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Building the Next Generation of Climate Justice Leaders

The Educate, Motivate, Innovate (EMI) Climate Justice Initiative strives to engage the next generation of climate justice leaders and expand partnerships with Minority Serving Institutions and Tribal Colleges and Universities. The EMI Initiative has issued a Call for Student Climate Justice Abstracts for presentations at the EMI Workshop during the March 8-10, 2017 National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program in Washington, D.C. The next generation of climate justice leaders will engage with

environmental elders and activists as well as influential members of academia, government and non-governmental organizations.

[Read the Blog.](#)

[Learn More.](#)

EPA Training Module “Understanding Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources”

The “Understanding Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources” training module is intended to increase water resource professionals’ understanding of the causes of climate change, its potential impacts on water resources, and the challenges that water resource professionals face. The module describes how federal, state, tribal, and local governments and communities are working to make the United States more resilient to the impacts of climate. The 45-minute training is part of the EPA Watershed Academy Web certificate program.

[Learn More and Take the Training.](#)

1.3 Million Awarded for Community-Based Projects to Improve Health and Ecosystem of Long Island Sound

Twenty-five grants totaling \$1.3 million have been awarded to local government and community groups to improve the health and ecosystem of Long Island Sound. The projects, which are funded through the *Long Island Sound Futures Fund*, will restore 27 acres of habitat, including coastal forest, dunes, and salt marshes for fish and wildlife.

[Read the Press Release.](#)

EPA Provides \$149,000 for Environmental Improvements in San Juan, Puerto Rico

The EPA will fund \$149,000 for green infrastructure design plans and to develop a rain garden within the Caño Martín Peña community. Both projects seek to reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality in the San Juan Bay Estuary’s urban community.

[Read the Press Release.](#)

Federal News

Rebuilding Healthy Homes Guide to Post-Disaster Restoration for a Safe and Healthy Home

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's developed a consumer-friendly resource to provide best practices for creating healthy homes after the impact of a natural disaster. The “Rebuild Healthy Homes: Guide to Post-Disaster Restoration for a Safe and Healthy Home” provides essential information to homeowners for restoring homes damaged by disasters. The Guide includes how-to methods, tips and improvement ideas for safe restoration. The accompanying mobile application provides users with information about post natural disaster restorations of homes.

[Learn More.](#)

[Access the Full Guide.](#)

NOAA Research Links Human-Caused CO₂ Emissions to Dissolving Sea Snail Shells Off U.S. West Coast

NOAA and partner scientists have connected the concentration of human-caused carbon dioxide in waters off the U.S. Pacific coast to the dissolving of shells of microscopic marine sea snails called pteropods.

[Read the Press Release.](#)

[Learn More.](#)

Building Resilience to Climate Change One Landscape at a Time

The “Resilient Lands and Waters Initiative” report highlights the efforts of seven partnerships to build resilience of natural resources in the U.S. These partnerships demonstrate the benefits of using existing collaborative, landscape-scale conservation approaches to address climate change, and other resource management challenges.

[Read the Press Release.](#)

[Read the Full Report.](#)

Take A Deeper Look into the 2010-2015 Texas Drought Through this New Interactive Web App

From 2010-2015, Texas experienced a wild hydrological rollercoaster, marked with both extreme drought and wet conditions. A new NOAA web application allows users to take a deeper look into this recent multi-year Texas drought and ongoing scientists' efforts to understand it.

[Access the StoryMap.](#)

[Learn More.](#)

Safeguarding Our Cultural Past from Climate Change at Cape Lookout

Sea level rise, storm surges, and other climate change impacts are making the future more uncertain for structures like Cape Lookout National Seashore’s historic lighthouse, a beacon of our nation’s rich maritime past. The Climate Science Centers are helping the National Park Service pinpoint specific threats to the cultural and natural resources of Cape Lookout and other parks.

[Learn More.](#)

Building Resilience in the San Francisco Bay Region

To enhance sea level rise adaptation, the San Francisco Bay Area Sentinel Site Cooperative focuses on bridging natural and built adaptation planning, supporting development of a regional network for early detection and forecasting of marsh ecosystem changes, and fostering resilience efforts that incorporate connections between the ocean and bay.

[Learn More.](#)

Other News

Climate Adaptation: The State of Practice in U.S. Communities

“Climate Adaption: The State of Practice in U.S. Communities”, is the first study to examine in depth actions that multiple municipalities are taking to address climate-change fueled events like flooding, heat waves, wildfires and intense storms. Findings state that more municipalities are preparing for climate risks than is conventionally believed, many of those actions support multiple community goals and values, and despite the progress much more work is necessary to comprehensively address climate risks.

[Read the Full Report.](#)

[Learn More.](#)

Study Shows Ocean Acidification is Two-Front Assault on Coral Reefs

Scientists studying coral reefs in volcanically acidified water of the southwestern Pacific Ocean measured a net loss of coral reef skeletons due to increased bio-erosion by worms and other organisms.

[Learn More.](#)

A How-To Guide for Co-Production of Actionable Science

A new guide provides a set of recommendations to help scientists, managers, funders and other stakeholders to successfully carry out co-production. The guide was authored by four members of the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science, the advisory committee for the Climate Science Centers and National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center.

[Learn More.](#)

Report Highlights Lessons from the Rebuild by Design Competition

A new report captures and shares lessons learned from key resilience projects that were developed through the Rebuild by Design competition following Hurricane Sandy.

[Read the Full Report.](#)

Upcoming Events

[See a calendar of climate change and water-related training, conferences, and webinars.](#)

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