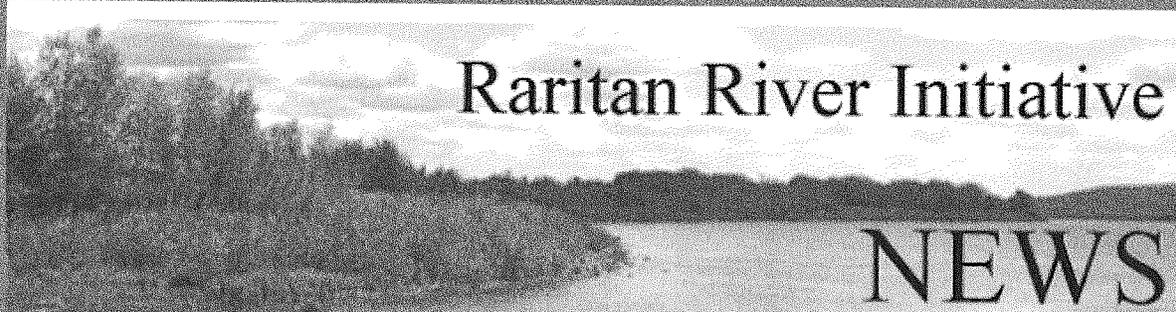




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 8:15pm Horseshoe Crab Spawning Survey - Bayshore
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Sunday, May 15, 2016
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Friday, May 20, 2016
 All day ACA Northeast Paddler's Rendezvous
Saturday, May 21, 2016
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 8:00am Middlesex County Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
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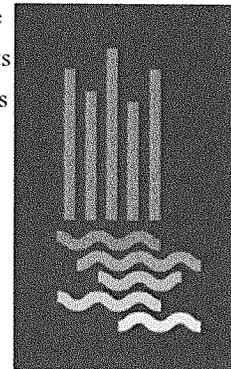
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NEWS AND INFORMATION

Student Scholarships to Waterfront Conference - Deadline Extended to April 18

The Waterfront Alliance, a civic organization working to protect, transform, and revitalize the New York and New Jersey harbor and waterfront, is accepting applications for students to attend their annual [Waterfront Conference](#) as part of a group of 100 Waterfront Scholars sponsored by Arcadis. This year's Waterfront Conference will explore how the public can deepen its sense of ownership over local waterfronts, and how we can reach new voices toward the future of a waterfront that balances local, regional, and global needs.



Students must answer, in 250 words or less, the following prompt: What does it mean to live in a coastal city in the 21st century? What do we need to do to make sure that our waterfronts are accessible, resilient, and ecologically healthy?

Interested applicants are asked to fill out [this survey](#) by Monday, April 18, including the option to post a summary of their response on social media network(s) of their choice using the hashtag #WaterfrontScholars.

Waterfront Scholars will be invited to attend the Waterfront Conference, held May 12th aboard the *Hornblower Infinity* at Pier 40 in Manhattan, free of charge, and will be recognized during the day's activities.

Following the Conference, Waterfront Scholars will be invited to submit a 500-word essay, a three-minute video, or other multimedia entry documenting what they learned. Five entries will be selected for publication in our biweekly WaterWire newsletter, with more than 10,000 subscribers, and will be invited to join Waterfront Alliance President and CEO Roland Lewis and other notable waterfront leaders for a luncheon.

Please see the survey for more details. Should you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to reach out by [email](#) or at 212.935.9831 x120.

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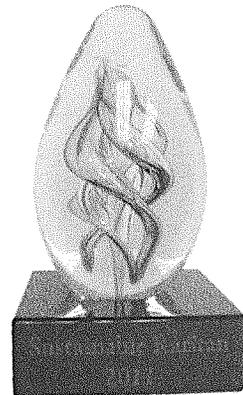
Call for Nominations for the 2016 Sustainable Raritan Awards

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. Do you know someone who deserves an award?

