

2025 NFIP-SHMO Workshop

Drexel University
Lebow School of Business
Gerri C LeBow Hall
3220 Market St, Philadelphia, PA 19104



Welcome to the 2025 NFIP-SHMO Workshop!

We are looking forward to engaging with you during this three-day event. The annual NFIP-SHMO Workshop is a time for staff across Region 3 to meet and discuss hazard mitigation.

As we come together for three days of discussion, information sharing, and planning for the next year, please keep in mind some norms to encourage a productive and meaningful meeting:

- We listen respectfully.
- We value collaboration.
- We give each other the benefit of the doubt.
- We recognize that everyone's lived experience is different, which shapes our perspective and how we come to the table.
- We are open to new ideas, and test assumptions and inferences.
- We are willing to examine our own lines of thought.
- We will share our "why" for why we're passionate about this



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Hotels and Parking

The following hotels offer rooms at the government rate near Drexel University in the University City area near 30th Street Station (Amtrak). Please call and ensure they can accommodate your state's requirements.

Sheraton Philadelphia University City	3549 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19104 215-387-8000
The Inn at Penn (Hilton)	3611 Walnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19104 215-222-0200
Homewood Suites University City	4109 Walnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19104 215-382-1111

The **Sheraton** has parking on site for **\$40** a day. The **Inn at Penn** and **Homewood Suites** have valet parking for **\$40-60** a day.

LAZ Parking has two surface parking lots in the Drexel area at **3816 Market Street** or **3400 Market Street**. LAZ Parking allows users to search for and book parking in their garages and lots in advance. Prices range **\$25-30 a day**.

Another option a little further away, is **BexPark** located at **3001 JFK Blvd.** This is an uncovered surface parking lot **near 30th Street Train Station** if the hotel or LAZ Parking areas are full.

Filters



225 N 38th Street
225 N 38th St
\$20 Reserve



3711 Market St Garage
3711 Market Street
\$26 Reserve



3816 Market Street
3800 Market Street
\$26 Park Now

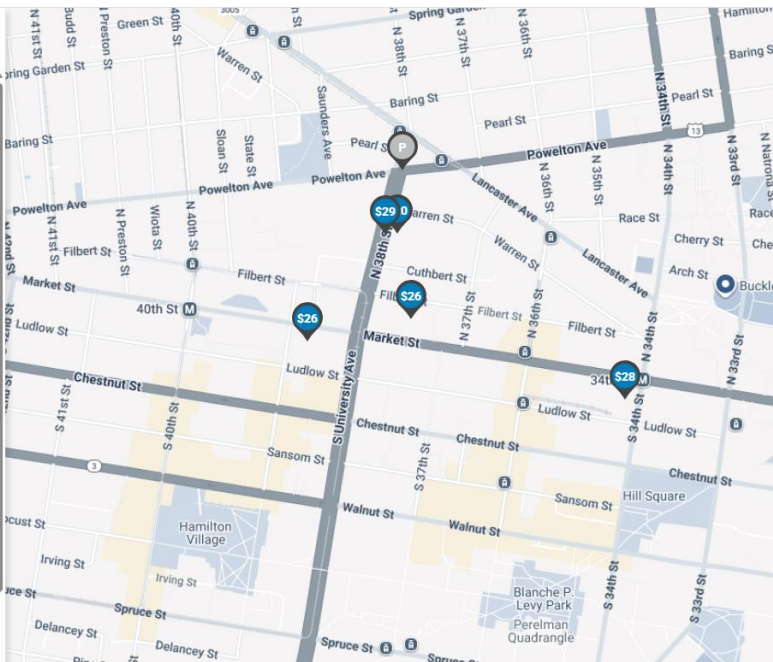


3400 Market Street
16 S 34th St
\$28 Reserve



One uCity Garage
25 N 38th St
\$29 Reserve

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Nearby Food Options and Attractions

Coffee + Breakfast

Restaurant	Address	Walking Distance (from Sheraton University City)
Spread Bagelry	3602 Chestnut St.	1 min
Wawa	3604 Chestnut St.	1 min
Dunkin'	3437 Walnut St.	1 min
Haraz Coffee House	3421 Chestnut St.	2 min
Starbucks	3601 Walnut St.	3 min
Avril 50	3406 Sansom St.	4 min
BVP Coffee Co.	3675 Market St #200	4 min
ELIXR Coffee	3675 Market St.	4 min
Schmear It	3601 Market St #5.	4 min
Corner Bakery	3737 Market St.	5 min
The Board and Brew	33rd & Chestnut, 3200 Chestnut St.	6 min

