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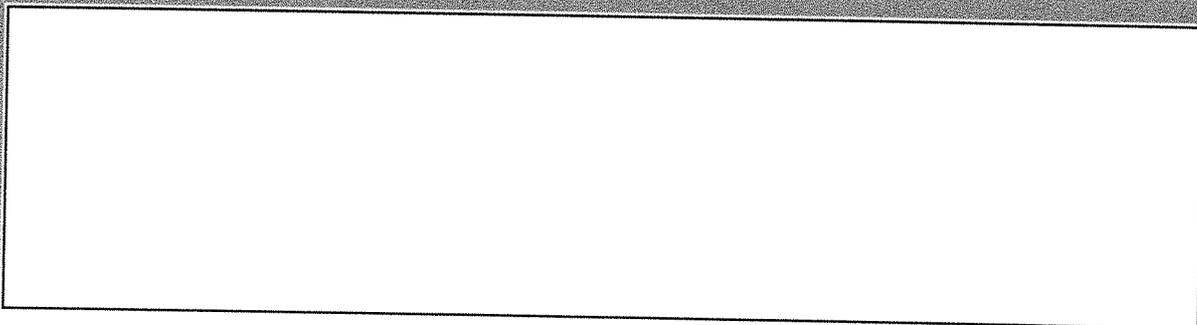
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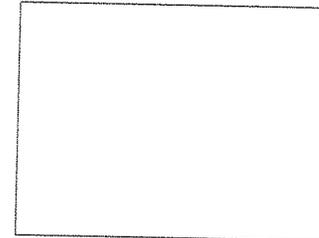
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NEWS FROM THE SUSTAINABLE RARITAN RIVER INITIATIVE — April 2014

June 13 — 6th Annual Sustainable Raritan River Conference

This year's conference focuses on the intrinsic values that the Raritan brings to the communities, businesses, and residents (human and non-human alike) throughout the region by exploring the theme of **Valuing Natural Capital and Ecosystems Services**.



In this full-day conference we will meet those who are working on valuing natural capital and ecosystem service concepts, learn how they are using such valuations in planning decisions, and discuss real-life examples of how the use of these valuations has changed ecological outcomes.

Join us in June for this next step towards sustainability for the Raritan. Mark your calendars now and watch this newsletter or our [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) page for more information. The conference will be held at the Cook College Student Center in New Brunswick. *(Photo of Somerset County Mitigation Bank by Mark Gallagher, Princeton Hydro, LLC).*

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Sustainable Raritan River Awards Nomination

Each year at its Annual Conference, the Sustainable Raritan River Collaborative gives awards to recognize outstanding achievement in efforts to revitalize our region, restore and protect our resources and promote our area as a premiere place to live, work and raise a family. The categories for these awards are:

1. Public Education Award (ORGANIZATION)
2. Government Innovation Award (MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY)
3. Stewardship Award (ORGANIZATION)
4. Public Access Award (ORGANIZATION)
5. Remediation and Redevelopment Award (ORGANIZATION)
6. Sustainable Business Award (BUSINESS)
7. Leadership Award (INDIVIDUAL)

The 2014 Sustainable Raritan Awards will be awarded on June 13, 2014, at the 6th Annual Sustainable Raritan River Conference, to be held at Cook College Student Center.

If you believe a person, organization or governmental group has gone above and beyond the call for a more Sustainable Raritan we would like to know about them. Make a nomination today by sending the following Nomination Information via email to [Michael Catania](#) or [Bill Kibler](#).

Requested Nomination Information:

1. Name of Nominee Organization, Municipality, County, or Individual
2. Description of the activities that support your candidate for recognition
3. Include photographs, articles or other media to support the nomination
4. Provide your nominee's contact information (including street address, email and phone)
5. Provide your contact information (including street address, email and phone)

You can review past nominees on our [Website](#). Thank you for your nomination! Nomination Deadline is May 31, 2014.

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April 5 — Backyard Compost Workshop

Help slow the growth of unsightly landfills along the Raritan by composting kitchen and backyard waste. Come to the Backyard Compost Workshop from 10:00 am to noon at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County at the EARTH Center. Composting kitchen and backyard waste keeps organics out of our landfills. Attendees may also pick up pre-purchased compost bins at the workshops.

Free, with registration at 732-745-4170 or e-mail solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us. Presented by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County, program takes place at the EARTH Center, located in Davidson's Mill Pond Park, 42 Riva Ave., South Brunswick, NJ. For info on any program contact 732-398-5260. GPS Coordinates to our facility are N 40° 24.760, W 74° 29.848.

