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NEWS FROM THE SUSTAINABLE RARITAN RIVER INITIATIVE — May 2014

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About the Sustainable Raritan River Initiative

Registration is now open for the 6th Annual Sustainable Raritan River Conference on June 13 at Rutgers' Cook Campus Center in New Brunswick

Register Now!

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.We will discuss how these practices can be applied in the Raritan region to help organizations and local governments make better land use decisions.

Invited speakers (partial list):

- David Batker, Chief Economist and Executive Director, Earth Economics
- Stephanie Pendergrass Dalke, Project Director, Pinchot Institute for Conservation
- Dr. Gerald Kauffman, Project Director, Water Resources Agency, University of Delaware
- John Miller, Associate Water Resources Engineer, Princeton Hydro, LLC
- Elizabeth Schuster, Environmental Economist, NJ Chapter of The Nature Conservancy
- Julie Ulrich, Urban Strategies & Watershed Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy

Join us in June for this next step towards sustainability for the Raritan. Register now and watch this newsletter or our Website and Facebook page for more information. The conference will be held at the Cook Campus Student Center in New Brunswick on Friday, June 13, 2014. If you would like to sponsor our Conference, please call Dr. Judy Shaw at (848) 932-2711. To secure exhibitor space, please contact Sara Malone at (848) 932-2720. *(Photo of Somerset County Mitigation Bank by Mark Gallagher)*

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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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May 17 — Bringing Duke Farms Sustainable Technology Home

Join Duke Farms' staff to learn how to implement some of our sustainable technology techniques at your home—from our green roof, rain gardens, solar array, geothermal heating and on-site waste water treatment, you will see how Duke Farms is working to be a model of sustainability. The workshop is scheduled for Friday, May 16 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM at the Duke Farms Orientation Center, 1112 Dukes Parkway West, Hillsborough.

In this program you will explore the sustainable initiatives in place throughout the newly renovated Farm Barn Orientation Center and surrounding grounds, and gain the knowledge to minimize your own carbon footprint while inspiring your neighborhood to do the same.

Cost: $5 per person. REGISTER NOW or call (908) 733-3700 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 June and July 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 17 — Stream Visual Assessment at Ireland Brook: Lawrence Brook Watershed Partnernship

Join NJDEP Watershed Ambassador Cameron Black for a fun, informative, beautiful Spring nature walk along the banks of Ireland Brook – one of the Raritan's tributaries – on Saturday May 17th

starting at 1:00.

You will learn about Visual Stream Assessment of the Brook as you traverse rocky areas, wetlands, woodlands and cross small tributaries to observe spring vegetation and possibly see and hear various animal inhabitants of the area.
The walk starts at the parking area at Ireland Brook intersection with Riva Avenue. Additional parking is located about 400 feet further north on Riva Avenue.

There will be a small charge of $5 ($3 for members & children) for insurance. For more information, contact Alan Godber at (732) 846-4476, or send an email to agodber@mac.com. Event is sponsored by the Lawrence Brook Watershed Partnership.

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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 18 — Biological Monitoring Training at Duke Farms

Learn how to use macroinvertebrates (aquatic insects) as biological indicators of pollution at this FREE training! The workshop is scheduled for Sunday, May 18 from 9:00 AM – noon at the Duke Farms Orientation Center, 1112 Dukes Parkway West, Hillsborough.

Space is limited so we ask that you please register. REGISTER NOW

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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. This workshop is part of the Water Resources Program at Rutgers' New Jersey Agricultural Experimental Station. For more information about that program, contact Michele Bakacs at (732) 398-5274.

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May 24 — 12th Annual Farrington Lake Cleanup: Lawrence Book Watershed Partnership

The 12th Annual Farrington Lake Cleanup will be held Saturday, May 24th from 9AM to noon. Participants should meet at Bicentennial Park in East Brunswick. For updates and more information, contact Alan Godber at agodber@tuberousa.com.

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May 24 — World Fish Migration Day: Connecting fish, rivers and people

World Fish Migration Day 2014 is a global initiative, with local events worldwide, to create awareness on the importance of open rivers and migratory fish. World Fish Migration Day is being held to improve the public's understanding of the importance of open rivers and migratory fish and their needs. Visit the World Fish Migration Day website.

World Fish Migration Day events aim to create awareness about open rivers and free fish migration routes. The aim is to have more than 250 events around the world on World Fish Migration Day; starting in New Zealand, following the sun and ending as the sun sets on the west coast of North America. Events will mostly occur on May 24, but some will happen throughout the month of May. The World Fish Migration Day will bring global attention for the need for open rivers and free

routes for fish migration. It will deliver international press coverage and a global petition will also be developed.

See more at: http://www.nature.org/newsfeatures/world-fish-migration-day.xml#sthash.Bc2jybeY.dpuf

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May 30 — ANJEC Capitol Day: Legislative Solutions for a Changing Environment

You can influence what happens in Trenton on behalf of the environment! Join ANJEC for a morning at New Jersey's State House on Friday, May 30, 2014 from 9:30am—12:30pm in the Statehouse Annex, Committee Room 16, Trenton. At this event you will meet key legislative leaders on the environment and energy, find out what's brewing in Trenton that may affect the environment in your community and statewide, and go home with practical ideas you can put into action in your town.

