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Tuesday, March 15, 2016	
All day	National Agriculture Day
9:00am	Lower Raritan Watershed Recreational Assets and more
Wednesday, March 16, 2016	
All day	Imagination and Creativity in Urban Change Conference
6:00pm	Climate change, the global perspective - Duke Farms
Thursday, March 17, 2016	
9:00am	Project WET Workshop
10:00am	Organic Farm Advisory
2:00pm	Ecological Revitalization and Contaminated Sites - Webinar
Friday, March 18, 2016	
All day	The Future of Land Conservation... The Next 20 Years!
Saturday, March 19, 2016	
8:30am	NJ Forestry Association Annual Meeting
9:00am	40th Annual Rutgers Home Gardeners School
10:00am	Johnson Park Clean-up - Piscataway
10:00am	Sugar Maple Celebration
8:30pm	Earth Hour - turn off your lights to fight climate change
Sunday, March 20, 2016	
8:00am	Middlesex County Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
Tuesday, March 22, 2016	
All day	World Water Day
6:30pm	Starting your own Veggie Seeds
Wednesday, March 23, 2016	
6:00pm	New Jersey Climate Change and Its Likely Impacts - Duke Farms
7:00pm	Raritan & Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission Meeting
Saturday, March 26, 2016	
10:00am	The Dirt on Soil
Monday, March 28, 2016	
7:30pm	Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority - Meeting
7:30pm	Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority Meeting
Wednesday, March 30, 2016	
6:00pm	Deep Dives - Floating Possibilities: art and waterfronts - Waterfront Alliance
6:00pm	Getting Ready for Climate Change Here in New Jersey - Duke Farms
Friday, April 1, 2016	
10:00am	Emerald Ash Borer Workshop
Saturday, April 2, 2016	
10:00am	Annual Pequest Open House and Sportsmen's Flea Market
10:00am	Natco Lake Cleanup - Bayshore Watershed Council
Sunday, April 3, 2016	
10:00am	Annual Pequest Open House and Sportsmen's Flea Market
Wednesday, April 6, 2016	
9:00am	Fourth Annual NJ Invasive Species Conference
6:00pm	Deeper Dives - Digitizing Blueways - Waterfront Alliance
7:30pm	Green Brook Flood Control Commission - Meeting
Thursday, April 7, 2016	
5:00pm	Fishing Clinic
Saturday, April 9, 2016	
9:00am	Clinton Pond Paddles
Tuesday, April 12, 2016	
All day	US EPA's Recreational Waters Conference
1:00pm	Clean Water Council Hearing on Municipal Stormwater NJPDES Permit Renewal
Wednesday, April 13, 2016	
All day	US EPA's Recreational Waters Conference
6:00pm	Deeper Dives - Accessible Waterfronts - Waterfront Alliance
Thursday, April 14, 2016	
All day	US EPA's Recreational Waters Conference
Friday, April 15, 2016	
All day	US EPA's Recreational Waters Conference
Saturday, April 16, 2016	
All day	Raritan River Week
8:00am	Surf Fishing Clinic at Sandy Hook
8:15am	Lamington Canoe Trip
9:00am	26th Annual Stream Clean Up - Raritan Headwaters
Sunday, April 17, 2016	
All day	Raritan River Week
9:00am	Pipeline Hike on Baldpate Mountain
Monday, April 18, 2016	
All day	Raritan River Week
Tuesday, April 19, 2016	
All day	Raritan River Week
9:30am	Lower Raritan Watershed Mapping Presentation: Transportation & Mobility Assets
Wednesday, April 20, 2016	
All day	Raritan River Week
6:00pm	Deeper Dives - Cultivating Waterfront Stewardship - Waterfront Alliance
Thursday, April 21, 2016	
All day	Raritan River Week
7:00pm	Horseshoe Crab Monitoring Trainings - Bayshore Watershed Council
Friday, April 22, 2016	
All day	Earth Day
All day	Raritan River Week
11:00am	16th Annual Earth Day Open House - Hunterdon County Parks
6:00pm	16th Annual Earth Day Celebration - Hunterdon County Parks
6:00pm	"Our River Runs Through It" Earth Day Celebration - Raritan Headwaters
Saturday, April 23, 2016	
All day	Raritan River Week
9:00am	Save the Date - Spring Dvoor Farm Clean up
10:00am	Woodbridge Earth Day Fair
Sunday, April 24, 2016	
All day	Raritan River Week
9:00am	Edison Earth Day Celebration
Monday, April 25, 2016	
All day	Raritan River Week
5:30pm	Harvesting Invasive Japanese Knotweed
Tuesday, April 26, 2016	
All day	Raritan River Week
Wednesday, April 27, 2016	
All day	Raritan River Week
6:00pm	Deeper Dives - Working Waterfront - Waterfront Alliance
Thursday, April 28, 2016	
All day	Raritan River Week
Friday, April 29, 2016	
All day	Raritan River Week
4:00pm	Arbor Day Trees of Sandy Hook Walk
Saturday, April 30, 2016	
All day	Raritan River Week

