

Don't Forget the Power of Mother Nature When You Cast Your Vote for Governor

The country has rarely experienced the enormous volume and scale of Hurricanes Irma and Harvey. Without question, the damage these storms wrecked in southeast Texas and across Florida has impacted so many lives and will continue to do so for so many years to come. Something we need to think about as we cast our vote for Governor on November 7th.

Climate science indicates the frequency of extreme weather events and sea level rise endangers Monmouth County's coastal and farm communities with flooding and rising soil temperatures. These changes also put our homes, agricultural industry and pocket books at risk. Let's remember, it's estimated that our own Hurricane Sandy cost New Jersey \$36.9 billion in damage.

It's time to take action and to ask ourselves who, as the newly elected Governor, will promote clean water, accelerate land preservation, protect drinking water, and combat climate change. Governor Christie rolled back protections on clean air, stalled land preservation and had no apparent plan to address climate change.

New Jersey needs a leader who will understand how the environment and its resources impact our quality of life and then act swiftly, making up for the lost momentum of the previous administration.

Join us for a panel discussion on November 1st at Two River Community Bank to learn more. Visit www.monmouthconservation.org/events for more information.

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