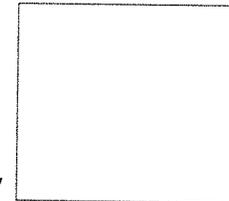
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April 5 — Start of 8th Annual Clean-ups for the Stony Brook/Millstone

Saturday and Sunday, times & locations TBD; Families and Adults; FREE

Help keep the waterways of the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed clean and healthy! Join us to pick up trash at a stream in your community. Do you want to volunteer in your town or nearby community?

Contact Erin McCollum Stretz, 609-737-3735 x17, to take action! Or visit the Stony Brook-Millstone Water Association's [Website](#) for the latest updates.



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April 5 — Mastering Organic Gardening

Looking to avoid harsh fertilizers and pesticides? Using compost in the yard improves soil and makes them more porous enabling rainwater to be absorbed and reduces pesticide and fertilizer runoff that can harm our streams. Discover the concept of Integrated Pest Management and learn to interpret soil sample results from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County at the EARTH Center.

Free, with pre-registration at 732-398-5262 by April 2. Presented by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County, program takes place at the EARTH Center, located in Davidson's Mill Pond Park, 42 Riva Ave., South Brunswick, NJ. For info on any program contact 732-398-5260. GPS Coordinates to our facility are N 40° 24.760, W 74° 29.848.

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April 6 — Watershed Cleanup — New Brunswick

Join in on Sunday, April 6th, from 2PM-4PM (or longer), for a Watershed Cleanup in New Brunswick, adjacent to Westons Mill Pond and Rutgers Gardens. This cleanup is jointly organized by Region 9 Watershed Ambassador, Lawrence Brook Watershed Partnership and the New Brunswick Environmental Commission. Meet at Burnet Street, between the Firehouse and the Water Utility adjacent to the Westons Mill Dam. Parking is on Edgebrook Road which runs uphill off Burnet Street opposite our meeting location. City of New Brunswick Public Works Department will be there to distribute bags, gloves, tools, grabbers, etc. Light



refreshments will also be provided and restrooms will be available at the adjacent Firehouse.

Please RSVP to Cameron Black, AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador at wsamb@raritanbasin.org.

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April 9 — Delaware Township Rain Barrel Workshop

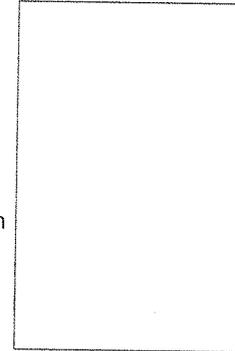
Learn how using a rain barrel can contribute to improving our water resources.

Participants will learn how to build, install, and maintain their own rain barrel.

Workshop will be held at the Delaware Township Municipal Building, 570

Rosemont-Ringoes Road, Sergeantsville, NJ 08557 from 6 to 8 pm.

The cost is \$40 to build and take home a rain barrel. To register and reserve a rain barrel, please call 908-685-0315 x233 or e-mail shelble@raritanbasin.org. RSVP is required and space is limited. For additional information, visit www.raritanbasin.org.



Funding for the project was provided by an NJDEP Water Resource Management, Division of Water Monitoring and Standards, Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration and Standards 319h grant awarded to North Jersey RC&D.

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April 12 — Clinton Pond Paddle

Join the Hunterdon County Parks for a guided paddle in Clinton Pond on Saturday, April 12 at 12:00 pm

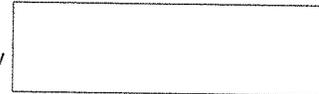
to 2:00 pm at the Clinton parking lot off of Halstead Street & Water Street. Ages 6 through adults, \$20.

Paddle around the scenic "Clinton Pond," past the lily pads, under the road bridge, past the historic Red Mill, up to the spillway of the Spruce Run Reservoir, and back. Great for children ages six and up (with an adult), senior citizens, beginners, folks with special needs (please inform us in advance), or those with a hankering to take a leisurely paddle and commune with nature. Pre-registration required. Register through Hunterdon County Parks, (908) 782-1158 or www.co.hunterdon.nj.us (click on "Parks & Recreation").

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April 12 — Duke Farms Build a Rain Barrel Workshop

Learn step by step how to assemble your own rain barrel and then learn how to install it at your home. Rain water harvesting can help save money on your water bill, prevent basement flooding, and reduce flooding in local rivers and streams.



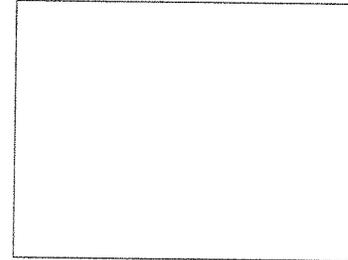
The workshop takes place at Duke Farms Orientation Center on Saturday, April 12 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. The fee for the workshop is \$45, which includes the barrel and all the materials. For registration (\$45 per barrel) & more information about rain barrels, please visit: www.water.rutgers.edu.

