as a state senator representing portions of Morris, Essex and Passaic Counties. As a legislator, he was the prime sponsor of more than a 100 laws, including the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, the Open Public Records Act, the Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act, and the Act to Repeal the Death Penalty in New Jersey. Since retiring from the Legislature, Martin has been appointed as one of four commissioners on the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation, charged with uncovering crime, waste and mismanagement. The Governor also appointed him to serve on the board of directors of Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the largest health insurer in New Jersey. He also serves as the education policy consultant to the Council of State Governments/Eastern Regional Conference, headquartered in New York City, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE). Martin previously served on the Executive Committee of the Council of State Governments, the New Jersey State Employment and Training Commission, and the Education Commission of the States. He was also a member of the Select Committee to Study the Divorce Laws of New Jersey and chaired the Governor's Task Force on the Treatment of the Criminally Insane. He has taught at Rutgers-Camden Law School as a Visiting Professor and at Rutgers-Newark Law School as an adjunct professor. Before joining the Seton Hall Law School full-time in 1990, Martin was a partner in a New Jersey law firm specializing in land use and municipal practice and represented numerous municipalities as municipal attorney, municipal prosecutor and zoning board attorney and as counsel to three statewide trade organizations.

**Eileen McGinnis** is president of CMC Energy Services and provides oversight of contracts to ensure that all necessary resources are dedicated to each project to guarantee successful implementation. McGinnis has held top policy, regulatory, and management positions in state and federal governments for over two decades. She served as chief of staff to the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency where she provided advice and counsel on the key policy and regulatory issues facing the Agency. As chief of staff to Administrator Christie Whitman, McGinnis directed and coordinated the activities of EPA's 10 regional offices, serving as the administrator's day-to-day manager for the 17,000 employee, \$8 billion Agency. She also managed the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Public Affairs and Communication, and the Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation. McGinnis also served in NJ Governor Christine Todd Whitman's Cabinet as chief of policy where she was responsible for the planning and implementation of major government initiatives and operations across state government. During her tenure as chief of policy, McGinnis was responsible for the design and implementation of the state's historic million-acre land preservation program; served as director of NY/NJ Dredging Task Force, which led to the development of environmentally sound disposal sites; and managed the implementation of a federal-state program to expand health insurance. She also oversaw the development of the State's first Quality of Life Report, which reported to the public what state agencies and departments were doing to implement plans for a sustainable New Jersey. In 2004, McGinnis successfully completed a one-year

mid-career program designed for leaders in public service at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs where she was awarded a certificate in Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy.

**Gil Medina** is the executive vice president at CBRE, Inc. He is responsible for local and global business development and services across all CBRE service lines. Medina has an extensive background in business development and economic development policies. He played a key role in formulating business attraction strategies in his roles as a city councilman for the City of Camden, New Jersey; as a member of former Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell's business advisory team; as the Secretary of Commerce for the State of New Jersey and as an advisor to several state governments. As New Jersey's Commerce Secretary, he was instrumental in attracting billions of dollars and thousands of jobs to the state, creating key incentive, finance and regulatory programs at the core of the state's economic growth policies. He helped lead the re-positioning of a former Johnson and Johnson production facility into The Technology Center of New Jersey, a 50-acre campus which now consists of 6 new buildings totaling 330,000± SF featuring state-of-the-art laboratory, office and production facilities for emerging and established technology and life sciences companies. Medina formerly managed Cushman & Wakefield's New Jersey operations, providing leadership and direction for the East Rutherford, Parsippany and Edison offices. Medina is an attorney, CPA and licensed real estate professional.

**Dave Moore** was executive director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation from 1969-1999 and is now serving on the organization's board of trustees. He is also currently a member of the boards of trustees of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance and the Delaware River Mill Society and is on the executive committee of New Jersey Future. Moore has served on numerous other nonprofits throughout his career, including the New Jersey Natural Lands Trust, New Jersey Tidelands Resource Council, New Jersey Natural Areas Council, New Jersey Recycling Forum, Council on New Jersey Affairs, the state's Waterfowl Advisory Committee, Natural Area Council in Washington, D.C., and the Stockton Alliance.