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Lunch Options

Restaurant	Address	Walking Distance (from LeBow Hall)
Food Trucks	Ludlow St., between 31 st and 32 nd Sts.	1 min
Food Trucks	33 rd St., between Market and Chestnut Sts.	1 min
CO-OP Restaurant & Bar	20 S 33rd St.	2 min
LaScala's FIRE	3200 Chestnut St.	2 min
Shake Shack	3200 Chestnut St.	2 min
Franklin's Table Food Hall	3401 Walnut St.	5 min
CM Chicken	3180 Chestnut St.	5 min
Lemon Grass Thai	3131 Walnut St.	6 min
Masala Kitchen	3404 Sansom St.	8 min

Dinner Recommendations

Restaurant	Address	Walking Distance (from Sheraton University City)	Style
Ochatto	3608 Chestnut St.	1 min	Japanese
Sang Kee Noodle House	3549 Chestnut St.	1 min	Chinese
Latao Hotpot and BBQ	3717 Chestnut St.	2 min	Sichuan
Louie Louie	3611 Walnut St.	4 min	French American

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New Deck Tavern	3408 Sansom St.	4 min	Pub fair
Liberty Kitchen West/Two Locals Brewing	3675 Market St.	4 min	Hoagies & bowls
Landmark Americana* *Tuesday Happy Hour	3333 Market St.	6 min	American
HoneyGrow	3731 Walnut St.	7 min	Salads, stir fry
Amma's South Indian Cruise	103 S 39th St.	9 min	Indian
Friday Saturday Sunday \$\$\$\$ 2025 Michelin Star Reservations Recommended	1740 Sansom St, Philadelphia, PA 19103	30 min	American
Her Supper Club \$\$\$\$ 2025 Michelin Star Reservations Recommended	1740 Sansom St, Philadelphia, PA 19103	30 min	French
Provenance \$\$\$\$ 2025 Michelin Star Reservations Recommended	408 S 2nd St, Philadelphia, PA 19147	20 min Take MFL eastbound to 2 nd Street, walk south	French

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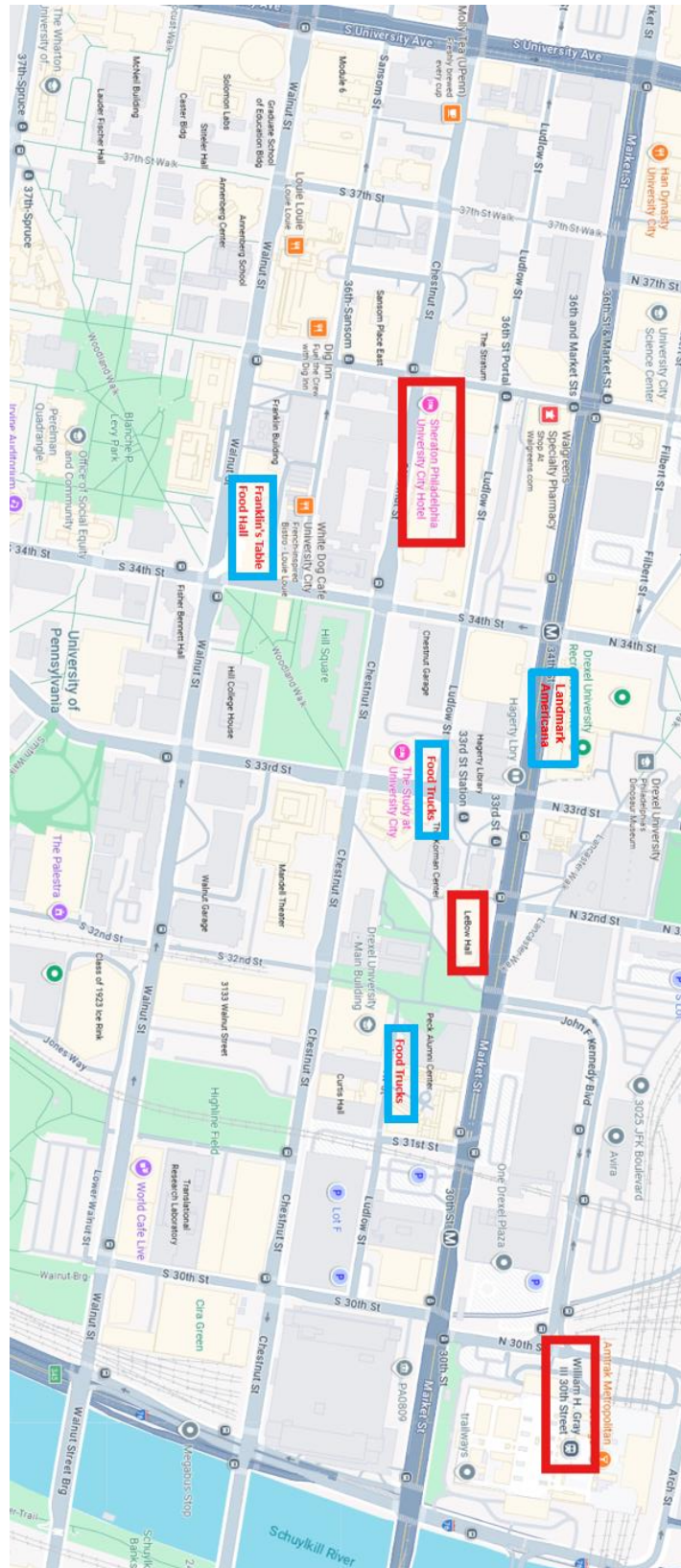
Attractions