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April 12 — Arbor Day Celebration at Mapleton

Preserve

Join the Friends of Princeton Nursery Lands on Saturday, April 12, 2014, from 2 to 4 PM, for an Arbor Day celebration in the Mapleton Preserve -- the former home of Princeton Nurseries at Mapleton Preserve, Mapleton Preserve/D&R Canal State Park at 145 Mapleton Road, Kingston.

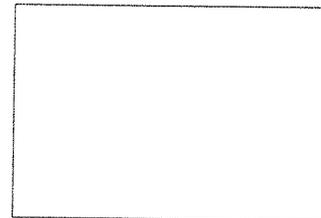


The event will feature a walk in the Preserve, where spring flowering trees will be putting on a fine show. A tree planting will illustrate best practices for getting new trees off to a good start. Refreshments will be available and each participant will receive a free baby tree to take home. It is free and open to all. For more information, contact Karen Linder at 609-683-0483 or visit www.fpnl.org. *(Photo from FPNL)*

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April 15 — Raritan River Rubbish Roundup, D&R Canal State Park, New Brunswick

Help clean up your local community rain or shine! Light refreshment and clean up supplies will be provided. Wear boots/rain gear, sunscreen, and bug spray. There is no bathroom on site.



When: Tuesday, April 15th 9am - 12 pm

Where: Johnson Park parking lot in Piscataway on Johnson Dr. off River Road

For more information, contact Cameron Black, AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador with any questions at wsamb@raritanbasin.org. Please RSVP by Friday April 4th.

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April 16 — Rain Barrel Train the Trainer Program

Considering starting a rain barrel program in your community? Want to incorporate rain barrels into your organization's educational activities?

The workshop takes place on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Duke Farms, 1112 Dukes Parkway West, Hillsborough, NJ 08844.

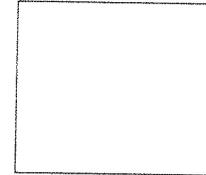
The Rain Barrel Train the Trainer program is for environmental commission members, educators, garden clubs, and environmental organizations interested in learning how to teach their communities about the benefits of rain barrels.

Participants will receive a packet containing all workshop materials and presentations on hard copy and CD so they can easily put the information to work. Participants will have the opportunity to build a rain barrel for use in their community or school. For those building a rain barrel, the cost is \$50.00. For those not building a rain barrel, the cost is \$12.00. Questions, please contact Pat Rector at 973-285-8300 or Rosana Da Silva at 848-932-6714. [Click on this link to see a flyer.](#) *(Photo of Barrel delivery in New Brunswick NJ, from www.water.rutgers.edu.)*

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April 19 — Canoe Trip on the South Branch of the Raritan

Join the Hunterdon County Parks for a guided paddle along Raritan's South Branch on Saturday, April 19 at 8:15 AM at the Arboretum. Ages 8 through adults, \$30 per person.



Your leaders will fit you with a lifejacket and paddle, and then drive to the river, where they will discuss maneuvering techniques and canoe safety. Our leaders will guide you down the river. We paddle for about two hours, stop for lunch, and paddle for about two more hours. We are flexible with our time, which depends in part on natural forces, such as wind speed and the river's water level. Our aim is to return to the Arboretum by 3:30 PM, give or take an hour.

Pre-registration required. Register through Hunterdon County Parks, (908) 782-1158 or www.co.hunterdon.nj.us (click on "Parks & Recreation").

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April 19–26 — Volunteer Litter Cleanup Week: Save the Date

The South Plainfield Clean Communities Advisory Board will sponsor a Borough-wide cleanup the last week in April.

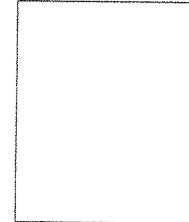
The main clean-up event will be on Saturday morning, April 19. Volunteers will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Municipal Building at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, to collect equipment and clean-up assignments. We will

target roadsides, parks, streams and vacant lots. Residents are welcome to organize a crew, or to come on their own. All volunteers are invited back to Borough Hall at noon for a free Pickup Picnic. Visit the [Borough Website](#) for more information.

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April 21–27 — Urban Cleanup Week: New Brunswick

The 2014 Urban Cleanup Week will take place April 21st - April 27th. New Brunswick residents, property owners, businesses, school students, houses of worship and volunteers are all encouraged to help get the City clean. From litter cleanups, to free flowers & compost, everyone can take part in these worthwhile events that protect our environment. Click to view each day's activity. [Download flyer.](#)



Daily activities start Monday, April 21st and run through Sunday, April 27th.