Nominate a person, business, organization, municipality or county that has helped make the Raritan region a better place to live and work. Make a nomination today by sending the following nomination information via email to the Awards Committee at raritan@cjb.rutgers.edu. Please include: (1) the nominee's name and contact information; (2) a description of the activities that support your candidate for recognition; (3) photographs, articles or other media to support the nomination; and (4) your contact information.

Award Categories:

- Government Innovation Award
- Public Education Award
- Stewardship Award
- Public Access Award
- Leadership Award (individual)
- Sustainable Business Award
- Non-Profit Innovation Award
- Remediation and Redevelopment Award



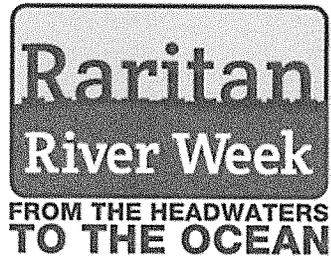
Deadline for award nominations is May 15. Visit our website to read about [prior years' recipients](#). Email raritan@cjb.rutgers.edu for more information.

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Raritan River Week - April 16 to 30

Just as the Raritan River connects towns and communities, Raritan River Week was established to show a unity in the efforts of organizations and towns "From the Headwaters to the Ocean."

We encourage everyone to attend at least one clean-up and help out the communities around you. The Raritan River Week [events page](#) has an extensive list of clean ups throughout the year from all of the participating organizations.



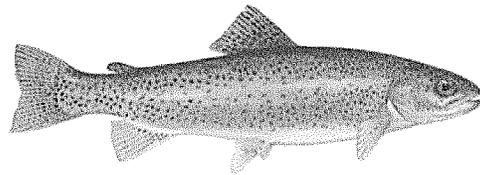
Our [resources](#), compiled by all the organizations involved, give you a wide variety of information to make you more knowledgeable about the Raritan River and other waterways in New Jersey. There is information about how to build a rain barrel, rain garden, and plan a clean up in your own community.

Visit www.raritanriverweek.com for more information or to view the new photos gallery page.

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Trout Season Opens April 9

Anglers will have a good opportunity to hook trout on opening weekend. The Division of Fish and Wildlife is stocking more than 570,000 rainbow trout across the state throughout the spring, with nearly 200,000 in the water and ready to be caught on opening day.



"Opening day of trout season is one of the most anticipated days on the calendar for anglers," said Division of Fish and Wildlife Director David Chanda. "New Jersey offers some of the best trout fishing on the East Coast, and has one of the best trout stocking programs found anywhere."

The season opening will be preceded by the Annual Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center Open House. The Open House is one of the Division of Fish and Wildlife's premier events, held annually the weekend prior to the opening of trout season to spotlight trout fishing and New Jersey's natural resources.

The Open House runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3. It offers a range of activities suitable for people of all ages and anglers of all experience levels. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information on the Open House, including a schedule of events and directions, visit:

www.njfishandwildlife.com/peqoh.htm or call (908) 637-4125, Extension 100.

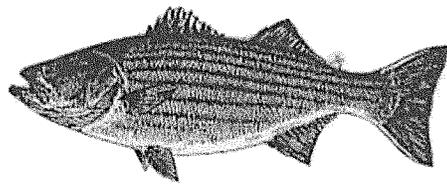
For more information on the spring trout stocking program, including the in-season stocking schedule, visit: www.njfishandwildlife.com/trtinfo_spring.htm. Stocking information is also available through the Trout Stocking Hotline at (609) 633-6765.

Anyone age 16 or older must obtain a fishing license and trout stamp to fish for trout. Children under 16 and New Jersey residents 70 years and older may fish for free. Licenses and stamps may be obtained through license agents statewide, found at www.njfishandwildlife.com/agentlst.htm. They can also be purchased online at www.nj.wildlifelicense.com.