Location	Address	Distance (from Sheraton University City)
Penn Museum	3260 South St.	0.5 mile
World Café Live	3025 Walnut St.	0.6 mile
Mütter Museum at The College of Physicians of Philadelphia	19 S 22nd St.	1.0 mile
Philadelphia Museum of Art (Rocky steps, statue, and Shop are also onsite)	2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy	1.4 miles
Calder Gardens	2100 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy	1.5 miles
Rodin Museum	2151 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy	1.6 miles
Barnes Foundation	2025 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy	1.6 miles
JFK Plaza (Love Park)	Arch St.	1.6 miles
City Hall (reservations needed for Building and Tower tours)	1400 JFK Blvd	1.7 miles
Philadelphia's Magic Gardens	1020 South St.	2.3 miles
Independence Hall	520 Chestnut St.	2.4 miles
Liberty Bell	526 Market St.	2.4 miles
National Constitution Center	525 Arch St.	2.6 miles

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Museum of the American Revolution	101 South Third St.	2.7 miles
Betsy Ross House	239 Arch St.	2.8 miles

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AGENDA - DAY 1

Tuesday, December 2

Drexel University
Gerri C LeBow Hall
3220 Market St, Philadelphia, PA
Rooms 220/221

8:00-8:30 **Arrival and Refreshments** Room: 220/221

Coffee, tea, water, and light refreshments will be provided courteously of PEMA.

8:30-8:45 **Welcome and Conference Overview** Room: 220/221

Tom Hughes, Director, Emergency Management Mitigation, Insurance and Resilient Communities Office, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

8:45-9:15 **Opening Remarks** Room: 220/221

Randy Padfield, Director, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

Lilian Hutchinson, Acting Regional Administrator, FEMA Region 3

Dominick Mireles, City of Philadelphia, Director, Office of Emergency Management

9:15-10:00 **Introductions and Round Robin** Room: 220/221

Tom Hughes, PEMA Icebreaker exercise

10:00-10:15 **Break**

10:15-11:30 Room: 220/221

10:15-10:30 *Randy Padfield, Director, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency*
FEMA Committee Slides from National Emergency Management Association

10:30-11:00 *Sarah Ruch, CEM, CFM, IAEM-Region 3 Representative*
International Association of Emergency Managers Update

11:00-11:30 *Scott Stuccio, Meteorologist, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency*
Disaster Operations in Mitigation Part 1: Weather Data & Tools, Disaster Ops, Part 1

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11:30-12:15 Breakout Sessions

Audience	Room	Topics	Speakers
SHMOs	220/221	SHMO-only discussion	SHMOs
NFIP Coordinators	G406	State Tribal Territory (STT) Information Agreement NFIP Update	NFIP Coordinators <i>FEMA Participants:</i> Bobby Cobelli, Jamie Carpenter, Bill Bradfield, Kenya Lovill

12:15-1:30 Lunch

Lunch on your own. See the list and map of nearby options.