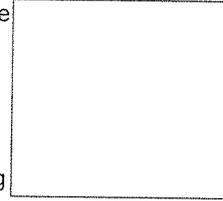
For more information please call City of New Brunswick Clean Communities office at (732) 745 5245 or go to www.cityofnewsbrunswick.org for more information.

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April 22 — Celebrate Earth Day at the 'Shed

Tuesday, 5:00–7:30PM; Families; Fee: \$15 per family

Visit the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Reserve after work or school to celebrate Earth Day! Teacher-Naturalists will be on hand to lead hikes to the Stony Brook or into the forest, introduce you to our resident critters and help you create simple Earth Day crafts. Our 'pop-up' Nature Shop will also be open, offering 20% off all purchases. Registration requested. Program co-sponsored by Washington Crossing Audubon Society.

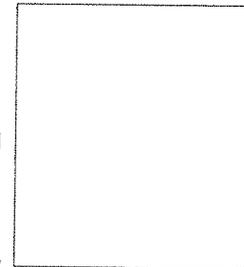


All programs meet at the Watershed Reserve, 31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington, NJ 08534. Please call (609) 737-7592 to register or visit the [SBMWA Website](#).

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April 24 — Rebuilding our Waterfront Conference

The Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance's 2014 Waterfront Conference, Rebuilding Our Waterfront: From the Water In, From the Grassroots Up, will be held on April 24th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM aboard the magnificent Hornblower Infinity at Pier 40 (cross at W. Houston Street). The morning panels will take place dockside, followed by an afternoon cruise around New York Harbor. The Hornblower Infinity will return to Pier 40 by the end of the program.



The 2014 Waterfront Conference will explore progress on the waterfront over the last 12 months with a special focus on the remarkable grassroots, community-based waterfront plans developed before and after Superstorm Sandy. Moderators, panelists, and respondents are listed below.

We hope that you have already purchased your tickets for this year's conference. If you haven't and you

would like to attend, please [click this link](#) to purchase your tickets, or visit the [WMA Website](#) for more information.

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April 26 — Clean Action Ocean Beach Sweeps

Join Clean Ocean Action to help clean up the Pirates Cove section of Old Bridge Waterfront Park in South Amboy and Fisherman's Beach. The cleanup will take place between 9 and 12:30. For more information and to register for this Sweep contact Scott Meyler at (732) 745-3064.

To learn more about this and other Beach Sweeps, visit [COAs website](#).

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April 26 — Raritan Headwaters' 24th Annual Stream Clean Up

Raritan Headwaters Association is looking for volunteers for its 24th Annual Stream Clean Up to be held on Saturday, April 26th from 9 am until noon. Each spring, as part of its Earth Day observances, the Association organizes clean up teams along the banks of the North and South Branches of the Raritan River and its tributaries. Volunteers of all ages are invited to join the effort to remove man-made debris that is clogging local waterways and threatening our drinking water supplies and wildlife habitat.

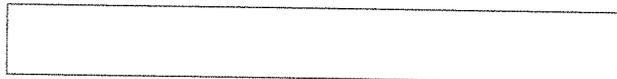
Raritan Headwaters will provide all necessary equipment, including gloves and trash bags, as well as snacks and a custom-designed t-shirt for every volunteer. This year, in an effort to avoid creating waste during the event, volunteers are encouraged to bring their own water bottle.

There are 30 sites that have been identified for clean up at this year's event. If citizens would like to spend a few hours in the fresh spring air and make a real contribution to the health of their favorite stream, contact Raritan Headwater's Stream Clean Up Coordinator, Laura Dillman by email at americorps@raritanheadwaters.org or call (908) 234-1852, ext. 323. Information is also available at www.RaritanHeadwaters.org under Protect/Get Involved/Clean Streams. The April 26th event offers citizens an opportunity to make a difference in the environmental health of their community.

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April 26 — Kingston Greenways Association Earth Day Cleanup Sessions

Kingston Greenways is sponsoring two cleanups in honor of Earth Day:



Saturday, April 26, 2014, 9 to 11 AM--Rockingham Historic Site, 84 Laurel Avenue, Kingston. Volunteers will collect trash around Rockingham and along Laurel Avenue.

Saturday, April 26, 2014, 2 to 4 PM--Cook Natural Area parking lot, 32 Heathcote Road, Kingston NJ 08528 (intersection of Ridge Road, Division Street, and Heathcote Road).

