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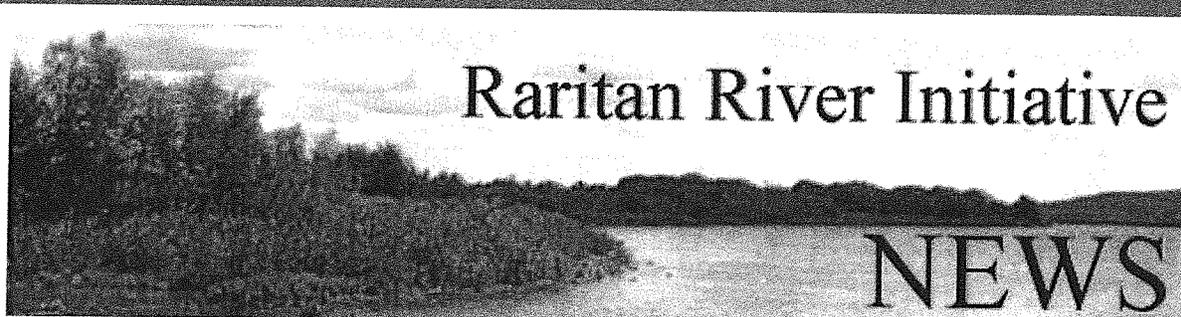
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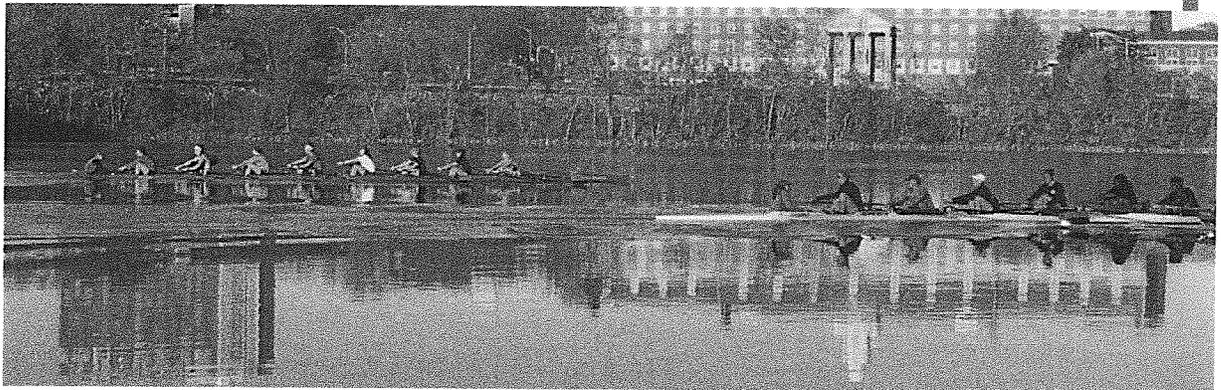
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Regional Collaborative Activities