1:30-2:00 Mid-Atlantic Regional Mutual Aid Compact Discussion Room: 220/221

Larry West, Director of Recovery, Director, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

Kelsey Widdick, Hazard Mitigation Project Officer, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

Dillon Tayler, Chief of Staff/Senior Council, Virginia Department of Emergency Management

2:00-2:15 Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Update Room: 220/221

Kenneth Somerset, ASFPM Region 3 Representative

2:15-3:00 Hazard Mitigation Planning Room: 220/221

Steve Kocsis, GISP, GIS Director, Cambria County GIS Center

GIS Data Preparation, Aggregation, & Integration into Hazard Mitigation Plans

Kurt Donaldson, Manager, WV GIS Tech Center, WV University

West Virginia Tools

Maurie Kelly, Director, Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access (PASDA)/Penn State University

PA Mitigation Tool

3:00-3:15 Break

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3:15-4:45 Breakout Sessions

Audience	Room	Topics	Speakers
SHMOs	220/221	Ground Disturbance Capacity Building/ Training Non-FEMA Funding Opportunities	Sarah Cobelli Liz Johnson
NFIP Coordinators	G406	CAP-SSSE Tiered State Framework	Bobby Cobelli, Jamie Carpenter, Bill, Kenya, Elyse Bilardo

4:45-5:00 State Tribal Territory (STT) Information Agreement Room: 220/221

Bobby Cobelli, Branch Chief, Floodplain Management and Insurance, FEMA Region 3

Bill Bradfield, Regional Flood Insurance Liaison, FEMA Region 3

5:00 Wrap-up Room: 220/221

*Tom Hughes, Director, Emergency Management Mitigation, Insurance and Resilient Communities
Office, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.*

