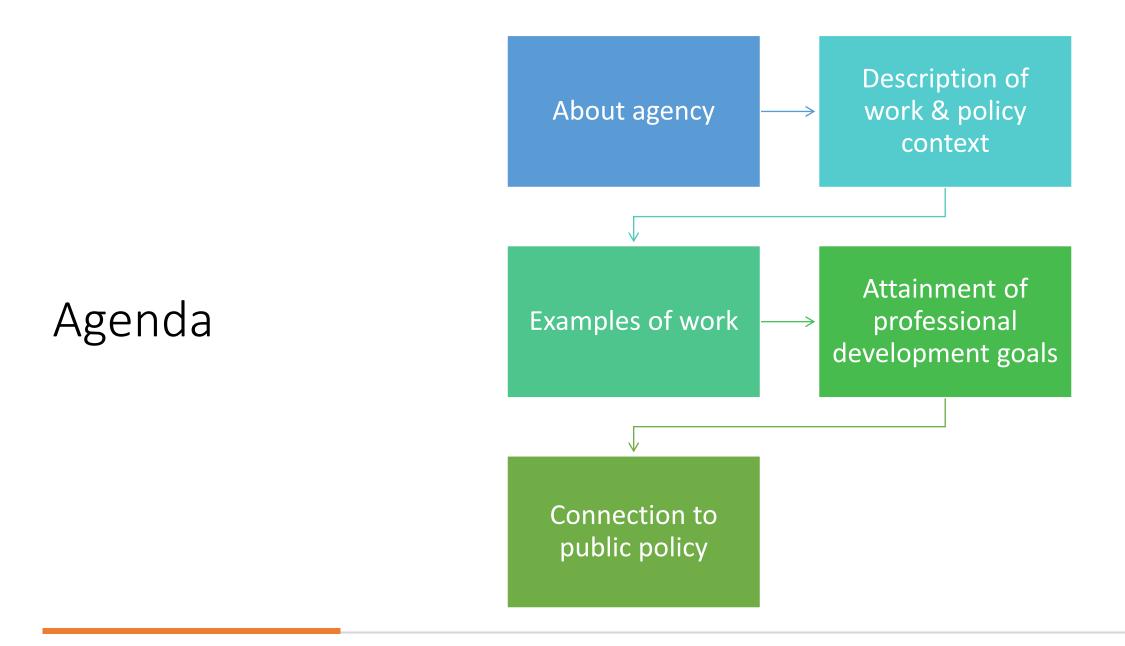
Working for the New Jersey Climate Change Resource Center

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RUTGERS | NJ Climate Change Resource Center

- Housed at Rutgers University
- Chartered in January 2020 to "create and support the use of impartial and actionable science to advance government, public, private, and nongovernmental sector efforts to adapt to, and mitigate, a changing climate"

Source: NJCCRC

Introducing the Climate Resilience Corps

Meet the team of graduate students helping New Jersey municipalities assess and plan for climate hazards.

Watch the Video

Climate Resilience Corps

- "Cohort of graduate students supporting the Center's applied research, analysis, and program work"
 - Develop guidance to practitioners to enhance adaptation, mitigation, and resilience in the public, private, and nongovernmental sectors;
 - <u>Undertake pilot projects that can be replicable throughout the State</u>; and
 - Enhance the State's capacity to address climate risks and impacts through outreach, training, engagement, and education of policy-makers, practitioners, the media, and other key stakeholders.

Description of work & policy context

- Graduate Assistant for NJAdapt project (Spring 2021-Spring 2022)
- Technical skills: data organization, data cleaning, ArcGIS, land use planning, hazard mitigation planning, policy analysis

Relevant policy:

- New Jersey Executive Order 89
- NJ S2607
- 09/10/21 FEMA update to Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs and mitigation planning regulations



Advancing Climate Change Resilience in New Jersey: Intersecting science-informed data visualization tools with guidance and vulnerability assessment to inform resilience and hazard mitigation planning

September 15, 2020

Example of data organization

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Example of work within ArcGIS:

New Jersey Health and Medical Lifelines Flood Exposure Analysis

Attainment of professional development goals

 \checkmark Gain experience in hazard mitigation planning

 \checkmark Work at state level

 \checkmark More experience in ArcGIS

Connection to public policy

- Flood hazard exposure analyses are based on Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) created by FEMA
- FEMA's budget is subject to Congressional allocation and Presidential budget cuts → Out of date, nonexistent FIRMs → Reduced community resilience



Thank you for listening!