Wednesday June 1, 2016
 7:30pm Green Brook Flood Control Commission Meeting
Thursday June 2, 2016
 6:00pm Highland Park Meadows Tour and Picnic
Friday June 3, 2016
 8:30am Changing Climate and Public Health - Workshop
Saturday June 4, 2016
 All day National Trails Day
 9:30am National Trails Day at Jamesburg Conservation Area
 10:00am EARTH Center Butterfly House Opens to Public
 10:00am Seine the Bay Day
Sunday June 5, 2016
 8:45pm Horseshoe Crab Spawning Survey - Bayside
Wednesday June 8, 2016
 9:00am BI-Annual Restoration Conference - NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program
Thursday June 9, 2016
 5:30pm Free Kayaking Thursdays - NY/NJ Baykeeper
Friday June 10, 2016
 8:00am Sustainable Raritan River Conference and Awards Ceremony
Saturday June 11, 2016
 9:30am American Littoral Society's Annual Members Day
 10:00am Fly Casting and Fishing for Beginners
 1:00pm Duke Farms Volunteer Training
Tue June 14, 2016
 All day Flag Day
 6:30pm Goal Setting for Watershed/Harbor Estuary Ecosystem
Wednesday June 15, 2016
 8:30am 2016 NJ Sustainability Summit
Thursday June 16, 2016
 1:00pm Webinar - National Wetland Condition Assessment
 5:30pm Free Kayaking Thursdays - NY/NJ Baykeeper
Saturday June 18, 2016
 All day 5th Annual Pedal for Preservation
 9:00am Canoe/Kayak the D&R Canal to oppose the PennEast Pipeline
Sunday June 19, 2016
 8:00am Windward Warrior SUP Race/Obstacle Course & Paddlesport Show
Monday June 20, 2016
 8:30pm Horseshoe Crab Spawning Survey - Bayside
Tue June 21, 2016
 5:00pm Central Jersey Trout Unlimited Picnic Meeting
 5:00pm NJA/WRA Southern Jersey Educational Seminar and Happy Hour
 7:00pm D&R Greenway Healthy Landscaping program
 7:30pm Lawrence Brook Watershed Partnership Meeting
Thursday June 23, 2016
 5:30pm Free Kayaking Thursdays - NY/NJ Baykeeper
Friday June 24, 2016
 6:00pm Sunset Paddle on Round Valley Reservoir
Saturday June 25, 2016
 All day Central Jersey Stream Team - Next Cleanup
 9:00am Schiff Nature Center Volunteer Work Day
 10:00am Woodbridge Creek Tour - NY/NJ Baykeeper
Tue June 28, 2016
 3:00pm Converting Contaminated Properties in Your Municipality into Assets
Thursday June 30, 2016
 5:30pm Free Kayaking Thursdays - NY/NJ Baykeeper
Monday July 4, 2016
 All day Independence Day
Wednesday July 6, 2016
 5:30pm Explore Stony Brook at Greenway Meadows Park
Saturday July 9, 2016
 8:00am Shore Paddle 2016 for Clean Ocean Action
Saturday July 16, 2016
 10:00am City of Water Day - Waterfront Alliance
Sunday July 17, 2016
 8:00am Middlesex County Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off
 3:30pm Shrewsbury River Eco Cruise w/NY/NJ Baykeeper
Thursday July 21, 2016
 5:30pm Free Kayaking Thursdays - NY/NJ Baykeeper
Saturday July 23, 2016
 8:15am South Branch Canoe Trip
 3:00pm Sourland Music Festival
Sunday July 24, 2016
 9:00am Schiff Nature Center - Volunteer Work Day
Friday July 29, 2016
 6:00pm Sunset Paddle on Round Valley Reservoir

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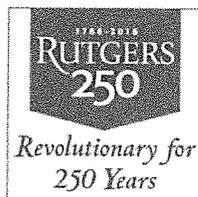
Don't miss

The 8th Annual Sustainable Raritan Conference and Awards Ceremony

RU on the Raritan

Exploring an agenda for Rutgers' stewardship of the Raritan River, basin, and bay

Friday, June 10, 2016



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.

Visit our [website](#) to see the agenda, to learn about sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities and to register.

Friday, June 10, 2016

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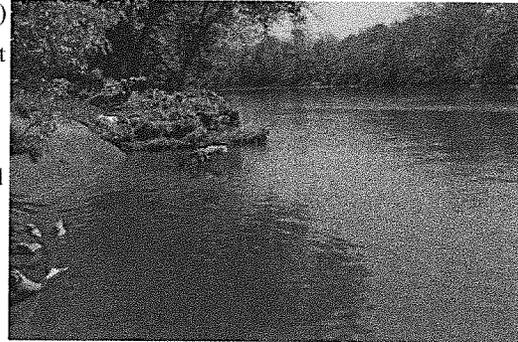
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For sponsorship information, contact Sara Malone at simalone@cjb.rutgers.edu or (848) 932-2720. *(Photo of Rutgers'*

Public Comment Period for American Cyanamid Superfund Site RP/EA ends June 10

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is the lead federal agency for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance for projects brought forth to restore injured habitat for fish and other trust resources resulting from long-term hazardous substance releases from the American Cyanamid Co. Superfund Site in Bridgewater Township, New Jersey.



Projects identified in the RP/EA are compensatory for lost resources and fulfill an obligation to serve the public as required under the Comprehensive Environmental Response,

Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), also known as Superfund Law. Superfund is a United States federal law designed to clean up sites contaminated with hazardous substances and pollutants. The Draft RP/EA proposes removal of the Weston Mill Dam on the Millstone River as well as feasibility analysis and design of technical fish passage at the Island Farm Weir, located on the Raritan River.

