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**Subject:** Coastal America Partnership Award Ceremony

You are cordially invited to attend the presentation of the Coastal America Partnership Award to the Musconetcong River Restoration Partnership. Please see the invitation below for details.

The Coastal America Partnership Award is the highest level award granted by Coastal America, a unique partnership of federal agencies, state and local governments, and private organizations. . This award recognizes outstanding collaborative, multi-agency and multi-stakeholder efforts that

leverage and combine resources to accomplish coastal restoration, preservation, protection, and education projects of national significance. Only a handful of awardees are named each year.

Please contact the Musconetcong Watershed Association at the number below if you have any questions regarding the event.

**Musconetcong River Restoration Partnership  
Coastal America Partnership Award Ceremony**

**Date:** Friday September 13, 2013

**Time:** 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Location:** 8 Musconetcong Street, Pohatcong, New Jersey 08865 (Finesville)

**Alternate Location:** Villa Milagro Vineyards, 33 County Road 627, Phillipsburg, NJ (In case of rain)

**Event:** Coastal America Partnership Award Ceremony for the Musconetcong River Restoration Partnership

**Purpose:** To represent the President of the United States and the Administration at a Coastal America Partnership Award Ceremony recognizing the Musconetcong River Restoration Partnership

**Awarding Official:** Mr. Ralph Cantral, Director, The Coastal America Partnership  
Also invited Congressman Garrett (R-5) and Congressman Lance (R-7)

**Background:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is the lead Department of the Interior (DOI) agency, although the National Park Service (NPS) is also involved in the project. The DOI is a partner on the project because it involved the removal of two dams which provided fish passage for diadromous fish including American shad, river herring, and American eel. The USFWS is directly involved with the project through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program. In addition, the NPS is a partner on the project because the Musconetcong River is a designated Wild and Scenic River.

**Project Description:**

The Musconetcong River Restoration Partnership (MRRP) is a multi disciplinary team working to improve and restore the Musconetcong River in northwestern New Jersey. The MRRP includes private conservation groups, Federal agencies, State agencies, private landowners and others. Much of the work is focused on removing dams on the Musconetcong River, which supports the Delaware Bay Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. In 2011 the MRRP removed the Riegelsville Dam remnants and the Finesville Dam, the first two obstructions upstream of the confluence of the Musconetcong River and the Delaware River, opening 3.4 miles of migratory fish habitat. These dams are in Warren County, New Jersey. The Musconetcong is New Jersey's largest tributary to the Delaware, the longest undammed major river in the United States east of the Mississippi River. The watershed has been the subject of significant attention with regard to restoration of fish migration, including river herring, American eel, and striped bass.

**Partners include:**

Carrie Mosley, State Conservationist, USDA/NRCS; Eric Schradig, Acting Project Leader, NJFO, USFWS; Beth Styler Barry, Executive Director, Musconetcong Watershed Association; Carl Alderson, Habitat Restoration Specialist, NOAA; Laura Craig, Associate Director, American Rivers; Grace Messinger, Executive Director, North Jersey RC & D Council; Michael Catania, President, Conservation Resources Inc.; Dave Chanda, Director, NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife; Brian Cowden, Musconetcong Home Rivers Initiative Coordinator, Trout Unlimited; Russ Furnari, Chair, NJ CWRP, and Paul Kenney, Partnership Rivers Manager, National Park Service.

**Other Opportunities:** Site visit to DOI/FWS projects in the region.

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