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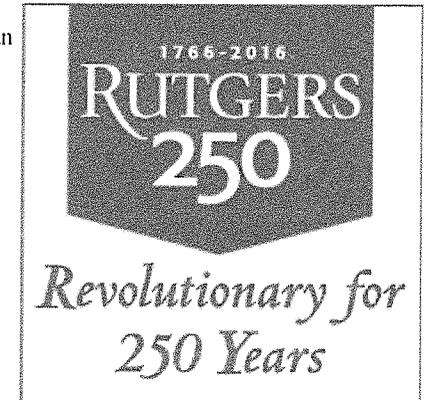
Save the Date! The 8th Annual Sustainable Raritan River Conference

In celebration of Rutgers University's 250 Anniversary, the focus of the 2016 conference is to showcase the University's efforts in the Raritan Basin, provide a forum for identifying a University-wide agenda for stewardship of the Raritan, and to establish a network for collaboration among University-based research, extension and outreach-efforts related to the Raritan Basin.

This annual conference typically draws upward of 200-250 attendees from state, local and federal agencies, non-profit organizations, businesses, philanthropic organizations and other organizations committed to watershed management.

Friday, June 10, 2016
Douglass Student Center
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
100 George Street
New Brunswick NJ 08901

Watch our Website for more information soon: <http://www.raritan.rutgers.edu/>



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Two States: One Bay Conference Summary is Available

The Two States: One Bay conference, convened on June 12, 2015 by the Sustainable Raritan River Initiative and the New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program, brought together more than 200 representatives from federal, state and local governments, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and businesses to focus on Raritan Bay. During plenary and working sessions where regional and bi-state issues and cooperation were the primary focus, conference participants examined the key topic areas of water quality, climate resiliency, habitat conservation and restoration, fish and shellfish management, and public access. This report identifies the insights and opportunities raised at the conference, including possible strategies to address ongoing bi-state challenges to ensure the stewardship and vitality of Raritan Bay.



The Sustainable Raritan River Initiative and the New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program invite stakeholders from both New York and New Jersey to join us in taking next steps towards greater bi-state cooperation in addressing the challenges facing Raritan Bay. *(Photo from NASA Image of the Raritan Bay Complex in the wake of Hurricane Irene)*

[Click here](#) to view the conference summary report.

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NY/NJ Baykeeper Releases NY-NJ Harbor Estuary Plastic Collection Report

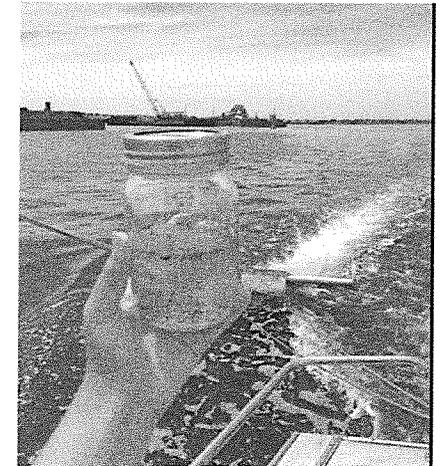
This report is the first examination of plastic pollution within waters surrounding New York City.

