**A Public Forum on the Proposed Plan for the Lower 8 Miles of the Lower Passaic River**

July 22, 2014 at the Atrium of the New Jersey Institute of Technology

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released the Focused Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan for the lower eight miles of the Lower Passaic River on April 11, 2014. The public comment period for the Proposed Plan closes on August 20, 2014. EPA held three public meetings to present an overview of the Proposed Plan where community members provided oral comments. As outlined in the Proposed Plan, EPA is particularly interested in technical discussions on two key aspects of the Proposed Plan, namely the management of dredged sediments and dredging the authorized navigation channel in the reach of the river still used for commercial navigation.

The New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) and the Passaic River Coalition (PRC) are proposing two three-hour public forums on July 22, 2014.

In the morning of July 22, from 9AM-12PM, the discussion will be on the use of confined aquatic disposal (CAD) cells in Newark Bay versus off-site disposal at incinerators and landfills for the management of dredged sediments from the lower 8 miles of the Lower Passaic River. There will be a 10-minute presentation from EPA describing how the Proposed Plan approaches dredged material disposal, followed by questions from the audience that will generate discussion among the panel members. Please use the attached form to submit questions for the moderator to pose to the panel members. You may copy if you have more than one question.

In the afternoon of July 22, from 1-4 PM, the discussion will be on the dredging proposed for the lower 2.2 miles, to accommodate ongoing and anticipated future use, i.e., commercial navigation. There will be a 10-minute presentation from EPA describing how the Proposed Plan approaches this issue, followed by statements from companies who use the river for commercial navigation, municipalities with riverfront plans and other interested stakeholders. Then there will be questions from the audience that will generate discussion among the panel members. Please use the attached form to submit questions for the moderator to pose to the panel members. You may copy if you have more than one question.

We have allocated 100 seats for the event and first come first served. Hence please RSVP at forumonpassic@gmail.com . We have also reserved 100 spaces in the NJIT parking deck. Please see the enclosed map for directions and locations.

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# Program

**Morning Session:** Use of confined aquatic disposal (CAD) cells in Newark Bay versus off-site disposal at incinerators and landfills for the management of dredged sediments from the lower 8 miles of the Lower Passaic River

9:00-9:05 Welcome to NJIT- Dr. Fadi Deek, Provost, NJIT

9:05-9:10 Ground Rules of the forum- Dr. Jay N. Meegoda, NJIT

9:10-9:20 EPA presentation on the Proposed Plan approaches to dredged material disposal

9:20-9:30 Introduction of panel members by Moderator, Patrick Tallarico of Enventive Consulting, LLC. Panel includes Peter deFur, Environmental Stewardship Concepts; Richard Plumbeck Passaic River Coalition; Paul Schroeder, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Phil Spadaro, The Intelligence Group; Mustafa Altinakar, University of Mississippi; Bill Potter, Cooperating Parties Group; and representatives from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, New Jersey Institute of Technology and other organizations.

9:30-12:00 Questions from the Audience and discussion by the Panel members

**Lunch** from 12:00-13:00 on your own

**Afternoon Session:** The dredging proposed for the lower 2.2 miles of the Passaic River, to accommodate ongoing and anticipated future use, i.e., commercial navigation.

13:00-13:10 Welcome and Ground Rules of the forum- Dr. Jay N. Meegoda, NJIT

13:10-13:20 EPA presentation on the Proposed Plan approach to navigation

13:20-13:30 Introduction of panel members by Moderator, Patrick Tallarico of Enventive Consulting, LLC. Panel includes Robert Fixter, Clean Earth; Sam Hahn/Rob Harms, George Harms Construction Company; Randy Hintz, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Dr. James Opaluch, University of Rhode Island; Richard Plumbeck, Passaic River Coalition; Steve Singer, Darling International; Mustafa Altinakar, University of Mississippi; Bill Potter, Cooperating Parties Group; and representatives from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, City of Newark, Town of Kearny, and other commercial users of the Passaic River

13:30-14:30 Statements from panel members on ongoing and anticipated future uses of the river.