As documented in the RP/EA, the selected projects are expected to have an overall beneficial impact on ecosystem function and species biodiversity. The project's goals include benefits to various species, improvement of habitat function, and protection of existing habitat. Because the project is intended to restore natural resources, it is expected to cause a net increase to habitat productivity and improve ecosystem function.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Department of Interior, and the State of New Jersey invite public comment on a proposed plan. The Draft RP/EA is available at the following website:

<https://darrp.noaa.gov/hazardous-waste/american-cyanamid>

The public comment period on this plan ends June 10, 2016.

One hard copy of the RP/EA will be available in each of the following public library locations:

Manville Public Library, 100 S 10th Ave, Manville, NJ 08835, (908) 722-9722

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:30AM–9PM and Friday-Sat 9:30AM–5PM

Franklin Township Public Library, 485 Demott Ln, Franklin Township, NJ 08873, (732) 873-8700

Hours: Mon-Thurs 10AM–9PM and Fri-Sat 10AM–5PM

To request further information or an additional hard copy of this document or to submit your comments, please contact Carl Alderson at (732) 371-0848, NOAA Restoration Center – Sandy Hook Office, JJ Howard National Marine Fisheries Science Center, 74 Magruder Rd, Highlands, NJ 07732 or by email at Carl.Alderson@noaa.gov. Please put

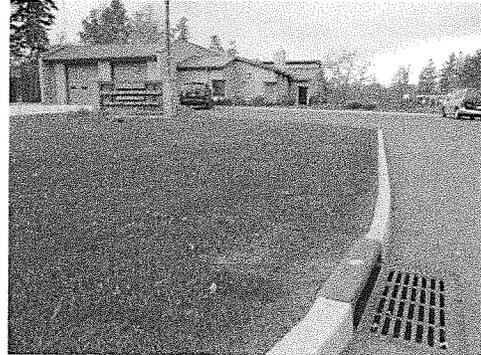
“American Cyanamid Draft RP/EA” in the subject line.

(Photo Credit: The American Cyanamid site sits on the banks of the Raritan River, from above website)

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Impervious Cover Assessments for Coastal New Jersey Municipalities

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) Water Resources Program, with support from the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium, has developed impervious cover assessments and impervious cover reduction action plans for coastal communities throughout New Jersey. These municipalities include: Keyport, Long Branch City, West Long Branch Borough, Tinton Falls, Eatontown, Ocean Township, and Lakewood.



This project was developed to help communities reduce the impacts of stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces. The impervious cover assessments (ICA) identify the amount of impervious cover in each municipality and the runoff volumes associated with impervious cover for the New Jersey water quality design storm, 2-year design storm, 10- year design storm, and 100-year design storm. These reports conclude with the number of acres that should be disconnected to realize a significant reduction in runoff and pollutant loads.

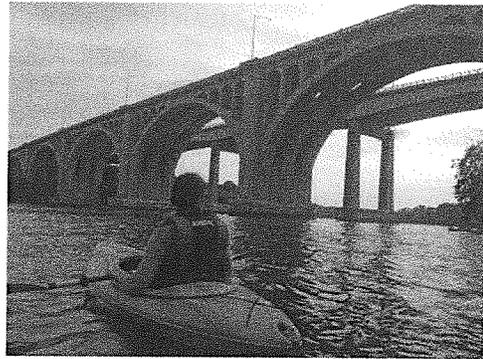
In addition, an impervious cover reduction action plan (RAP) is being completed for each of these communities. An impervious cover reduction action plan is meant to provide the municipality with a blueprint for implementing green infrastructure practices that will reduce the impact of stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces. These projects can be implemented by a wide variety of people such as boy scouts, girl scouts, school groups, faith-based groups, social groups, watershed groups, and other community organizations. Any municipality can quickly convert this impervious cover reduction action plan into a stormwater mitigation plan and incorporate it into the municipal stormwater control ordinance.

With the success of the work completed thus far, we hope to continue moving forward on this project by developing partnerships with each municipality by the summer of 2016. For more information, contact the [RCE Water Resources Program](#).