Based on estimates, at least 165 million plastic particles are floating within NY-NJ Harbor Estuary waters at any given time. That's about 256,322 per square kilometer! Plastics in our waters harm habitat, fish, and other wildlife and may be traveling up to the human food chain.

Together, we can all make a difference to reduce and eliminate plastic pollution to restore our waterways for future generations to enjoy. At the end of the report, you will find tips to cut out single-use plastics from your life, and replace with reusable materials.

Going forward, NY/NY Baykeeper will continue collecting water samples and advocating for policy that will remove harmful single-use plastic products!

[Click here](#) to view the report and learn more about what's in our waterways. *(Photo from NY/NJ Baykeeper)*



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Raritan Headwaters Offers Lead Test Kits through April 1

In response to the emergency in Flint, Michigan, and local concerns, the Raritan Headwaters Association is offering residents of the Headwaters region an opportunity to purchase a lead test kit for \$30. The kit can be picked up and returned to the Association's Bedminster office location (2121 Larger Cross Road) or Flemington, at 124 Main Street, lower level. Please call in advance to reserve your kit: 908-234-1852, ext. 401.

Current members can take advantage of a \$5 discount on their lead test. If you're not already a member you can join today and still get the discount! Limited Time Offer Ends April 1st *(Photo from RHA)*



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Critical Link in Rock Brook Greenway is Preserved by D&R Greenway

The D&R Greenway Land Trust announces the preservation of 11.6 acres, a critical link in the Rock Brook Greenway within the Millstone River Watershed in Montgomery Township. The former farmland that is now a successional woods along the Rock Brook was donated to D&R Greenway by Jeanne Sorensen Siegel of New York City and Adam Leff of Los Angeles. The property will be transferred, after necessary approvals, to Montgomery Township. The township and Montgomery Friends of Open Space (MFOS) are working together to create a greenway along the Rock Brook.



The property is adjacent to preserved forested land owned by Montgomery Township. The forested corridor that borders the Rock Brook and its tributary includes scarlet oak, basswood, red maple, white oak and black birch in the canopy with flowering dogwood dominating the understory. The floodplain along the Rock Brook tributary is dominated by American elm and black cherry. The mature trees along the bluff provide perch sites for foraging bald eagle that has been documented in the immediate vicinity by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife Endangered and Nongame Species Program.

“We are all grateful to Jeanne Sorensen Siegel and Adam Leff for their generous donation of this beautiful piece of land, and to D&R Greenway for donating it to Montgomery Township,” says MFOS President Sarah Roberts. “Over the last year MFOS and D&R Greenway have collaboratively preserved two other tracts of land, one with a grant from the Green Acres program and the other with the State Agriculture Development Committee, with contributions from Somerset County and Montgomery Township. Our groups share common goals, and we try to work together whenever possible.”

For more information and a copy of the full press release contact Carolyn F. Edelmann at cedelmann@drgreenway.org or (609) 924-4646. *(Photo from D&R Greenway Land Trust)*

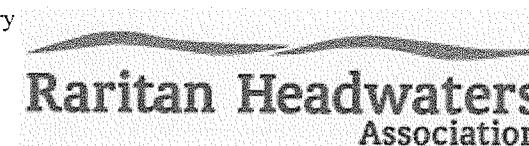
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Raritan Headwaters Association Earth Day Fundraiser on April 22

Live jazz, food, drinks, auctions, awards and more will highlight Raritan Headwaters’ “Our River Runs Through It” extraordinary fundraiser at the Ryland Inn this Earth Day, April 22nd.

Dan Ely and Jim Holland, two of central New Jersey’s strongest protectors and promoters of outdoor lifestyle on the Raritan

River, will be honored at Raritan Headwaters Association’s 2016 “Our River Runs Through It” Earth Day Celebration on April 22nd. Both men will be recognized for their dedication to



conservation and actions to steward, raise awareness, and protect the North Branch Raritan River while passing these values onto future generations.