**Maureen Ogden** served as vice chair of energy sources of the national affairs and legislation committee of The Garden Club of America from 2005-09 and advisor from 2009-15. In New Jersey, she was co-chair of the public policy committee of the NJ Conservation Foundation during those years. A member of the New Jersey General Assembly from 1982-96, she chaired the Assembly's Environment Committee for eight years. She was also a member of the Millburn Township Committee from 1976-81 and mayor of Millburn Township from 1979-81. Ogden is currently a trustee of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation and the New Jersey chapter of The Nature Conservancy. She was a member and the first chair of the Garden State Preservation Trust and chaired the Governor's Council on New Jersey Outdoors. Her work on the arts and environment has earned her numerous national and state honors. Ogden earned her B.A. at Smith College, an M.A. at Columbia University, and an M.C.R.P. from Rutgers.

**Greg Romano** oversees the New Jersey Conservation Foundation's land acquisition program and serves as the organization's assistant director. From 1996 to 2004, Romano was executive director of the State Agriculture Development Committee, an independent authority of state government that administered the State Farmland Preservation Program and related programs. Under his purview, the program preserved more than 900 farms totaling nearly 100,000 acres. Romano also served as executive director of the State Transfer of Development Rights Bank board of directors from its inception in 1997. From 1984-1996, Romano was a deputy attorney general, serving as the lead counsel for the State Agriculture Development Committee and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. In addition, he represented the Department of Environmental Protection, providing advice and representation in state and federal courts. In 2009, Romano was appointed to Governor Christie's transition team agriculture committee. He currently serves as chairman of the Garden State Preservation Trust, which oversees expenditures for the Green Acres, Farmland Preservation and Historic Preservation programs. In addition, he is on the boards of trustees of the Crosswicks-Doctors Creek Watershed Association, Save Hamilton Open Space. Romano holds a J.D. from the Dickinson School of Law and graduated magna cum laude with honors in history from New Jersey's Drew University.

**Robert Shinn** served as freeholder director and freeholder in Burlington County and vice president of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission, where he was instrumental in Pinelands Development Credit Concept and application. As a freeholder, he drafted the resolution creating the Pinelands Conservation Easement and the Pinelands Development Credit Exchange; the purchase of the first Pinelands Development Credit ultimately preserved over 3,000 acres. Shinn placed two \$1 million questions on the ballot: for Pinelands preservation in 1922 and for farmland preservation in 1978. He purchased the first New Jersey conservation easement in the Pinelands in 1978; the first New Jersey Farmland Development rights on four farms, totaling over 600 acres, located in Chesterfield Township; and the first purchase under New Jersey's Farmland Preservation bond issue and farmland program. He also served as manager of research and special projects for Burlington County. Shinn served in the New Jersey Assembly and chaired the Solid Waste Committee. He served as NJ Department of Environmental Protection commissioner from 1994 – 2002. Shinn has served as mayor and township committeeman in Hainesport Township. He currently serves as member of the New Jersey's Pinelands Development Credit Bank board and is president of Sustainability and Stewardship Concepts (S2 Concepts) in Hainesport.

**Gary Sondermeyer** serves as vice president of operations for the Bayshore Recycling Corp of Woodbridge Township, New Jersey. Bayshore is one of New Jersey's largest recyclers, managing seven separate, but related recycling operations on its 55 acre Eco-Complex and Energy Campus. Sondermeyer joined Bayshore following retirement after 30 years of service at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. He served as the agency's chief of staff for 10 years under five different DEP commissioners and six New Jersey governors with a staff of 3,500 employees. Prior to this he served as assistant commissioner for the Department's core permitting programs for three years and spent 17 years within the Solid Waste and Recycling Program where he also served as director.

**John Weingart** is associate director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics. He also chaired New Jersey's Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council from its establishment in 2004 through 2009. Before coming to Eagleton, Weingart worked in New Jersey state government, focusing on environmental and land use issues, during the administrations of Governors Byrne, Kean, Florio and Whitman. His posts included director of the Division of Coastal Resources and assistant commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection; and executive director of the state's Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility Siting Board. He chaired the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission from 2002-2004.

**Thomas Wells** is the director of government relations for The Nature Conservancy in New Jersey. Prior to his tenure with the Conservancy, Wells served in the administrations of New Jersey Governors Tom Kean, Jim Florio and Christie Whitman; for ten years, he was administrator of the nationally recognized Green Acres Program, which has provided over \$3 billion for open space preservation and park improvement projects in New Jersey. Wells also served for nine years as assistant director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, a statewide land conservation organization. He began his professional career working for several New York metropolitan area firms as a landscape architect and urban designer. Wells holds a bachelor of science degree from Rutgers University and a master of landscape architecture degree from the University of Michigan.