AGENDA - DAY 2

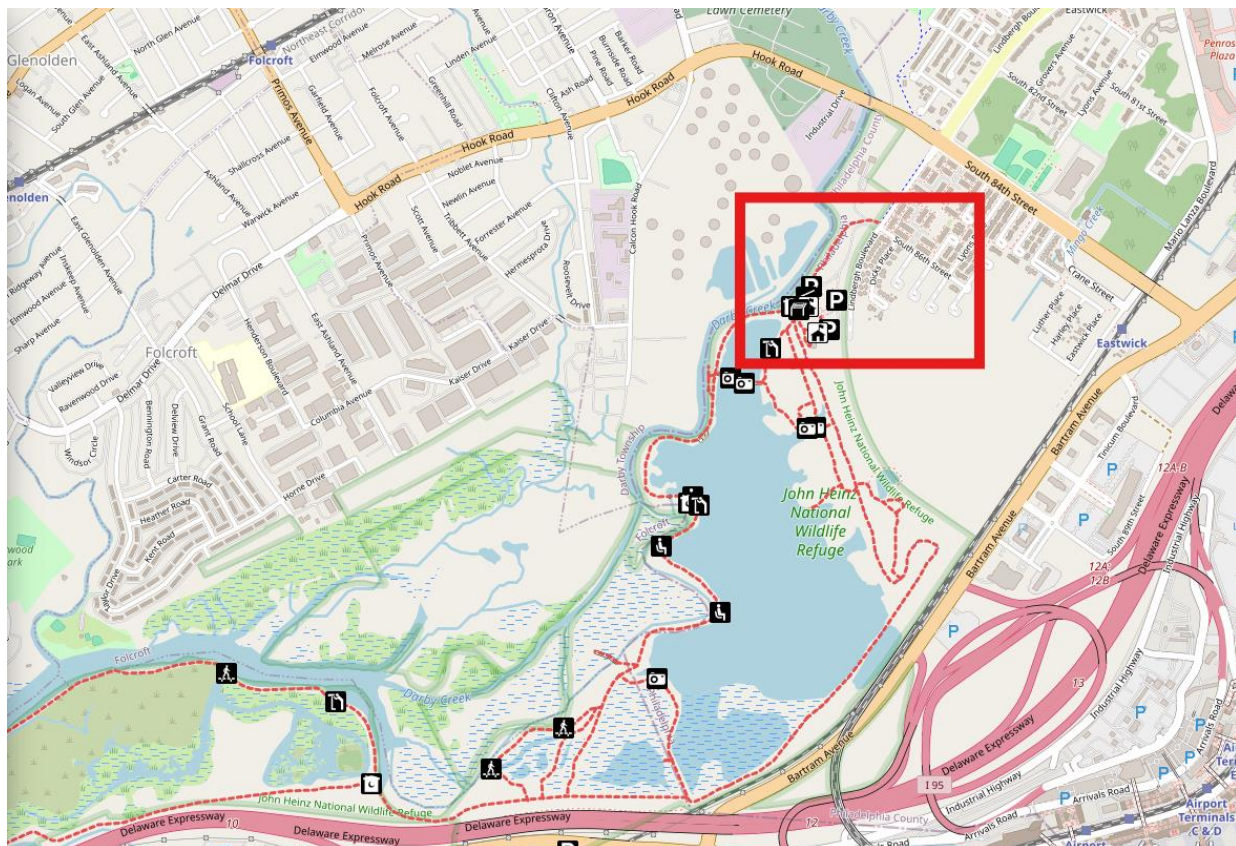
Wednesday, December 3

John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum

8601 Lindbergh Boulevard

Philadelphia, PA

There are two entrances to John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum. **Enter through the eastern entrance located at 86th Street and Lindbergh Boulevard. Park in the Visitor Center parking lot.** The western entrance is on Route 420, just north of I-95, and provides access to walking trails and fishing access.



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8:30-8:40 Opening Remarks

Tom Hughes, Director, Emergency Management Mitigation, Insurance and Resilient Communities Office, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

Lamar Gore, Refuge Manager, John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

8:40-9:10 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Rick Deal, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

Ken Roberts, State NFIP Coordinator, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

9:10-9:40 Disaster Operations Data and Tools (Part 2)

Preliminary Damage Assessments & Substantial Damage Uses

Caleb Dixon, Project Manager, Keystone Emergency Management System PM, and Jon Skripka, Public Assistance Officer, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

FEMA Region III Silver Jackets Update

Ed Benish, Baltimore USACE PA Silver Jackets Coordinator

9:40-10:00 All Partner Call

Corey Davenport, Deputy State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

10:00-10:15 Break and Group Photo

10:15-10:45 State of West Virginia

Julia Sears, State NFIP Coordinator, West Virginia Emergency Management Division

Bill Kuhn, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, West Virginia Emergency Management Division

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10:45-11:15 District of Columbia

Vermecia Alsop, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency

Elias Franzen, Grants Management, District Department of Energy and Environment

11:15-11:55 Dam Safety Officer Roundtable

Kirk Kreider, Chief, Division of Dam Safety, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Angela Davis, Director, Dam Safety, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

John Roche, Division Chief, Maryland Department of the Environment; President Association of State Dam Safety Officials

Janice Shute, State Dam Safety Engineer, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

Bailey Close, Rehabilitation High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) Program Project Manager, Pennsylvania Emergency Management

11:55-12:05 Break and Lunch Pickup

Distribution of box lunches courteously of PEMA and return to your seat for a lunch & learn session from the City of Philadelphia.

12:05-12:40 City of Philadelphia

City of Philadelphia Flood Gauge Data and Eastwick neighborhood flood resiliency efforts.

www.phila.gov/programs/eastwick-from-recovery-to-resilience

Korin Tangtrakul, Philadelphia Office of Sustainability

City of Philadelphia Flood Technology Project

Erin Mossop, Office of Emergency Management

12:40-5:00 City of Philadelphia Resiliency Tour

5:00-7:00 Dinner – Manayunk Restaurant

See next page for a detailed itinerary.