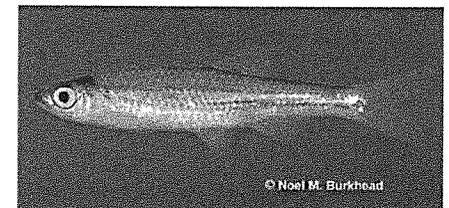
While every two years provide a new opportunity for Raritan Headwaters Association to honor significant figures from within New Jersey's environmental community, the party also has become the organization's most important bi-annual fundraising event. Donations collected on this one spring evening will provide a significant portion of the revenue necessary to fund the organization's many environmental science, education, stewardship, and advocacy programs throughout the year.

All 2016 ticketholders are invited to arrive at 6PM for the Earth Day Celebration featuring sumptuous and heavy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and an opportunity to participate in exclusive auctions. - Tickets are \$150 per person and may be purchased either online at www.RaritanHeadwaters.org, or by calling Linda at 908 234-1852 x319. Space is limited.

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Draft Conservation Status Report on New Jersey's Native Fish is Available

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife's Endangered and Nongame Species Program and Bureau of Freshwater Fisheries recently completed an assessment of the conservation status of the state's native fish. ENSP periodically conducts such assessments for groups of nongame wildlife to help determine which species should be listed on the state's Endangered species list or designated as Threatened, Special Concern, Stable-Secure, or Undetermined-Unknown on the list of nongame wildlife.



For information on this process, including the draft fish status report, visit http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/ensp/species_assessment.htm on the Division's website. (Photo of *Notropis amoemus* (Comely Shiner) by Noel M. Burkhead)

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DEP to Make Improvements to Round Valley Reservoir Boat Ramp and Parking Area

The Department of Environmental Protection plans a series of improvements for boating and parking access this summer at the Round Valley Reservoir boat ramp in Clinton Township, Hunterdon County. Heavy traffic at the boat ramp on summer weekends in recent years due to increased interest in kayaking and paddle-boarding, along with use by traditional users such as boaters and anglers, has resulted in crowded conditions at the ramp.



Improvements include an expansion of the boat ramp parking lot to allow for easier maneuverability of vehicles towing boats, and access to additional shoreline for those that wish to hand-carry their boats to launch. Other improvements scheduled this year will expand the lower gravel parking lot near the ramp. This additional space will allow vehicles towing boats to turn around and back down the ramp for the first time. Additionally, the added space will allow vehicles towing boats to park front end in, rather than parallel, creating additional parking spaces that would otherwise be occupied by a vehicle with a trailer parked along the edge of the lot.

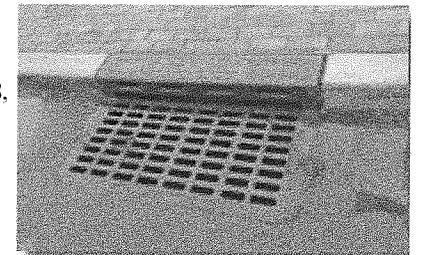
The Round Valley Reservoir covers more than 2,000 acres and is approximately 180 feet deep, making it the deepest lake in New Jersey. It has a water capacity of 55 billion gallons.

For more information about Round Valley Recreation Area, please visit: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/round.html>. For more information about Boat Ramp Maintenance Permits, please visit: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/f2w/wmaregs.htm>. To read the full press release, visit: http://www.nj.gov/dep/newsrel/2016/16_0010.htm. *(Photo of Round Valley Reservoir boat ramp by Matt Rainey of The Star-Ledger)*

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April 15 Deadline for Comments to Preliminary Draft Renewal of Tier A Municipal Stormwater NJPDES General Permit

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has prepared a Preliminary Draft Renewal of the Tier A Municipal Stormwater NJPDES General Permit. The Tier A Municipal NJPDES permit authorizes the discharge of stormwater from MS4s owned or operated by Tier A Municipalities in the State of New Jersey. The conditions of this permit were last renewed in 2009, expired on February 28, 2014, and continue in force pending completion of the renewal process (see N.J.A.C. 7:14A-2.8).



The purpose of a preliminary draft permit is to solicit input prior to the issuance of the draft permit. The NJDEP will not formally respond to

comments received on the preliminary draft permit but will consider them during preparation of the draft permit. The NJDEP will then issue a draft permit; solicit formal comments; and issue a response to comments document with the final permit decision (see N.J.A.C. 7:14A-15).