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Goal Setting for the Lower Raritan Watershed/Harbor Estuary Region

The Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership (LRWP) and project partners including the Raritan Riverkeeper, Middlesex County Office of Planning, the Sustainable Raritan River Initiative, New Brunswick Environmental Commission, and New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program will host a public workshop to discuss access to the Raritan River in the context of the NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program's 5-Year Action Agenda.



This workshop is a great opportunity to discuss shared priorities and goals for our watershed and regional ecosystem, including public access, environmental monitoring and restoration actions.

This goal-setting workshop will be held on Tuesday, June 14, from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Middlesex County Administration Building, Lower Level large meeting room (Tax Court), 75 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Free parking for the event is available in the New Brunswick City Hall surface parking lot across the street at 78 Bayard Street.

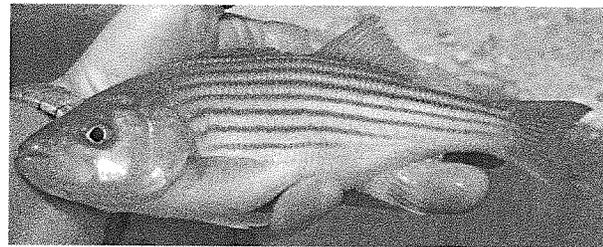
Please register for this FREE event so that we can get a sense for attendance. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information contact [Heather Fenyk](#) with the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership. *(Photo from LRWP website.)*

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Anglers can help with Juvenile Striped Bass Study in the Raritan

Local anglers can contribute to a Rutgers' research project by reporting catches of juvenile striped bass in the Raritan River and Bay.



The striped bass fishery remains one of the most important fisheries along the Atlantic coast. In New Jersey it is an extremely important species for the recreational fishing industry with the spring and fall fisheries providing an economic boost to the industry. This fishery is unique in that it provides equal angling opportunities for shore-and boat-based anglers. Management measures implemented in the mid 1980s helped the stock recover and the spawning stock biomass peaked in 2003. However, since 2003 biomass has been on the decline and scientists are uncertain as to why the decline is taking place. This decline has forced fishery managers to implement measures that reduce the striped bass harvest in New Jersey with the goal of increasing recruitment into the spawning stock biomass. Further reductions in the striped bass harvest/catch have the potential to negatively impact angler participation in this fishery.

The Rutgers research team of Dr. Olaf P. Jensen, Dr. Kenneth W. Able and Dr. Paola Lopez-Duarte began a two year effort in the spring of 2016 to investigate the presence of juvenile striped bass in Great Egg Harbor, Mullica River - Great Bay and the Navesink and Raritan Rivers. With the assistance of recreational anglers they will capture juvenile

striped bass for laboratory analysis. Fish ear bones, known as otoliths, contain a chemical record of the water the fish inhabited at different points in their lifetimes. Using microchemistry techniques on otoliths from juvenile striped bass captured in these estuaries the team will identify when they entered the estuary and determine if they originated locally or from one of the larger regional estuaries such as the Chesapeake, Delaware or Hudson. They will also compare growth rates of juvenile striped bass that remain in the estuary where they were born to those that migrate to a different estuary. The results of the project will provide fishery managers with an understanding of how small estuaries contribute to the overall stock of striped bass.

Anglers can contribute to this project. When they catch a striped bass under 12" in a New Jersey river or bay other than the Hudson River or Delaware River/Bay, they can report the date, location and number of striper under 12" to scj.strippers@gmail.com.

Anglers are reminded that it is illegal to keep undersized fish.

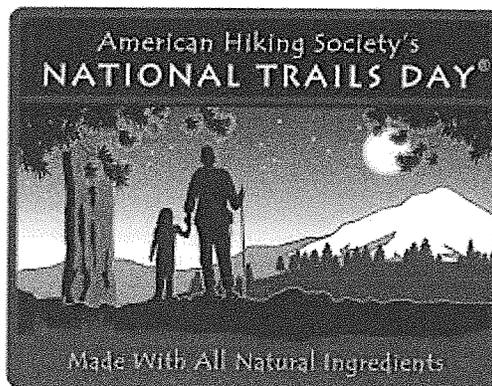
For more information and updates on the project visit <http://marine.rutgers.edu/~ojensen/Striper.html>. (Photo from *N.J. Sea Grant Consortium - Jensen Page*.)