Tour Schedule

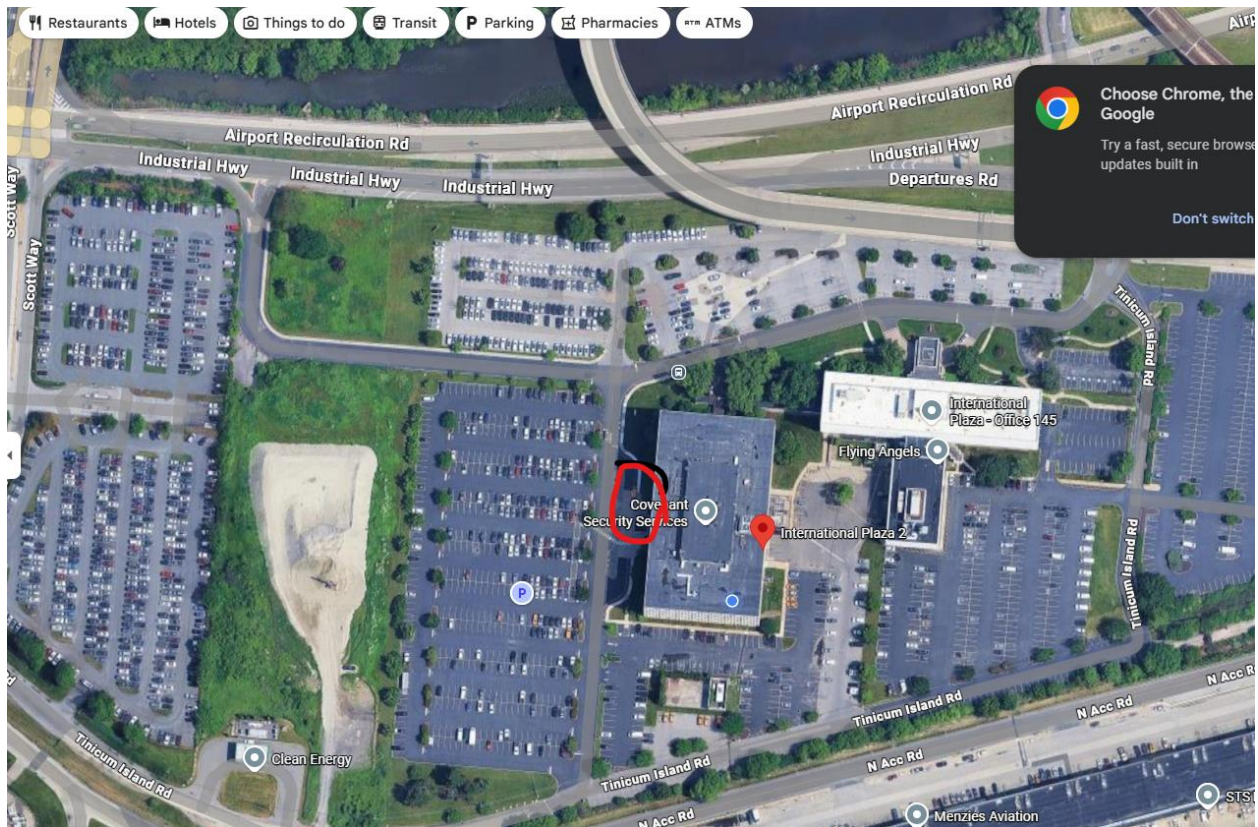
12:35-12:45 Leave for Eastwick Neighborhood Flood Reduction Protection Stop

12:45-1:00 Arrive at Eastwick Neighborhood Flood Reduction Protection Stop

1:00-1:30 Overview of the Interim Solution (HESCO barrier), USACE Modeling, and Potential Long-Term Solutions

Korin Tangtrakul, Philadelphia Office of Sustainability (OOS)