The Tier A Municipal NJPDES permit program was established in 2004. As a result, most municipalities have developed a stormwater program that complies with the core requirements of this preliminary draft renewal permit. While there are some new requirements, the preliminary draft permit was prepared in recognition of the resource constraints faced by many New Jersey municipalities. Many conditions are unchanged or clarified from the 2009 NJPDES Municipal permit, and most new requirements are phased in over time.

Follow these links to copies of the General Permit and supporting information:

- [Preliminary Draft Renewal Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit](#)
- [Preliminary Draft Permit Renewal Crosswalk Comparison \(2009 and 2015\)](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

Comments on the Preliminary Draft Permit should be submitted in writing by April 15, 2016. All materials supporting a comment shall be included in full and may not be incorporated by reference. Written comments may be emailed to: ms4predraft@dep.nj.gov, or mailed to:

Attention: "Comments on Tier A MS4 Preliminary Draft Renewal (NJ0141852)"

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

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Division of Water Quality

Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control

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(Photo from NJDEP Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/tier_a_draft.htm)

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Citizen Science Water Monitoring Equipment Loan Program Deadline March 21

The 2016 EPA Region 2 Citizen Science Water Monitoring Equipment Loan Program application period is now open to all citizen scientists/community groups within EPA Region 2 (covering New York and New Jersey). Priority will be given to groups monitoring urban waters and/or waters in Environmental Justice areas, including Tribal Nations. The equipment covers testing for the laboratory bacterial tests for Enterococcus and Total Coliforms/E-Coli; Nutrients (Total Phosphorous and Total Nitrogen); turbidity tubes; GPS units and water quality meters measuring general water quality parameters such as dissolved oxygen, pH, temperature, conductivity and salinity.



- Final 2016 Citizen Science Equipment Loan Program Application
- Final 2016 Citizen Science Equipment Loan Program Instructions
- Form 1780 Personal Property Loan Agreement with Terms and Conditions
- EPA Region 2 Citizen Science Quality Assurance Project Plan

Applications will be accepted through close of business March 21, 2016, with selections to be announced by March 31, 2016.

Visit <http://www3.epa.gov/citizenscience/> for links to instructions and application forms.

Contact Patricia A. Sheridan at sheridan.patricia@epa.gov or (732) 321-6780 for more information. (Photo of student using water monitoring equipment from http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/tier_a_draft.htm)

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Raritan River Photography Exhibit at Olivia Rainbow Gallery Until March 30

D&R Greenway Land Trust's Olivia Rainbow Gallery presents "Beauty and the Beast – the Fall and Rise of the Raritan River," fine art photography by Princeton Day School students of Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick, head of Upper School photography. Focusing on the historic Raritan River, the dramatic images are on view through March 30. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m-5 p.m. except for holidays, and the third Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. D&R Greenway Johnson Education Center, One Preservation Place (off Rosedale Road), Princeton.



Visit www.drgreenway.org or contact Carolyn Foote Edelman at cedelman@drgreenway.org or (609) 924-4646 for more information. *(Photo of Rocks and Water, Ken Lockwood Gorge by Hope Ammidon)*

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State Approves Over \$1.1 Million in Recreational Trail Grants

The Christie Administration has approved 63 applications totaling \$1,188,500 for recreational trail projects throughout New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Bob Martin announced [on February 18]. The funds come from the Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program and are administered by the DEP's Green Acres Program.



The goal of the Recreational Trails Program is to improve public access to open space, provide outdoor recreation opportunities, develop trail linkages, create urban and suburban trail corridors and provide sites and facilities for additional and improved hiking, biking, horseback riding, and off-highway vehicle activities.

The New Jersey Trails Council recommended the grant recipients for funding, and the Federal Highway Administration approved them. The Trails Council is comprised of representatives from hiking, mountain biking, motorized trail use, canoeing/kayaking and equestrian interest groups, as well as general trail advocates and state government representatives.

The approvals cover a wide variety of trails projects statewide, including over \$200,000 for trails projects in the Raritan River and Bay region.