Volunteers will collect trash in the Cook Natural Area and parts of the Kingston Greenbelt that adjoin Ridge Road, Division Street, and Mapleton Road. Volunteers may also report to the Mapleton Preserve at

145 Mapleton Road, Kingston. Cleanups will originate at both locations.

Boots, hats, and long pants are recommended. Garbage bags, gloves, and safety vests will be provided. Meet great people, and leave the landscape cleaner than you found it!

For more information, call David Southgate at 609-924-3399, or visit <http://kingstongreenways.org/>.

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April 26 — 14th Annual Earth Day Celebration at Deer Path Park

Saturday, April 26, 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Deer Path Park, All ages, free – pre-registration is not required.

Celebrate the one, the only, Planet Earth! The celebration will be held at Deer Path Park located at 120 West Woodschurch Road in Flemington (Readington Township).

We are continuing our theme from last year, a round robin of carnival-like games and fun challenges all made from repurposed or recyclable items. Let's go green! Loosen up your arm for the tin can alley, see how many ringers you get at the wisteria ring toss, flick your wrist for our frisbee golf challenge, and much more.

Enjoy the live animal shows presented by Eyes of the Wild and Mercer County Wildlife Center. Meet youth members of local 4-H animal clubs and their rabbits, ducks, sheep, goats, and more on the Great Lawn. Float around the Deer Path Pond in one of the Parks' canoes after a short safety talk presented by members of the Hunterdon Canoe Club. Try your hand at make-it-take-it recycled crafts. Grab a bite to eat at the food concession run by Boy Scout Troop 288. Throw a line into the pond and see what is biting.

Let's celebrate Planet Earth and the natural beauty it has to offer. Hike a trail or take the children to the playground. Don't miss this chance to get outside with family and friends and reconnect with our Mother Earth!

For more information contact Hunterdon County Parks, (908) 782-1158 or www.co.hunterdon.nj.us (click on "Parks & Recreation").

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April 27 — Highland Park Native Plant Reserve Turns 20!

This spring Highland Park Native Plant Reserve celebrates the 20th anniversary of its groundbreaking.



The Highland Park chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Jersey will participate in an Earth Day event at Highland Park Native Plant Reserve on Sunday April 27. Our activity and displays will be in the pump house/parking lot area. We plan tours of the NPR, native tree and plant hunts, non-native plant hunts, creation of pollinator nesting sites, photo history, flora and fauna of the NPR, and actual plantings of native plants.

Volunteers are needed before and during the event! If anyone has additional ideas for displays or 'how tos . . .' that they would like to arrange, please let us know.

For more information, contact Mary at highlandpark@npsnj.org or visit the [NPSNJ website](#).

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April 30 — Cooperative Management of Young Forest Habitat for Imperiled Species

The topic of the Spring Meeting of the New Jersey Chapter of the Wildlife Society is Cooperative Management of Young Forest Habitat for Imperiled Species. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 2014, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Mt. Paul Center at Kittatinny Valley State Park and Sparta Mt. WMA, 243 Mt Paul Road, Oak Ridge, NJ. The event is sponsored by the NJ Chapter of The Wildlife Society, NJ Audubon Society through NFWF-NRCS grant for Working Lands for Wildlife, NJ Division of Society of American Foresters, and the Forest Guild.

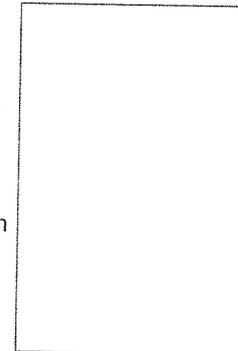
Contact Mim Dunn by April 22 to register at 908.637.4125 x 115 or miriam.dunne@dep.state.nj.us.

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April 30 — East Amwell Township Rain Barrel Workshop

Learn how using a rain barrel can contribute to improving our water resources. Participants will learn how to build, install, and maintain their own rain barrel. Workshop will be held at the Marion F. Clawson Memorial Park Pavilion, Ringoes, NJ 08551 from 6 to 8 pm.

The cost is \$40 to build and take home a rain barrel. To register and reserve a rain barrel, please call 908-685-0315 x233 or e-mail shelble@raritanbasin.org. RSVP is required and space is limited. For additional information, visit



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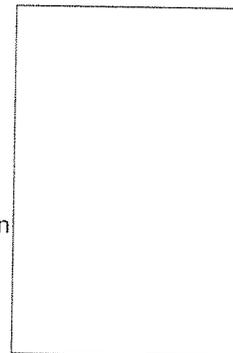
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May 3 — D&R Canal Rain Barrel Workshop in Franklin Township

Learn how using a rain barrel can contribute to improving our water resources. Participants will learn how to build, install, and maintain their own rain barrel. Workshop will be held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ on Saturday, May 3rd from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The cost is \$40 to build and take home a rain barrel. To register and reserve a rain barrel, please call 908-685-0315 x233 or e-mail shelble@raritanbasin.org. RSVP is required and space is limited. For additional information, visit www.raritanbasin.org.