Featuring

- Senator Kip Bateman, Minority Conference Leader
- Assemblyman Daniel Benson, Environment & Solid Waste Committee
- Senator Bob Smith (invited), Chair, Energy and Environment Committee
- Ed Potosnak, Executive Director, NJ League of Conservation Voters
- Doug O'Malley, Director, Environment NJ

Registration Fees are $10 for ANJEC Members and $15 for Non-members. If your commission is on the ANJEC Workshop Plan, there is no charge to attend. To register or for additional information, email ANJEC or call, 973-539-7547. Funding for this program provided by The Fund for New Jersey.

And you can share the ride! ANJEC is now using eRideShare.com. If it's your first time, you should first sign up for free membership. Then simply sign in and then click on either "Post a ride offer" or "Find a ride offer." This will take you to a listing of ANJEC events. Fill in your originating address and other info required. Enter ANJEC's group password (anjecrides) and hit the Submit button.

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May 31 — Great Stream Exploration of the Stony Brook

Saturday, May 31st from 10:00AM – 12:00PM; Adults and Families (4yo+); Fee: $5 per person

Meet the Teacher-Naturalists at the Watershed Reserve to take a short walk to the Stony Brook, where we will search for life in and around the brook. Expect to discover a variety of creatures including crayfish, salamanders, frogs and aquatic insects. Wear old sneakers or boots for wading and bring a water bottle. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Nets are provided. This program is co-sponsored by Washington Crossing Audubon Society. Registration is required. Call (609) 737-7592 for more information and to register.

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May 31 — Asking the Right Questions in Stormwater Review

Every municipality has to review site plans for compliance with stormwater regulations. How can an environmental commission, planning or zoning board distinguish good plans from bad ones, and how hard can it push for nonstructural stormwater management in development plans?

Join ANJEC on Saturday, May 31st from 9:00am to 12:00pm for *Stormwater Management and Regulation: Municipal Official Training* at the Rutgers EcoComplex, Environmental Research and Extension Center, 1200 Florence-Columbus Road, Bordentown.
This training will focus on the questions municipal officials need to ask to ensure design professionals and applicants are in compliance with stormwater regulations. Additionally, the training will cover stormwater basics, low impact development and green infrastructure, and the role of municipal officials in NJ stormwater review.

This program is for planning boards, environmental commissions, zoning boards, municipal officials, members of departments of public works, and planners and engineers.
Speakers include:

- Christopher C. Obropta, Ph.D., P.E,Extension Specialist in Water Resources, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Water Resources Program
- Jeremiah Bergstrom, LLA, ASLA, Senior Research Project Manager, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Water Resources Program
- Jessica T.R. Brown, EI, Program Associate, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Water Resources Program

Continuing Education Credits available for this course. Registration Fee $20 Per Person. For more information, including alternate payment methods, email ANJEC or call (973) 539-7547.

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June 5 — Kayacking with Baykeeper in Keyport

Free afternoon paddles on Raritan Bay start June 5 and will continue on Thursdays in the month of June and July from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the Keyport waterfront at the beach to the east of the boat ramp. Meet at Keyport Waterfront.

These trips are sponsored in part by the Keyport Bayfront Business Cooperative. Click here to sign up for Keyport's newsletter and mobile app.

For more kayak trip information and to register for a paddle, click Kayak Flyer 2014. Other paddle dates are June 12, 19, 26 and July 17, 24, 31. (Photo from www.nynjbaykeeper.org)

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June 8 — Restore the Raritan Canoe & Kayak Rally

The Central Jersey Stream Team (CJST) is proud to present their first educational event -- "Restore the Raritan Canoe & Kayak Rally" – on Sunday, June 8 starting at the Headgates Dam.

The event will feature brief talks by John Jengo, Project Manager for several dam removal projects in the area, as we enjoy a relaxing float down the Raritan River from Duke Island Park in Bridgewater to Canal Park (at the site of the former Lock 11) in South Bound Brook (an early pull out point will be available in Raritan Borough for paddlers interested in a shorter trip). We will learn about the last two remaining dams on the main stem of the Raritan River (Headgates and the Island Farm Weir) and John will discuss the removal process of the Calco, Robert Street and Nevius Street dams that made way for more enjoyable paddles and greater fish passage for anadromous species.

Along the way CJST will highlight the areas of the river that have already been cleaned as well as the challenges that lie ahead in cleaning the river downstream of Raritan Borough. This stretch of the river will provide paddlers with an interesting cross section of structure-free and recently cleaned sections of the river versus those sections that contain dams and are still badly littered.

The paddle and talks begin at 10:00 am. Arrive early to shuttle between parking and launch areas. Please contact Joseph David at: joseph.david@cjstreamteam.org to register and for more information.

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Johnson & Johnson Information Technology Receives River-Friendly Business Certification

Johnson and Johnson Information Technology is now certified as a River-Friendly Business by the New Jersey Water Supply Authority (NJWSA). A ceremony was held at the site on March 26 to celebrate this achievement. There is a tributary to the Raritan River that runs through the Johnson and Johnson campus.

