



2026 MACH Annual Meeting

May 27th, 2026

Open Session and MACH Showcase

Rutgers University

Trayes Hall, Douglass Student Center

[100 George Street](#), New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Meeting Purpose:

- To share expertise between MACH stakeholders and the MACH research team
 - To (re)connect with MACH partners
 - To explore MACH's research applied uses
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Wednesday, May 27th, 2026

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- **8:30 - 9:00 am** - Networking and morning refreshments

NOTE: This segment of the Annual Meeting will be offered in a hybrid format for those who cannot attend in person.

- **9:00 am** - Welcome - Robert Kopp, Director - MACH

Welcome to Rutgers - Francine Conway - Chancellor, Rutgers–New Brunswick

- **9:15 am** - State of Resilience in the MACH Region - Perspectives from the Region's Chief Resilience Officers (Co-offered by the New Jersey Climate Change Resource Center)
 - Context Setting - Brian Quigley, Senior Vice President - Government Relations
 - Panel Members
 - Abby Sullivan - City of Philadelphia, Chief Resilience Officer
 - Nick Angarone - State of New Jersey, Chief Resilience Officer
 - Moderated by Marjorie Kaplan - New Jersey Climate Change Resource Center - and Lisa Auermuller - Megalopolitan Coastal Transformation Hub
- **10:30am** - Break
- **11:00am** - MACH, A Year in Review - Dr. Robert Kopp and Lisa Auermuller

- **11:40am** - Connecting Research to Reality: An Introduction to the MACH Showcase

END Hybrid session

- **12:00pm** - “MACH Mixer” Activity
- **12:30pm** - Lunch (Provided)
- **1:30pm** - MACH Showcase: Poster session and networking
- **3:15pm** - What am I bringing back?: Close out activity
- **4:00 pm** - Conclude

Thursday, May 28, 2026 – Friday, May 29, 2026: Closed Session/Research Team Meeting

Research team & EAB members, please see your calendar invites for the closed session agenda.

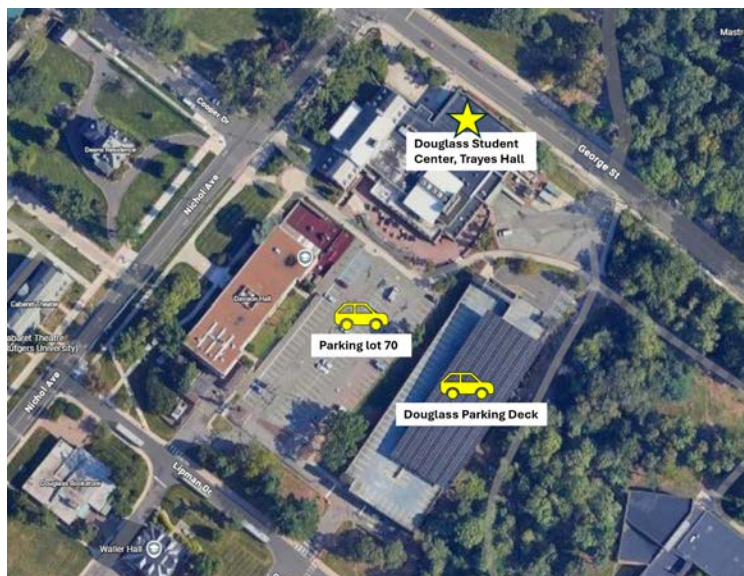
Parking, Lodging, & More!

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Transportation

- Closest [train station: New Brunswick Station](#)
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Lodging

Three recommended hotels and rates are provided below. If you have questions, please reach out to Tara Collins, tara.collins@marine.rutgers.edu.

[Rutgers Inn](#)

- 178 Ryders Ln, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 | 9 minutes walking distance to meeting location
- Approximately \$110/night, limited availability, only non-smoking handicapped rooms available. [Book here](#).

[The Heldrich Hotel](#)

- 10 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 | 16 minutes walking distance to meeting location
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[Hyatt Regency New Brunswick](#)

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Day 2: Research Team Only

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Headshots sign up

- **8:30 - 9:00 am** - Connecting and sharing with morning refreshments
- **9:00 am** - Welcome - Agenda/Objectives review/Ice Breaker
- **9:15 am** - Debrief from the Stakeholder Day
- **10:00 am** - What have we learned about doing convergence research....Proposal Writing: Take 2
- **11:00 am** - Break
- **11:15 am** - "Speed Nerding" Session with MACH Posters
- **12:15 pm** - Lunch
- **1:00 pm** - Choose your own adventure, smaller group meetings
 - [Sign up ahead of time for breakout rooms](#)
- **3:00 pm** - Telling a MACH Story
- **4:00 pm** - Conclude

Day 3: Friday: May 29th, 2026

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- This final day of research team interaction is part of the Annual Meeting experience. If possible, please make your travel departure arrangements for after 12pm.
- **8:30 - 9:00 am** - Networking and morning refreshments
- **9:00 am** - Welcome - Agenda/objectives review/ overnight "lightblubs"
- **9:30 am** - MACH's Impact Activity
- **10:30 am** - BREAK
- **10:45am** - MACH's Impact Activity Continued

- **11:30am** - Closing Thoughts
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