

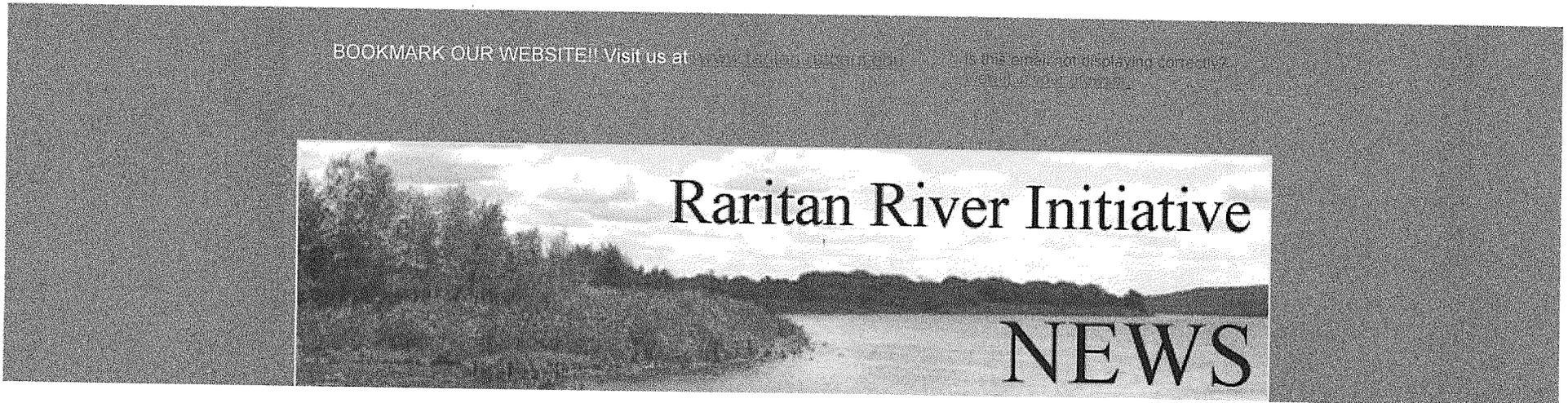
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NEWS FROM THE SUSTAINABLE RARITAN RIVER INITIATIVE — January 2015

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About the Sustainable Raritan River Initiative

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May you all have a safe and joyful holiday season - and enjoy the wonders of our environment. You have made great progress this year and we all have much to be proud of out there!

Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Sustainable New Year!

Judy Shaw and Sara Malone

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REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

January 1 – Annual New Year's Day Walk on Sandy Hook

Sandy Hook Bay is a triangular arm of the Raritan Bay along the coast of northern New Jersey. It is formed along the south side of Lower New York Bay by Sandy Hook, a spit of land that protects the bay from the open Atlantic Ocean. Sitting in the shadow of New York City and the Port of New York and New Jersey and home to the American Littoral Society for more than 50 years, Sandy Hook Bay is our region's urban estuary, holding onto important elements of its rich ecological history and gaining traction along a course of recovery from years of industrialization.



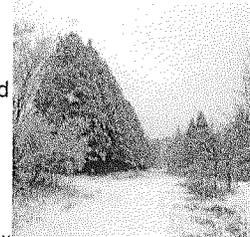
Join the American Littoral Society for our annual winter stroll on Sandy Hook with staff naturalists. Then return to the office for hot cider/chocolate and hot dogs. Bring any holiday desserts that you wish to share.

Cost: Free, donations welcomed. Meet at Building 18 Sandy Hook, NJ. Thursday, January 01, 2015, 11:00 am. Visit the American Littoral Society Website for more information at www.littoralsociety.org.

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January 1 – Friends of Princeton Nursery Lands First Day Hike

Inaugurate the New Year with an easy 1.5 mile loop hike through the Mapleton Preserve, into the fields on the other side of Mapleton Road, along the D&R Canal and back to the Preserve.



The walk starts at 11 AM from the Mapleton Preserve/D&R Canal State Park Headquarters at 145 Mapleton Road, Kingston. Dress for the weather. It is free, and all are welcome.

For more information, call Karen at 609-683-0483, or visit their Website at www.kingstongreenways.org. (Photo from KGA Website)

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January 3 – View *Shellshocked: Saving Oysters to Save Ourselves*

Join the NY/NJ Baykeeper and the American Littoral Society at the Society's Lunch n' Learn Series on Saturday, January 3 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm for a screening of *Shellshocked: Saving Oysters to Save Ourselves*.



This award winning documentary by Emily V. Driscoll follows efforts to bring wild oysters back to NY Harbor to restore the waterways. Following the screening there will be a panel discussion on oyster restoration with Littoral Society Executive Director Tim Dillingham and Habitat Restoration Program Director Alek Modjeski, Dale Parsons, Jr., Owner, Parsons Seafood and Aquaculture, and Sandra Meola, Outreach Associate, NY/NJ Baykeeper.