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May 3 — Stream Monitoring Training for New RHA Volunteers

The Raritan Headwaters Association (RHA) is adding new stream monitoring sites in the northern region of their watershed along the North and South Branches of the Raritan River, Drakes Brook, Burnett Brook and Black River.



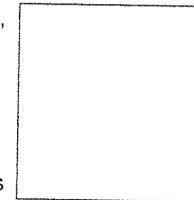
This year they will offer two trainings—one for new volunteers and one for returning, experienced volunteers (see May 17). The Training for New Volunteers is Saturday, May 3, 2014, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Fairview Farm, 2121 Larger Cross Road, Bedminster, NJ 07921.

Contact [Angela Gorczyca](#), Water Quality Program Manager, to register for a training at (908) 234-1852 ext. 315. For more information about RHA's stream monitoring program, please visit their [website](#).

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May 10 — Ride for the River

Bikers of all ages, styles and skills will gather at Lebanon Memorial Park, on Saturday, May 10, 2014, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am for this year's Ride for the River, a popular fund-raising event that combines a scenic motorcycle tour with barbeque, music, games and friendly competition. Now in its 12th year, the event raises money to support Raritan Headwaters Association and its work to protect drinking water sources and natural ecosystems across the Raritan River watershed.



The cost of the Ride for the River starts at \$25 per person, including a t-shirt and pin (for those who pre-register), the poker run, picnic/barbecue/bike show and musical entertainment. Non-riders are invited to join the picnic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at a cost of \$10 per person. The event will take place rain or shine.

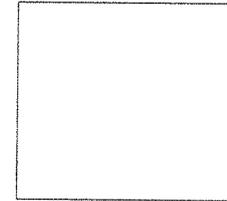
Visit the Raritan Headwaters Association [Website](#) for more information.

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May 10 — How Clean is my Stream?

Saturday, 10:00 – 11:30AM; 15yo – Adult; FREE

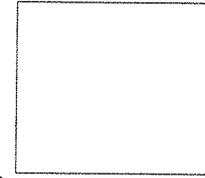
Join the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association in Kunkel Park for a hands-on stream exploration of the Stony Brook. In collaboration with the Pennington Public Library, we will learn about the Watershed Association's role in monitoring local waterways and conduct water chemistry tests. 'Meet' some of the stream inhabitants during a biological assessment of the brook and inspect GIS maps highlighting land use upstream. Join us to find out what YOU can do to preserve water quality! Wear old sneakers or boots for wading into the shallow water. Register by emailing trussell@penningtonlibrary.org, meet us at the park pavilion. Program is co-sponsored by the Pennington Public Library. Visit the [SBMWA Website](#) for more information.



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May 17 — Canoe Trip on the South Branch of the Raritan

Join the Hunterdon County Parks for a guided paddle along Raritan's South Branch on Saturday, May 17 at 8:15 AM at the Arboretum. Ages 8 through adults, \$30 per person.



Your leaders will fit you with a lifejacket and paddle, and then drive to the river, where they will discuss maneuvering techniques and canoe safety. Our leaders will guide you down the river. We paddle for about two hours, stop for lunch, and paddle for about two more hours. We are flexible with our time, which depends in part on natural forces, such as wind speed and the river's water level. Our aim is to return to the Arboretum by 3:30 PM, give or take an hour.

Pre-registration required. Register through Hunterdon County Parks, (908) 782-1158 or www.co.hunterdon.nj.us (click on "Parks & Recreation").

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May 17 — Back to the River: Millstone River Canoe Trip

Saturday, 9:30AM – 2:30PM; 15yo – Adult; Fee varies \$25-\$50 per person, dependent on craft

Join Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association's Education Director Jeff Hoagland for a paddle on the Millstone River, from Griggstown to Manville. Canoes/kayaks are rented onsite and fee covers watercraft, paddle, and PFD as well as guide/naturalist and lifeguard services. Space is very limited and registration is required. Call for more information, 609-737-7592. This program does not meet at the Watershed Reserve.



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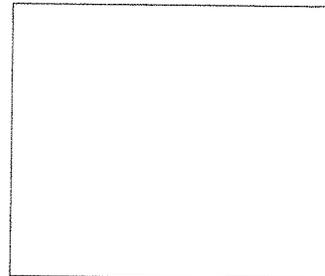
Is your Raritan River Basin organization planning any canoeing or kayaking events? Send an email to raritan@ejb.rutgers.edu with all the particulars. We'll post your event information in the May and June issues of the Sustainable Raritan River Newsletter. See the bottom of this newsletter for the next issue deadline.