14:30-16:00 Questions from the Audience and discussion by the Panel members

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# Questions from the Audience

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Do you wish to disclose your name/organization: Yes No (Please circle one)

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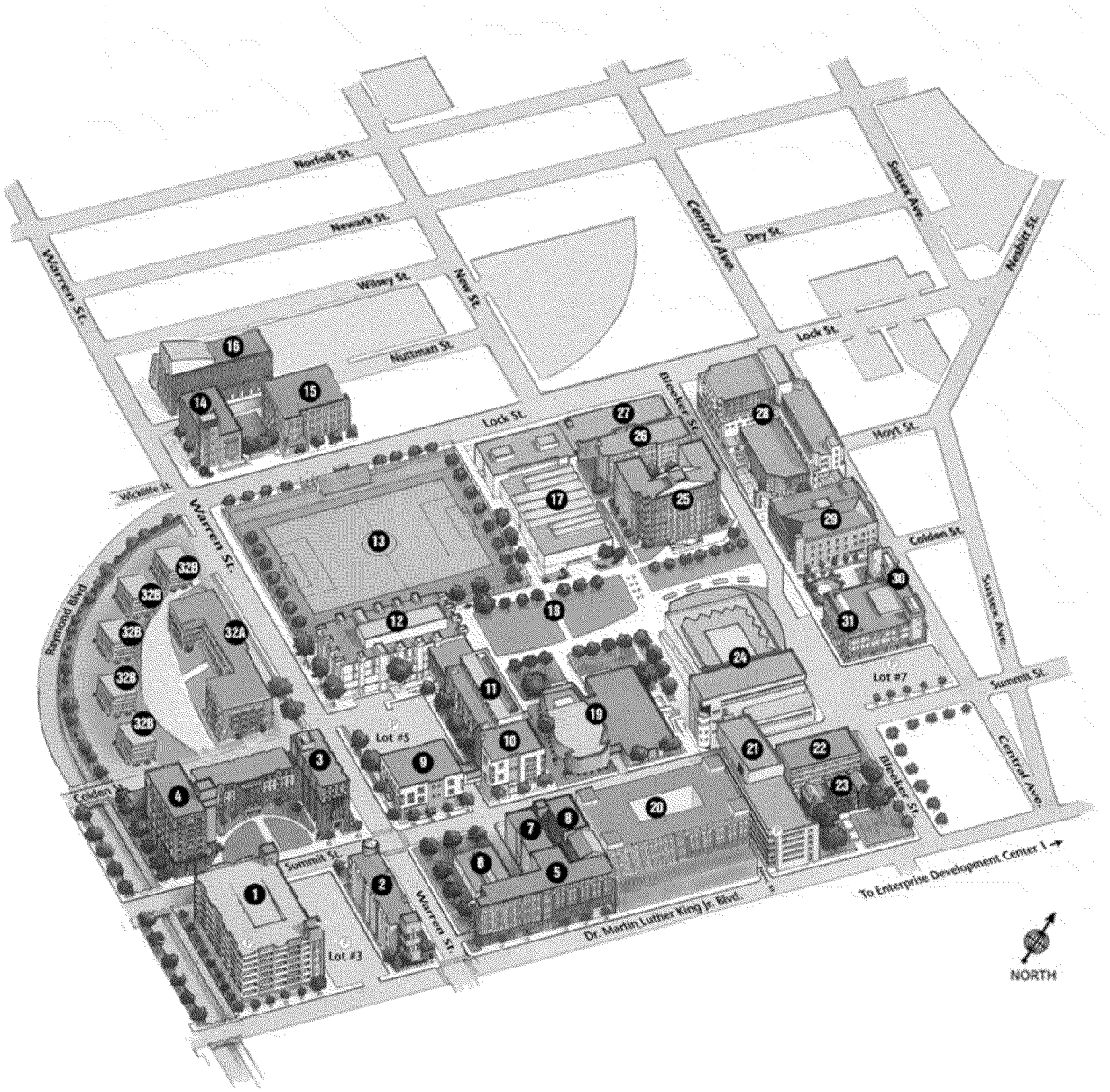
Is your question for discussion by the full Panel: Yes No (Please circle one)

If no, Name of the Panel Member:_____ _____ _____




# Map Legend and Directions

1. Student Mall / Parking Deck
7. Colton Hall
24. Campus Center and Atrium

**Route 280 West:** After drawbridge, take Exit 14B (Broad Street/MLK Blvd.). At bottom of exit ramp, make a left. Go one block to stop sign. Make a left on MLK Blvd. Go five lights to Warren Street. Make a right on Warren Street. Go two blocks to Colden Street. Make a left on Colden Street. Follow signs to NJIT Parking Deck.

**Route 280 East:** Take Exit 13 (First Street/Newark). At light, make a right on First Street. Go three lights to W. Market Street. Make the soft left on W. Market Street. Go four lights to MLK Blvd. Make a left on MLK Blvd. Go one light to Warren Street. Make a left on Warren Street. Go two blocks to Colden Street. Make a left on Colden Street. Follow signs to NJIT Parking Deck.