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What to do if you Catch a Tagged Fish

If you catch a fish with a yellow dorsal loop tag, the tag belongs to the American Littoral Society. We need the tag returned along with the recapture information. To make it easy for you to respond, you can download our tag return form. Complete the form, tape the tag to it and mail it to the address on the form.



[Download Form](#)

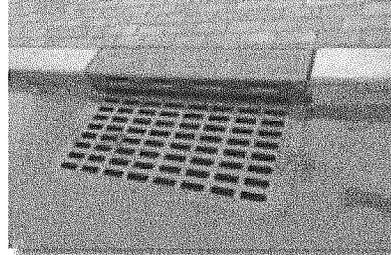
When we receive your form, we enter the data into our database. In return, you and the person who originally tagged the fish will receive

- The history of your fish (where it was tagged, how much it has grown)
- An American Littoral Society fish tagger's jacket patch
- Information about our tagging program
- The knowledge that you have made a contribution to marine fisheries science
- If you are interested in becoming a tagger contact Jeff at 732-291-0055 or e-mail jeff@littoralsociety.org.

Become an American Littoral Society fish tagger. You can learn how fish grow and where they go. Plus you will contribute data needed to protect and preserve fish for your generation and generations to come. Fish tagging memberships include one year membership in the Society, and two tagging starter kits (10 tags, 10 data cards, 1 applicator needle in each) and all the instructions you need to start tagging fish. Once you get the hang of it, you'll be able to purchase multiple tag kits without needles for \$6 each. Membership and tag kits are tax deductible.

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
Mail Code 401-02B
Division of Water Quality
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control
P.O. Box 420 – 401 East State Street
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

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

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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.



**Raritan Headwaters
Association**

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.

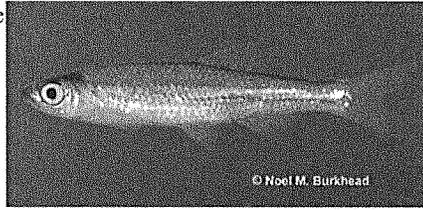
While every two years provide a new opportunity for Raritan Headwaters Association to honor significant figures from within New Jersey's environmental community, the party also has become the organization's most important bi-annual fundraising event. Donations collected on this one spring evening will 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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NJ's Native Fish Conservation Status Draft Report on 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 amoenus* (Comely Shiner) by Noel M. Burkhead)

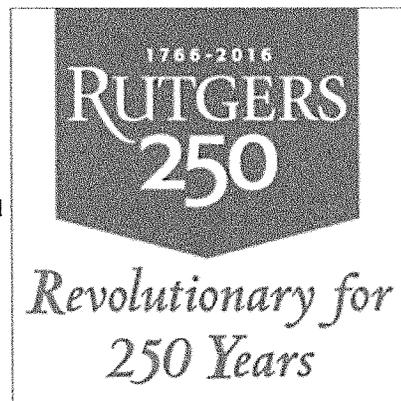
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RU on the Raritan - the 8th Annual Sustainable Raritan River Conference

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/>.

For sponsorship information, contact Sara Malone at simalone@ejh.rutgers.edu or (848) 932-2720.

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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.



Bayshore Regional Watershed Council and the NY/NJ Baykeeper need volunteers to help with the NATCO Lake cleanup on April 2. They also need volunteers to collect water samples this summer at several pre-selected sites along the shores of Raritan Bay & Sandy Hook Bay and they need volunteers to help with the horseshoe crab spawning surveys in May and June. Training for the summer water sampling activities will start in May. Training for the horseshoe crab survey is on April 21. Visit www.restoreraritanbay.org for more information about these volunteer opportunities.

[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, help in their native plant nursery, and more! Go to <http://www.drgreenway.org/opportunities.htm> to learn about all their volunteer opportunities.

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/.

Hunterdon County Parks needs volunteers for a wide variety of their programs and events. Visit <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/volunteers.htm> for the most current listing and contacts for more information.