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May 17 — Stream Monitoring Training for Experienced RHA Volunteers

The Raritan Headwaters Association (RHA) is adding new stream monitoring sites in the northern region of their watershed along the North and South Branches of the Raritan River, Drakes Brook, Burnett Brook and Black River.

This year they will offer two trainings—one for new volunteers (see May 3) and one for returning, experienced volunteers.



Contact [Angela Gorczyca](#), Water Quality Program Manager, to register for a training at (908) 234-1852 ext. 315. For more information about RHA's stream monitoring program, please visit their [website page](#).

(Photo of stream monitoring staff from raritanheadwaters.org.)

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May 18 — Raritan Township & Flemington Borough Rain Barrel Workshop: Neshanic River

Learn how using a rain barrel can contribute to improving our water resources. Participants will learn how to build, install, and maintain their own rain barrel. Workshop will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Complex, 2 Municipal Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822 on Sunday, May 18th (time TBD).

The cost is \$40 to build and take home a rain barrel. To register and reserve a rain barrel, please call 908-685-0315 x233 or e-mail shelble@raritanbasin.org. RSVP is required and space is limited. For additional information, visit www.raritanbasin.org.

Funding for the project was provided by an NJDEP Water Resource Management, Division of Water Monitoring and Standards, Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration and Standards 319h grant awarded to North Jersey RC&D.

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May 20 — Duke Farms Build a Rain Barrel Workshop

Learn step by step how to assemble your own rain barrel and then learn how to install it at your home. Rain water harvesting can help save money on your water bill, prevent basement flooding, and reduce

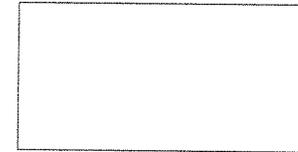
flooding in local rivers and streams.

The workshop takes place at Duke Farms Orientation Center on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The fee for the workshop is \$45, which includes the barrel and all the materials. For registration (\$45 per barrel) & more information about rain barrels, please visit: www.water.rutgers.edu.

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May 24 — World Fish Migration Day

Is your organization sponsoring an event for World Fish Migration Day? We can post your notice in our next newsletter. Deadline for submissions is April 22. Send your article or event notice for our Sustainable Raritan River Newsletter via email to raritan@ejb.rutgers.edu. (photo from fishinjersey.com)



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Save the Date for Teacher Professional Development

New Jersey Audubon will be conducting two 2-day, in-depth, Eco-Schools workshops and a week-long institute. Eco Schools is an international program implemented in the USA by the National Wildlife Federation and in NJ by the New Jersey Audubon.

June 30-July1: Biodiversity: An Eco-Schools In-depth Workshop

Human environments, including school yards and the surrounding communities are commonly characterized by a very low biodiversity. In this workshop, NJA Teacher/Naturalist Michael Pollock and Eco-schools Coordinator Jennifer Dowd will work with participants to examine ways to assess the amount and diversity of local habitats which could support a variety of plant and animal species. Lesson plans will be presented to incorporate the basic concepts of biodiversity into the school curriculum utilizing the school yard and local areas for hands-on learning. Participation in this workshop will prepare teachers to have their schools certified for the Biodiversity Pathway.

July 16-17: School Ground Habitats: An Eco-Schools In-depth Workshop

By working with students, school administrators and the community, teachers can begin by conducting an audit of existing wildlife habitat on the school grounds. In this workshop, NJA Teacher/Naturalist Michael Pollock and Eco-school Coordinator Jennifer Dowd will work with teachers to develop plans for school audit teams. Then, following the guidelines of the National Wildlife Schoolyard Habitats program, we examine the ways to plan, build, and maintain a School Yard Habitat at your school. Finally, ideas on the use of the habitat within the school curriculum will be explored. Participation in this workshop will prepare teachers to have their schools certified for the School Grounds Pathway.

July 28 through August 1: Summer Institute—Investigating Environmental Issues in the Raritan River Watershed

This weeklong institute is designed for Middle and High School teachers. During the week, we will explore the differences between environmental conditions, events, and problems and begin to address the issues (technical, sociological, economic, and cultural) that our society is faced with as it sets out to deal with these. While the focus will be on the Raritan Watershed, every subject addressed is applicable to any watershed in the state and teachers will be provided with the tools and resources to develop lesson plans for their own particular circumstances.

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Up to \$200 Rebate on Rain Barrels for Three Raritan

Municipalities

The Regional Center Partnership and the New Jersey Water Supply Authority are pleased to announce the Raritan River Rain Barrel Rebate Program. Rebates of up to \$200 are available for residents of Bridgewater Township, Somerville Borough, and Raritan Borough.

