

State News for NSPE Members

Environmental Bills Introduced to Fight Climate Change in Delaware

A collection of legislation was recently introduced that government representatives say would help to drive the state towards a more sustainable future, [wrde.com reports](https://www.wrde.com/reports).

House Bill 99, known as the Delaware Climate Change Solutions Act of 2023, was released from the House Natural Resources and Energy Committee. The bill aligns with the state's climate action plan and establishes a target of greenhouse gas emissions reductions over the long term to mitigate the adverse affects of climate change.

Aspects of the bill include developing resilience strategies, requiring state agencies to consider climate change in decision-making, requiring an implementation report every two years on the state's progress, and creating climate change officers in certain cabinet-level departments who will assist the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control with the climate plan's ongoing implementation.

The bill touches on the fact that Delaware has the lowest mean elevation of any state in the nation and is therefore particularly vulnerable to climate change impacts like sea level rise, flooding, erosion and beach loss, saltwater intrusion into drinking water, and more. It goes on to address the ways that climate change can affect the health and well-being of the people who live in Delaware by disrupting the state's agriculture industry, water and natural resources, built infrastructure, and public health. [Read more.](#)

Delaware Breaks Ground on I-95, Route 896 Interchange Project

The Delaware Department of Transportation recently broke ground on the more than \$280 million I-95/Route 896 interchange improvement project, [Transportation](#)

Today reports.

The construction project will reconfigure the existing 60-year-old interchange ramps, widen and rehabilitate existing bridges, widen I-95 northbound and southbound, and construct new bridges, retaining walls, sign structures, and lighting. A path spanning the interchange will be built to provide a connection for bicycle and foot traffic from Newark to Glasgow.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2025. The federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provided 50% of the funding. Route 896 connects Newark to the University of Delaware. [Read more.](#)

Army Corps Updates Delaware Dune and Beach Construction Timetable

The US Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District released an update on the construction schedule for ongoing dune and beach nourishment work along the Delaware coast. Corps' contractor, Weeks Marine Inc., is bringing a third hopper dredge to the site, which will significantly impact the schedule with construction beginning earlier than anticipated in several communities, [Delaware Business Now reports.](#)

In April, Weeks Marine began conducting dredging and beachfill operations in Rehoboth Beach as part of a contract to conduct periodic nourishment on three dune and beach fill projects along the Delaware coast. The contract is a joint effort between the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. [Read more.](#)



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Keynote Speakers



Bill Samuels, Jr., Chairman Emeritus of Maker's Mark Distillery, will open the NSPECon 23 meeting. Samuels, who helped design both the Gemini and Polaris missiles and became friends with the founding administrator of NASA, will talk about the, "Trials and Tribulations of a Failed Aerospace Engineer."



Megan Bendtzen, CEO and Founder of TheDoctorofFun.com, will completely shift your perspective, debunking the myths and mysteries of work-life balance and the pursuit of happiness during the keynote speech “P.L.A.Y. to Win: It Actually is All Fun and Games...The Secret to Increasing Profits, Positivity and Productivity.”

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NSPE Welcomes New VP for Membership, State Engagement

NSPE recently welcomed **Rodneikka Scott, MSc, CAE**, as its new Vice President of Member and State Engagement. In this role, Scott will be responsible for executing NSPE’s strategic vision and the association’s approach to membership, professional practice, and learning. She will also oversee NSPE’s current state engagement efforts, the customer service center, and the ethics team.



Prior to joining NSPE, Scott spent four years as the Chief Membership and Diversity Programs Officer of the Endocrine Society. She played a crucial role in managing the organization’s membership approach, engaging with internal and external stakeholders, and revamping the member value proposition to include a suite of new member benefits. Scott draws on more than 17 years of diverse experience in the membership, marketing, communications, volunteer relations, and education sectors to support member services and diversity programs. [Read more](#) .

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Volunteers are the [heart of NSPE](#) . NSPE is committed to building valuable experiences for all our members by offering a variety of long term and short-term opportunities to get engaged. Visit the [Get Involved Page](#) to learn more about available opportunities. [Submit an application](#) for a 2023-24 committee by **June 2**.

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