During the past two years, the staff at Information Technology has taken specific actions to improve water quality, conserve water, enhance wildlife habitat, and educate employees as well as visitors. Some of the water resource projects for this campus included:

- Creating an annual plan to care for grass and vegetation that will minimize the use of chemicals on the landscape.
- Installing and monitoring eight Eastern Bluebird boxes around the facility to provide nesting habitat;

- Engaging employees in a rain barrel building workshop, bluebird box building workshops, and other employee education programs;
- Conducting a Landscape Sustainability Audit, and planning to reduce irrigation water usage by approximately 238,700 gallons per year;
- Completing a review of the health of the stream as well as the plants and trees around the stream which filter pollutants that are carried in by stormwater.
- Planting a butterfly garden with native plant species including aster, butterfly milkweed, black eyed susan, and coneflower.

The company's efforts will help to protect the Raritan River which is a source of drinking water for 1.5 million people. "The River-Friendly Business Program has allowed us to be a model for stewardship in Raritan Borough, as well as the business community in New Jersey. We are pleased to be a part of this program," said Janice Masvidal, Senior Director, Enterprise Data Center & Building Facilities at J&J.

Johnson and Johnson Information Technology is the eighth business to be certified by NJWSA through the River-Friendly Business Program. The NJWSA implements a suite of River-Friendly Certification Programs for businesses, golf courses, schools (K-12) and residents in the North and South Branch and Lower Raritan watersheds. The certification programs are a cooperative effort between the participants and NJWSA, which provides an opportunity for landowners to become stewards of their local waterways. Participants receive technical information, support, and guidance for implementing environmental projects tailored to their unique location, as well as resources. For more information, visit www.njriverfriendly.org.

Photo: From L to R: Steve Wrenn (Global Vice President, Application Services), Raritan Borough Mayor Jo-Ann Liptak, Stuart McGuigan (Vice President, Chief Information Officer), and Daniel D. Zelem, Jr. (VP & CTO, Infrastructure Services).

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A Spring Reminder — No Hitchhiking!

The New Jersey Water Supply Authority, in cooperation with the Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers Campaign of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the New Jersey Department of Parks and Recreation reminds park visitors to prevent the transportation of invasive aquatic species. Follow the links in this article for more information about each of these important topic areas. And look for new signs at Spruce Run Recreation Area that will help keep the reservoir clear.

Simple Preventative Procedures:

- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment
- Eliminate water from equipment before transporting
- Clean and dry anything that contacted water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.)
- Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water

Become Informed and Take Action:

History shows recreational users take action if informed. All users can help protect the environment. Learn more about the aquatic hitchhiker issue:

- Get the latest news
- Learn detailed procedures to prevent the transport of nuisance species
- Study the impacts caused by nuisance species
- Get facts about some common hitchhikers
- Acquire resources and ideas for individuals and groups to get involved with prevention efforts
- Browse support materials to understand and get involved with the Aquatic Hitchhiker campaign

Aquatic Hitchhikers Can:

- Reduce game fish populations
- Ruin boat engines and jam steering equipment
- Make lakes/rivers unusable by boaters and swimmers
- Increase the costs of operating drinking water and power plants
- Complicate dam maintenance and interrupt industrial processes
- Reduce native species populations
- Degrade ecosystems
- Affect human health
- Reduce property values
- Affect local economies of water-dependent communities

For more information, visit www.protectyourwaters.net

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ANJEC Publishes a New Guide on Brownfields

In conjunction with the Center for Creative Land Recycling, ANJEC has produced a new 28-page guide for municipalities and community organizations to help them understand the processes involved in remediating and redeveloping Brownfields in New Jersey. This booklet describes the key players and their roles, recommends due diligence procedures, outlines legal obligations, offers sources of technical and financial assistance, and presents ways communities can be involved and have input in the Brownfields remediation and redevelopment process.

You can download the guide from their Website. Contact info@anjec.org for more information.

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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-July 1: 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 and please visit http://raritanbasin.org/rain_barrel.html#rebate. (photo from NJWSA)

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ANJEC Produces Flod Preparation and Response Booklet

Under a grant from the Environmental Endowment of New Jersey, ANJEC created an 8-page booklet called "Reducing Environmental Impacts of Flooding: Local Advice for Businesses and Residents in a Floodplain". Commissions can customize the booklet with local information and print it out it 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, Debris in South Bound Brook by Andrew Still)

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Raritan Collaborative Newsletter and Facebook Page

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 infrastucture
- 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.

The deadline for the June 2014 newsletter is May 22.

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About the Sustainable Raritan River Initiative

The Sustainable Raritan River Initiative is an independently funded program of the Environmental Analysis and Communications Group at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey that brings together the broader university with key leaders from across the region and state. The Initiative supports and facilitates the Sustainable Raritan River Collaborative, which is a network of over 130 organizations and agencies in the Raritan River region working together to promote the integration of sound planning and a vision for the Raritan Basin that balances social, economic and environmental objectives.

For more information, visit our Website and follow us on Facebook.

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