Applications for the next round of competitive federal grants will be accepted by the DEP starting March 15 for funding consideration to develop, maintain and improve trails, as well

as to operate trails throughout New Jersey. The federal funds can be used to improve open space access, enhance environmental resources, create urban and suburban corridors, and provide additional hiking, biking, horseback riding, and off-highway vehicle opportunities.

For more information on DEP's Recreational Trails Program, please visit: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/trails/index.html>. (Photo of Henry Hudson Trail by fwzch from <http://www.traillink.com/trail/henry-hudson-trail-.aspx>)

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Volunteers Opportunities – Will You Heed the Call?

Volunteers are needed for these programs around the Raritan basin. For details, see the calendar listings at the top of this newsletter or follow the below links to more information.

The APA-NJ Community Planning Assistance Program is starting a new round of community planning projects. To support these various projects, they are looking for volunteer planners. If interested in volunteering please contact Tom Schulze, CPAP Coordinator at cpap@njplanning.org. Identify which project you would like to work on (see project descriptions on the below listed website), what skills you have to support that work, and whether you would like to be considered as the team leader for that project. Also, please include your resume. Go to <http://njplanning.org/> for project descriptions and information about volunteering.

[D&R Greenway](#) needs trail building and maintenance volunteers. Trail crews work on Sundays from September through May. Participants learn how to read the land and specific techniques of 'human-scale' engineering. The Greenway also needs Land Stewardship volunteers and help in their native plant nursery. Go to <http://www.drgreenway.org/opportunities.htm> for more information.

[Duke Farms](#) needs volunteers to help monitor and maintain areas that have already been cleaned up and restored as well as help with habitat regeneration. Visit the Duke Farms Volunteer page for more information or fill out a volunteer application form at www.dukefarms.org/en/Volunteer/.

[NY/NJ Baykeeper](#) has posted volunteer opportunities related to oyster monitoring (for adults only). Follow this [link to a PDF](#) of what to expect. To add your name to the Soundview oyster volunteer list, email Allison at Allison@nynibaykeeper.org. They also need some volunteers to help with tabling events.

[Schiff Natural Lands Trust](#) needs a variety of volunteers to help with publicity, photography, wildlife monitoring and with programs and events. Call (973) 543-6004 or visit their



website for more information.

The [Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association](#) needs volunteers for all sorts of things from front desk reception, office assistance and English/Spanish translation to conservation and trail watch volunteers who will help monitor and maintain buildings and trails throughout the 930-acre reserve. Visit their website to read about the Watershed Association's other advocacy, science, education, and special event volunteer needs or contact Pam Newitt, Volunteer Coordinator at pnewitt@thewatershed.org or (609) 737-3735 x 51.

Does your organization need volunteers to work on projects in the Raritan basin? Let us know and we will post your needs here. Send your request to raritan@cjb.rutgers.edu.

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Grant Opportunities

Need funding for your sustainable Raritan project? Here's are a few opportunities that crossed our desk...

The U.S. EPA is now accepting applications for locally-focused environmental education projects. Approximately \$2.7 million of funding is available to support locally-focused EE projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate EE practices, methods, or techniques. Through the EE Local Grants Request for Proposals (also known as a solicitation notice), EPA is looking to support locally-focused EE projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues. Projects should promote environmental stewardship and help develop informed, knowledgeable and responsible citizens in the community (ies) in which the project is located. Please refer to the full announcement for details, available at <http://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grant-solicitation-notice>. For contact information and background on the EE Grants Program and resources for applicants, available at <http://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>. Proposals are due by April 8, 2016.



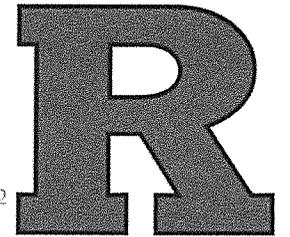
The NJDEP Recreation Trails Program Grants applications will be available March 15. The Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides financial assistance to states for developing and maintaining trails and trail facilities. The DEP's Green Acres Program administers the program in New Jersey. Projects are reviewed and recommended for funding by the New Jersey Trails Council and approved by the Federal Highway Administration. Grant funds can be used for: construction of new trails in existing parks or in new right of way; maintenance and restoration of existing trails; development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages for trails (e.g., parking, signage, shelters, sanitary facilities); purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment; for motorized use only: acquisition of easement and fee simple title to property for trails. Applications are available at www.trails.nj.gov and are due May 15, 2016.