A rain barrel collects and stores rainwater from a roof. It prevents the rainwater from becoming stormwater runoff that picks up pollutants and carries them into storm drains, streets, or streams. Rain barrels allow you to store and conserve water while at the same time, help to keep our rivers and reservoirs clean.

Because there are so many rooftops, driveways, and roads in Somerville, Bridgewater and Raritan, this area is a concern for water quality. Programs here can make a difference in reducing pollution and easing stream erosion caused by heavy stormwater. The Regional Center Partnership administers the Raritan River Rain Barrel Rebate Program with a grant funded by the NJ Water Supply Authority.

For rebate program information, see this [Rain Barrel Rebate Program flyer](http://raritanbasin.org/rain_barrel.html#rebate) and please visit http://raritanbasin.org/rain_barrel.html#rebate. (photo from NJWSA)

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ANJEC Produces Flood Preparation and Response

Booklet

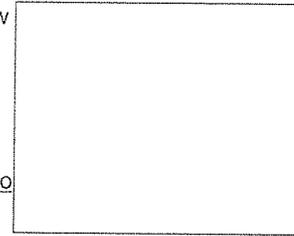
Under a grant from the Environmental Endowment of New Jersey, ANJEC created an 8-page booklet called Commissions can

customize the booklet with local information and print it out on 8 ½" x 11" paper for distribution to residents and businesses in flood areas as part of an outreach campaign. A digital consecutive-page version of the booklet can also be customized and posted on the municipal or environmental commission website. A version with registration marks, suitable for professional printing, is available on request from ANJEC. Contact info@anjec.org for more information.

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Guide and Map for South Branch Reservation

Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation recently published a new guide to the South Branch Reservation (Dec 2013). The brochure is designed as an overview of the South Branch Reservation. Many of the sections have their own trail map and guide. The new guide is found at <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/ParkAreas/SouthBranchReservation/GuideandMap.pdf>.

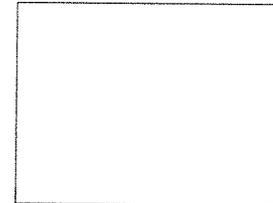


The section brochures are available at the Hunterdon County Arboretum or the Hunterdon County Website: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us (click on "Parks & Recreation"). (Photo from South Branch Reservation Map and Guide)

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Report Dumping in the Raritan River

Stop dumping in the Raritan! Call the NJDEP Hotline at 877-WARN-DEP to



report dumping.

After you report the illegal activity to the NJDEP, call your local watershed group and tell them about it as well. They can help follow-up on the problem. There are several wonderful organizations working in the Raritan who can help. Following is a list of which group covers what area. You can get more information about these organizations and the other Collaborative partners on our [Website](#) on the [Collaborative](#) tab.

- The [Raritan Headwaters Association](#) should be notified for activity in the North and South Branches or Upper Raritan River watershed that includes Spruce Run and Round Valley Reservoirs, and the Neshanic and Lamington Rivers
- The [Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association](#) will help with activity in the Millstone watershed that includes Carnegie Lake and the Stony Brook
- The [Lawrence Brook Watershed Partnership](#) will assist with any activity in the Lawrence Brook watershed, and
- The [NY/NJ Baykeeper](#) and the [Raritan Riverkeeper](#) should be notified for any activity in the Lower Raritan that includes the South River and Manalapan and Matchaponix Brooks as well as the Raritan Harbor and Arthur Kill.

Again, contact the NJDEP first and then call your local group. Thank you! *(Photo by Andrew Still)*

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Raritan Collaborative Facebook Page and Newsletter

Is your organization doing anything related to five key areas of the Sustainable Raritan River [Action Plan](#)? Do you have projects or events – past or future related to:

- Hazardous sites and sediment cleanup

- Water quality, stormwater and infrastructure
- Habitat Preservation and resource stewardship
- Greenways, recreation and public access to the Raritan and tributaries
- Balanced redevelopment and restoration?

We'd be happy to post your information on our Facebook page or include it in our next newsletter. Send your articles or event notices for our Sustainable Raritan River Newsletter via email to raritan@ejb.rutgers.edu.

You can also share your events with us by posting your photos and stories directly to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/raritancollaborative.

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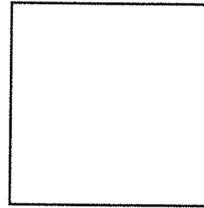
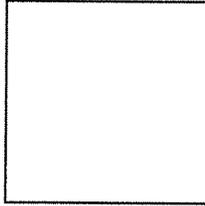
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