1:30-3:15 Philadelphia International Airport Resilience Efforts



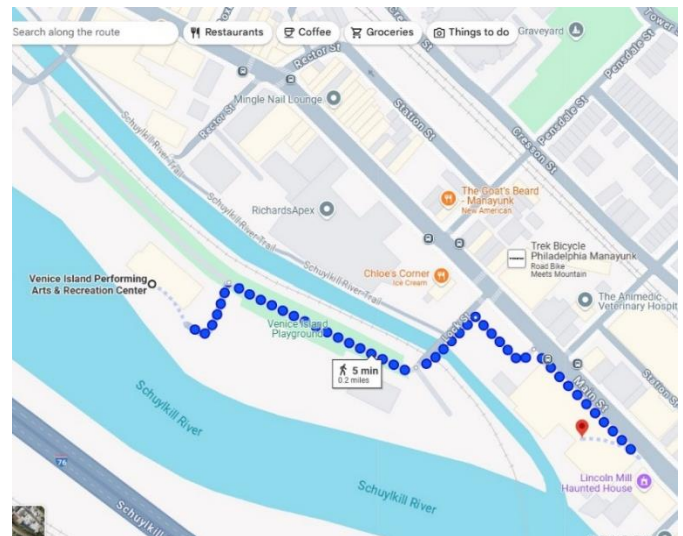
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- 1:30-1:45 *Transfer - State Vehicles move to next location*
- 1:45-2:15 Classroom Session: Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) Resilience
2 International Plaza, Phila PA 19113. We will meet in Room 4501.
*Philadelphia Dept. of Aviation Sustainability – Jessica Noon, Sustainability Manager
and Amy Liu City Planner*
- 2:15-3:15 PHL Site Tour: Discussion on Infrastructure Upgrades, Stormwater Management
Conveyance, Wetland Creation, Flood Barrier, Cargo Expansion Planning.
*Jessica Noon, Sustainability Manager and Amy Liu City Planner with Ft. Mifflin Flood
Tide Gate Staff*
- 3:15-4:45 **Manayunk/Venice Island – Venice Island
Performing Arts Center, 7 Lock Street,
Philadelphia PA 19127**

*Jaylene Gutierrez, PCPC
Joseph Sullivan, Philadelphia Office of Sustainability (Confirmed)
Mike Hengstler, Supt. Of Water Flow,
Philadelphia Water Department*
- 3:15-3:45 *Transfer - State Vehicles move to next location*
- 3:45-4:45 *Auditorium Discussion on
Floodproofing, Historic Canal,
90-million-gallon Stormwater
Management Tank (Groups of 15)*
- 4:45-7:30 **Dinner**
- 4:45 *Transfer to next location*
- 5:00-7:00 **Manayunk Brewing Company, 4120
Main St., Philadelphia**

Tour of Dry and Wet Floodproofed
Private Restaurant Along the
Schuylkill River and Dinner

Michael Rose – Owner/Manager
- 7:00-7:30 *Transfer back to Hotel Lodging*



AGENDA - DAY 3

Thursday, December 4

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8:30 **Welcome** Room: 220/221

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8:30-8:40 **Opening Remarks** Room: 220/221

*Lawrence West, Director of Recovery
Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency*

8:40-9:00 **Emergency Watershed Program (EWP) Overview** Room: 220/221

John Derbish, National Emergency Watershed Program, Natural Resource Conservation Service
Overview of streambank restoration work post-disaster

9:00-9:30 **State of Delaware** Room: 220/221

*Phil Cane, State Hazard Mitigation Officer,
Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA)*

*Kathy Potter, State NFIP Coordinator,
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)*

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9:30-10:00 Commonwealth of Virginia

Room: 220/221

Katie Vugdalic, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Stacey Farinholt, Acting State NFIP Coordinator, Department of Conservation and Recreation

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-10:45 State of Maryland

Room: 220/221

Caitlin Whiteleather, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Maryland Department of Emergency Management

Matt Smith, State NFIP Coordinator, Maryland Department of the Environment

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10:15-12:00 Breakout Sessions

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SHMOs	220/221	National Hazard Mitigation Association Update Program Administered by States (PAS) and Enhanced State Discussion	Brandy Bones, President Derrick Hiebert, NHMA
NFIP Coordinators	G408	Facilitated Discussion	Ken Roberts, PEMA Dudley Ewen, Insurance Ombudsman, PA Dept. of Insurance FEMA Attendees: Bill Bradfield, Kenya Lovill
Resilience Officers	G409	Resilience Officer Round Table	Erik Leeds, PEMA State Resilience Officer Robert Martin, WV State Resilience Officer Caitlin Verdu, Virginia Deputy Resilience Officer Michael Hinson, MDEM Resilience Officer Kenya Troutman, DC HSEMA

12:00-1:15 Lunch

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1:15-2:00 STORM Act

Room: 220/221

Josh Nessenson, New Jersey Project Operations Manager

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Questions and Answers with DC, MD, VA, and WV representatives

2:00-2:45 **Wrap-up and Key Takeaways**

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Tom Hughes, Director, Emergency Management Mitigation, Insurance and Resilient Communities Office, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

Ben Accurti, Community Education & Outreach Group Supervisor, FEMA Region 3

2:45-3:00 **Closing Remarks**

Room: 220/221

Tom Hughes, Director, Emergency Management Mitigation, Insurance and Resilient Communities Office, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

