

PART-TIME CONSULTANT POSITION



Advocacy for Equitable, Resilient State Investments

New Jersey Future is seeking a consultant to support the organization's outreach and policy work for public investments that are equitable and resilient in the face of future storms and sea level rise. The work will focus primarily on the State of New Jersey's Rebuild by Design projects: [New Meadowlands](#) and [Hudson River](#).

About New Jersey Future

New Jersey Future is the state's smart-growth policy organization. It is an independent nonprofit, nonpartisan 501c3 organization. Since 1987, New Jersey Future has been leading with original research, analysis and advocacy efforts that drive land-use changes to revitalize cities and towns, protect natural lands and farms, provide more transportation choices beyond cars, expand access to safe and affordable neighborhoods and fuel a prosperous economy. More recently, New Jersey Future has expanded its work to include local engagement and implementation, most notably in Sandy-affected communities. The organization is based in downtown Trenton, N.J. For more information please visit our website at www.njfuture.org

Scope of Services

Work closely with the organization's senior director of state policy to:

1. Prepare written comments and oral testimony on documents issued by the State of New Jersey, such as for its New Meadowlands and Hudson River Rebuild By Design projects, based on a review of state proposals and New Jersey Future's policy framework.
2. Represent New Jersey Future at occasional public meetings, including in the evening.
3. Join New Jersey Future staff in meetings with state and local agencies.
4. Support efforts to strengthen relationships with other stakeholders in the New Meadowlands project area, including citizen's groups, businesses, the Sports and Exposition Authority, environmental organizations and elected officials.
5. Conduct research as needed, on topics such as elevation requirements or other flood-control measures utilized to ensure resilience from sea level rise. Evaluate State of New Jersey programs and compare their standards to those from other states and the federal government. Help to devise policy recommendations.
6. Contribute to communications efforts such as by writing website articles and helping generate media coverage of New Jersey Future positions.

Qualifications

Successful candidates will have:

- A track record of experience in one or more of the following: land use planning; local, state or federal government; policy advocacy; community engagement; and government relations.

- Familiarity with one or more of the following policy areas: land use decision-making, resilience to flooding and climate change, social equity and environmental protection.
- Skills in the following areas: Organizing work and meetings, excellent written and oral communications, research ability, working collaboratively and under deadlines.
- Educational background in planning, public policy, law or comparable discipline (preferred).

Compensation

The consultant will be on a retainer to New Jersey Future and should expect to spend an average of 10 hours per week on this work. The consultant will be engaged on a project-by-project basis and will be paid an agreed-upon hourly rate, commensurate with experience.

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter that includes fee requirements, a resume and one short writing sample (no more than five pages) to Marianne Jann at mjann@njfuture.org.