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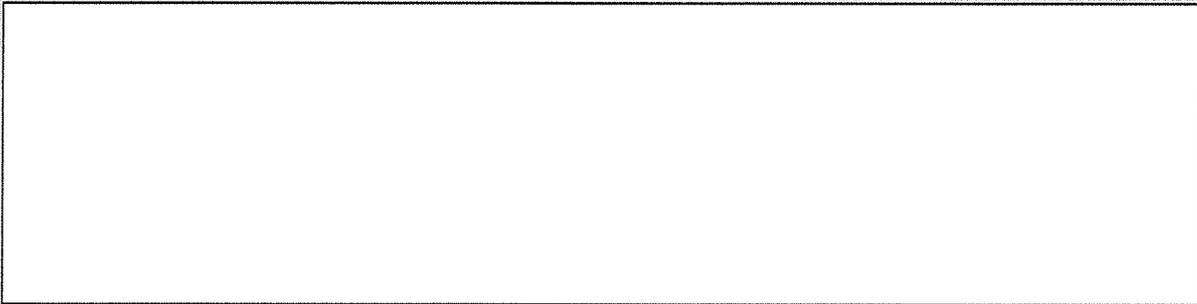
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**NEWS FROM THE RARITAN RIVER**

## COLLABORATIVE — May 2013

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### **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! The 5th Annual Sustainable Raritan River Conference, June 11**

**Fishable and Swimmable: the Clean Water Act at 40**

**Sustainable Raritan River Initiative, Rutgers University, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, 33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ**

Learn what others know about the quality of the river and building our economy. Find ways to achieve greater water quality in your region of the Raritan Basin. Share your successes. Take the pledge to set new goals to have better water quality now! Join us for

a day of workshops and discussions, the Annual Raritan Award and some fun post-conference events including a sail on the A.J. Meerwald, New Jersey's Tall Ship, an historic walking tour by the Crossroads of the American Revolution, and a bike tour by the East Coast Greenway Alliance of New Jersey. Space is limited. To be held in the Special Events Forum, Edward J. Bloustein School for Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ. [Register now!](#)

### **Newest Sustainable Raritan River Collaborators**

*Welcome to our newest members of the Sustainable Raritan River Collaborative!*

[The Sourland Mountain Planning Council](#)

[PlanSmart NJ](#)

[New Jersey State League of Municipalities](#)

[New Jersey Future](#)

### **INFORMATION YOU CAN USE: Flood Mitigation and Restoring Tree Canopies and Invasive Species**

Sustainable Raritan River Initiative Workshop Write-Ups and Resource Lists  
Available on our Website

Reports from two recent workshops have **advice from experts** and **great resources!** The first is from the [Stewardship Workshop](#) at Duke Farms on February 20, 2013 and the second is advice on Flood Mitigation, the [Raritan- Millstone Flood Control Commission Report](#) at Raritan Valley Community College on March 16, 2013. Visit our [Home Page](#) for these and other links, or go directly to [Recent Events](#) under News and Events for the summaries, copies of the presentations that were made, and helpful resources on these topics.

**Somerset County Business Partnership's Economic Competitive  
Conference, June 7, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Raritan Valley Community College, Route 28 & Lamington Road, North Branch, NJ

In collaboration with the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Somerset County Planning Board, the Business Partnership is pleased to present a conference to showcase Somerset County's Economic Competitiveness. The purpose of this conference is to educate the business community on the challenges and opportunities facing Somerset County, and more importantly, the economic development strategies we will be implementing to help your business compete. An active, focused economic development program is critical as our economy recovers. Registration is required. Cost \$50 per person. Visit [our website](#) for more information and to register.

**Report on New Jersey's Freshwater Fisheries: American Shad  
Restoration in the Raritan River**

It's Striper Season! [Read up on the progress](#) at the Fish Ladder at the Island Farm Weir.

**Kingston Greenways Annual Meeting**

Greetings from the trustees of [Kingston Greenways Association](#)! Read up on KGA activities: [The Green Way - Spring 2013 Edition](#)

*A message from Tari Pantaleo, President, KGA*

At the annual meeting on Wednesday, May 22, we will show a movie at the Kingston firehouse. "Clash" is a compelling documentary about the interdependence of the horseshoe crab and the shorebird called the red knot -- and about the threats they face.

Maria Grace of Conserve Wildlife will be our guest speaker for this special event. Please plan to join us!

## **Raritan Headwaters Association's (RHA) Activities**

- **Rain Barrel Workshop — Saturday, May 25, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
**Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary, 11 Hardscrabble Road, Bernardsville, NJ**  
RHA and the Bernardsville Environmental Commission will bring all the materials -- you supply the labor and go home with a rain barrel to harvest rainwater for your garden! This is a great opportunity to add a rain barrel to your garden or lawn this spring, and you'll receive info and tips on how to set up your rain barrel for effective storm water management. This program is for or grownups (and teens 16 and older). The cost is \$20 per rain barrel, and registration is required. To register, please contact Kelsey Barbella at 908- 234-1852, ext. 323

## **NY/NJ Baykeeper – 2013 Kayak & Canoe Eco-Tours start June 6 – Make Your Reservations Now!**

Paddle with the NY/NJ Baykeeper through the Hudson-Raritan Estuary's living web of uplands, biologically rich fresh and saltwater wetlands, beaches, straits and broad bays; home to more than 150 species of fish and shellfish, 330 bird species, and 15 million people. Reservations for Eco-Tours are first come, first served. For more information please contact Amy Testa at the NY/NJ Baykeeper Office or call 732-888-9870 ext 6. Visit [www.nynjbaykeeper.org](http://www.nynjbaykeeper.org) for more information and reservation forms. Cost is \$25 per person or \$35 per person including boat rental.

- **Raritan Bay Eco-Tour, Thursdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27, 5:30-6:30pm**
- **Navesink River Eco-Tour, Saturday, June 29, 2:00-3:00pm**

- **Paddle into Fresh Kills, Saturday, July 27, 10:0am-noon**
- **Sunset Paddle from Perth Amboy Beach, Thursday, August 15, 5:45-7:15pm**
- **Navesink River Eco-Tour, Saturday, August 17, 4:30-6:30pm**
- **South River & Lawrence Brook Eco-Tour, Saturday, September 7, noon-3:00pm**

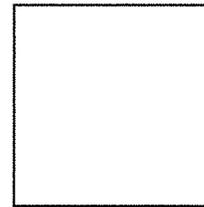
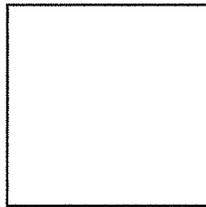
### **New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team Events**

- **Eradication Workshop — Wednesday, May 25, 9:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.**  
**Great Swamp Watershed Association, Morristown, NJ**  
 During this workshop the DEP Pesticide Control Program will discuss state laws related to herbicide application. Arborchem will present an overview of herbicide application techniques by slideshow, followed by an outdoor demonstration. Pesticide credits offered. Cost \$25 per person. [Visit here for more information or to register.](#)
- **Plant ID Training — Saturday, June 8, 9:30am-11:30a.m.**  
**Flat Rock Brook Nature Center, Englewood, NJ**  
 This workshop will focus on plant ID, survey techniques and data collection. Volunteers and land stewards are encouraged to attend. The bulk of the training will be in the field so dress appropriately. After the training we will discuss how participants can serve as Strike Team volunteers for local groups such as the Flat Rock Brook Nature Center and the NY-NJ Trail Conference. Free to all, [registration requested.](#)

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