The success of Pedal for Preservation, the Land Conservancy's largest event, depends on volunteers! Each volunteer's contribution, large or small, is critical. We welcome the participation of individuals, families, and corporate groups. Some volunteer positions will support the event in advance, but the majority of our volunteers are needed between 6 am and 2 pm on Saturday, June 18th. A minimum four hour commitment is requested. For more information visit www.tlc-nj.org/ride and contact Rhonda VanAntwerp at 973-541-1010 x24.

Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership needs volunteers to adopt a stream for regular monitoring and to conduct pathogens monitoring. They kick-off their visual habitat assessments on May 8 – training is required. You can also pitch in to help with a clean-up of the New Brunswick Conservation Zone – see the calendar listing for April 17 for more information on that effort. Email hfenyk@lowerraritanwatershed.org for more details on any of these opportunities.

Middlesex County's Parks and Open Space need volunteers to join their Conservation Corps to help build hiking trails, eradicate invasive species, clean litter and improve habitat for wildlife throughout the county. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

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@nynjbaykeeper.org. They also need some volunteers to help with tabling events.

Raritan Headwaters Association needs volunteers for their 26th Annual Stream Clean up on Saturday, April 16th from 9 to noon. Volunteers of all ages are invited to join the effort. There are 41 sites targeted for clean up at this year's event. Raritan Headwaters will provide all necessary equipment, including gloves, trash bags and snacks. In an effort to avoid creating waste during the event, volunteers are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottles. For more information, contact RHA's Water Quality Program Manager, Angela Gorczyca at AGorczyca@RaritanHeadwaters.org or (908) 234-1852, ext. 315.

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.

Sourland Music Festival needs volunteers to help with their annual fundraiser. Volunteers will see five great bands for FREE and will help to Save the Sourlands. Plus you get a free t-shirt! Visit www.sourland.org for general information, or go to <https://form.jotform.com/60487058386163> to volunteer for the festival.

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@ejb.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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the release of the Integrating Human Health and Well-Being with Ecosystem Services [Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#). This RFA goal is to fund community-based research that will foster better understanding of how human and well-being are interconnected with - and depend on - ecosystem services. Specifically, this research examines how communities can integrate ecosystem services with human health and well-being to inform their decision making and management practices. This RFA aims to develop information that allows communities to integrate environmental, societal and economic information and to better manage multiple stressors and their cumulative impacts on humans and ecosystems. The ultimate goal is

to help communities achieve their own objectives while taking advantage of more relevant and accessible information about ecosystem services. Partnerships and community engagement are strongly encouraged for this research. For more information about the RFA, please contact [Ron Josephson](#) for eligibility questions or [Anne Sergeant](#) for technical questions. Visit the [grant website](#) for the full description and guidelines. Proposals are **due April 21, 2016**.

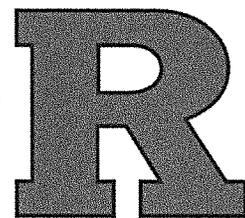
The NJDEP Recreation Trails Program Grants applications will be available March 15. The Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides financial assistance to states for developing and maintaining trails and trail facilities. The DEP's Green Acres Program administers the 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 jldp@ofa.rutgers.edu.



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Job Postings in the Raritan Region

Green Jobs

American Littoral Society is looking for a Delaware Bayshore Program Director and they also have openings for two interns – a Marine Fish Tagging Program Intern, and a Coastal Education Intern. Go to their Jobs page for full descriptions and how to apply.

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/>.

Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation has posted job descriptions for Summer Nature Camp Leaders (10 positions). Visit <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/personnel/jobs.htm> for more information.

New Jersey Audubon has two open positions. They are looking for 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 Facilities Manager in their Ewing, NJ location, and a Project Engineer II and a Maintenance Worker I 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 three positions. One for an Environmental Educator, a Summer Stream Monitoring Internship, and 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@cjb.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 May 2016 newsletter is April 22, 2016.

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