Register through the American Littoral Society at <http://littoralsociety.org/index.php/2-uncategorised/265-lunch-n-learn-series>. The Langosta Lounge is located at 1000 Ocean Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712. Registration is required. (Photo from NY/NJ Baykeeper website)

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January 7 – Deadline to Register for Organic Land Care Certificate Course

Many New Jersey homeowners want to keep their yard maintained in a way that doesn't harm the environment or pose risk to their family's health. The Rutgers Cooperative Extension Organic Land Care Certificate Course is a 5-day class for landscapers and land care providers. Over 20 Extension professionals and industry experts help teach the course which focuses on organic practices for promoting



healthy soil, enhancing biodiversity, and reducing polluted runoff from managed landscapes.

The course dates are January 12, 13, 14, 20, 21, 2015, 8am to 5pm, (snow date: January 22) and it will be held at the Rutgers EcoComplex, 1200 Florence Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505.

The course is designed for professional landscapers, property managers, public works employees, groundskeepers, landscape architects and Rutgers Master Gardeners. It is not intended for recreation and sports turf field managers. The certificate program requirements includes attending the 5 day course and passing an optional exam based on course content. Participants that pass the exam will receive a certificate of completion and be listed on the [organic land care program website](#).

For registration information and course details, visit the [organic care website](#), or call (732) 398-5275. *(Photo from SEBS Newsroom at <http://sebsnjaesnews.rutgers.edu>)*

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January 7 – Environmental Steward Classes Start

Imagine being able to discuss climate change with the State Climatologist or learn about New Jersey's Geology from the people who map it. How about hearing how New Jersey's environmental regulations get enforced from someone who actually enforces them? These are some of the opportunities available to enrollees in the 2015 Rutgers Environmental Steward Volunteer Training Program.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County will offer the Environmental Stewards Program at the EARTH Center, in Davidson's Mill Pond Park, 42 Riva Ave, South Brunswick. Classes take place on Wednesday evenings starting January 7 until May 13, 2015.

The curriculum will introduce non-scientists to the science underlying key environmental issues in the Garden State. Leading authorities from academia are joined by colleagues from government and the non-profit sector to share understanding and insights with the students. "Students not only receive facts, but are introduced to a network of experts and organizations who can be of service to them in the future as they wrestle with local environmental problems" said the programs originator Bruce Barbour of Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

The 60 plus hours of training does not replace a science degree, but helps citizens educate themselves when presented with a real world environmental problem. Communication, conflict resolution and leadership skills are also taught enabling Stewards to be effective in community action and political discourse.

To register or for further information visit <http://envirostewards.rutgers.edu> or contact 732-398-5275.

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January 10 – Welcome Winter Walk in Mountain Lakes

Saturday, 9:30-11:30AM, Adults and Families (5yo+), \$5 per person

Join the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association's Education Director Jeff Hoagland on a morning walk at the Mountain Lakes Preserve in Princeton. Dress warmly, boots are recommended. This hike is co-sponsored by the Friends of Princeton Open Space. Meet Jeff at the Preserve in Princeton, not the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Reserve in Pennington.



Visit The Watershed Website for more information or to register at www.thewatershed.org.

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January 12 – Highlands Monitoring Program Workshop in Randolph

The Highlands Council has scheduled three Stakeholder Outreach Workshops to solicit public input on the Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP) as part of its RMP Monitoring Program. Members of the public are invited to attend to learn more about this process and provide input.



The Monitoring Program evaluates progress toward achieving the goals of the Highlands Regional Master Plan. The program requires identification of indicators and milestones to measure the impact of the Regional Master Plan on water resources, agriculture, housing, transportation, and economic development within the Highlands

Region.

January 12, 2015 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Sussex County Technical School, Cafeteria, 105 N. Church Road, Sparta, NJ. Additional workshop will be held in Oldwick on January 14.

No pre-registration is required, but space is limited. Attendees will be asked to sign in. Any schedule change due to weather conditions will be announced on the Council's web site (www.nj.gov/njhighlands).

The Council is also accepting comments via the Highlands Council website (www.nj.gov/njhighlands, click "Submit Comments" in the RMP Monitoring section of the homepage), or by hard copy to the Highlands Council office via regular mail, hand delivery or fax. It is requested that hard copy comments identify a specific content area or aspect of the RMP and include the commenter's name and affiliation. Comments will be accepted through February 27, 2015.

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January 13 – Central Jersey Trout Unlimited General Meeting

Join the Central Jersey Trout Unlimited on Tuesday, January 13 at the American Legion Hall, 137 New Market Road, Dunellen, New Jersey for the 4th Annual Fly Tying Night. The meeting starts at 8:00pm and non-members are always welcome.



Visit the Central Jersey Trout Unlimited Website for more information at www.cjtu.org

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January 14, 2015 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Oldwick Fire Company Social Hall (across from Melick's Town Farm), 163 Oldwick Road (Rts. 523/517), Oldwick, NJ. Additional workshops will be held in Randolph on December 15 and in Sparta on January 12 (see those dates for details).

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January 14 – Take a Walk on the Wintery Wild Side

Wednesday, 8:30-9:30AM, Adults only, FREE for members/\$5 non-members

Start your winter day off right with a walk on the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Reserve trails with Teacher-Naturalist Allison Jackson. Allison's well-trained eye and experience will help you better observe seasonal changes and enjoy all the benefits of