And if these grants are not a good fit for your funding needs, the Watershed Institute, a Program of the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association maintains a website that can help you find grants for your municipal environmental projects. For more information, visit <http://thewatershedinstitute.org/twig/grant-finder/>.

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Hire Rutgers Students this Summer

The Rutgers Part-Time and Summer Job Fair takes place April 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the multipurpose room, [College Avenue Student Center](#), Rutgers University–New Brunswick. University departments and their affiliates interested in hiring students for nonfederal, work-study program part-time and/or summer jobs, as well as non-Rutgers affiliates such as area businesses, are encouraged to participate. Register [here](#). For more information, contact Michelle Brugnoli at jjdpz@ofa.rutgers.edu.



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Job Postings in the Raritan Region

Hackensack Riverkeeper needs to hire part-time seasonal staff to operate their two Paddling Center locations for the 2016 season. Both locations will require coverage most weekends from mid-April through late October. You can find details about the positions and how to apply at <http://www.hackensackriverkeeper.org/2368-2/>.

Green Jobs

Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation has posted job descriptions for Summer Nature Program Leaders, Summer Nature Program Assistant Leaders, Summer Nature Program Environmental Camp Leader, and Summer Recreation Leader (Internship). Visit <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/personnel/jobs.htm> for more information.

[New Jersey Audubon](#) has three open positions. They are looking for an Administrative Assistant to provide support to the Program Director of the Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary, a full-time Development Assistant in their Bernardsville headquarters, and a George Myers Master Naturalist Intern at the Cape May Bird Observatory and Nature Center of Cape May. You can learn more about these positions on the NJ Audubon website at <http://www.njaudubon.org/SectionAboutNJAS/OpenPositions.aspx>

NJ Water Supply Authority is looking for a Maintenance Worker I in their Ewing, NJ location, and a Project Engineer II in their Clinton, NJ office. Full details on these positions can be found at <http://njwsa.org/html/employment.html>.

Raritan Headwaters Association has posted two part-time positions. One for an Environmental Educator and the other for an Events and Volunteer Coordinator. Job descriptions and applications details are on the RHA website at <http://www.raritanheadwaters.org/about-us/employment/>.

Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association is looking for a Director of Science & Stewardship. All applicants must submit a cover letter, resume/C.V., three professional references and salary requirements via e-mail to Kevin Walsh, Deputy Director kwalsh@thewatershed.org. They are also looking to fill a dozen summer camp staff positions as well as two summer Urban Counselor positions. Detailed job descriptions are on their website at <http://thewatershed.org/about-us/employment/>.

Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) is searching for a Membership & Development Director in an expanding role to work with the Executive Director to raise financial support and awareness for ANJEC's mission. Please email resume and cover to Jennifer Coffey at jcoffey@anjec.org. Visit <http://anjec.org/Staff.htm> for the complete job description.

The D&R Greenway Land Trust has an opening for the Upmeyer Internship. This is a land stewardship summer internship. You can view the full job description at <http://www.drgreenway.org/opportunities.htm> or contact Emily Blackman at eblackman@drgreenway.org.

Want to find more listings? The Watershed Institute, a Program of the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association has an Environmental Jobs Board. Check out the listings on their website at <http://thewatershedinstitute.org/jobs/>.

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Report Dumping in the Raritan River

Stop dumping in the Raritan! Call the NJDEP Hotline at 877-WARN-DEP (877-9276-337) 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 [Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership](#) should be notified for any activity in the Lower Raritan that includes the region from Piscataway to Sayreville
- 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 Bay and Arthur Kill

Again, contact the NJDEP first and then call your local group.

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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 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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contributions from the sciences, planning and policy for a more Sustainable Raritan River, basin and bay. The Initiative works with 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
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