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National Trails Day - June 4

New Jersey residents and visitors are encouraged to take advantage of the state's splendid scenery and great trails by participating in a variety of recreational activities in conjunction with the 24th Annual National Trails Day to be celebrated statewide and nationally Saturday, June 4.

From hiking and cycling, to horseback riding and kayaking, to nature watching and taking part in trail maintenance projects, residents are encouraged to get outdoors and connect with nature, even if only for part of the day.



An initiative of the American Hiking Society, National Trails Day was first celebrated in the United States in 1993 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the National Trails System Act. It is now an annual event designed to promote the many attributes of recreational trails.

Last year, National Trails Day participants across the country hiked 354,000 miles - equivalent to 14 times around the earth, according to the American Hiking Society. They also biked 123,000 miles, paddled 14,000 miles, and rode 36,000 miles on horseback. In addition, 24,700 volunteers built and maintained 1,500 miles of trails.

For details on all National Trails Day activities, including directions, contact information, RSVP requirements (if applicable) and other key facts, visit: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/trails/day.html>

For more information on National Trails Day from the American Hiking Society, visit: <http://nationaltrailsday.americanhiking.org/>.

Visit http://www.nj.gov/dep/newsrel/2016/16_0049.htm to read the full press release. And check out our [calendar](#) for some Raritan Collaborative activities.

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Raritan Basin Communities Among Recipients of Clean Community Grants

The Christie Administration is awarding a record \$23.7 million in Clean Communities grants to help municipalities and counties conduct litter cleanup efforts to help beautify New Jersey's communities and roadsides.

The DEP is awarding more than \$21.1 million to eligible municipalities, and an additional \$2.6 million to all 21 counties. Clean Communities grants to municipalities and counties in 2015 totaled \$20.8 million.



As established by law, the nonprofit New Jersey Clean Communities Council oversees the reporting requirements for the program. Grants are funded by a legislated user-fee on manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors that produce litter-generating products. Disbursements to municipalities are based on the number of housing units and miles of municipally owned roadways within each municipality.

Litter comes from a variety of sources, such as pedestrians, motorists, overflowing household garbage, construction sites and uncovered trucks. Litter is often blown by the wind until it is trapped somewhere, such as along a fence, or in a ditch or gully. People tend to litter when an area is already littered, and when they lack a sense of ownership or pride in their community. In addition to being unsightly, litter is unhealthy and may create a negative public image.

Activities funded by Clean Communities grants include cleanups of stormwater systems that can disperse trash into streams, rivers and bays; volunteer cleanups of public properties; adoption and enforcement of local anti-littering ordinances; beach cleanups; public information and education programs; and purchases of litter collection equipment such as receptacles, recycling bins, anti-litter signs and graffiti removal supplies.

Raritan basin municipalities receiving the largest grants are: Edison Township (Middlesex County) \$204,693; Woodbridge Township (Middlesex County) \$200,959; and Franklin Township (Somerset County) \$150,740.

Congratulations to these and our other Raritan Basin municipalities on their grants, and thank you for keeping the trash out of our waters!

For a complete list of municipal and county grant awards, visit: <http://www.njclean.org>. To read the full press release, visit: http://www.nj.gov/dep/newsrel/2016/16_0038.htm.

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Links to Trash Free Waters Information

The [Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions](#), a statewide organization that provides leadership, education, and support for environmental commissions and other local boards and public officials, has posted links to some great resources and handouts on New Jersey trash free waters from their May 4, 2016 Trash Free Waters workshop. They have links to the EPA's Trash Free Waters Initiative, Clean Ocean Action's Municipal Blue Star Program, the NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary's Plastic Collection Report and more! Visit the ANJEC website and click on the [Trash Free Waters, Presentations and Handouts](#) to see what is available.



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Green Infrastructure Guidance Manual

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) Water Resources Program has been promoting the use of green infrastructure practices to retrofit existing development and provide for stormwater management. The manual provides diagrams, engineering details, lists of benefits, and examples of implemented green infrastructure. All information provided is based on experience with planning, designing, and implementing green infrastructure throughout New Jersey in combination with the research conducted on green infrastructure across the nation.



To view and/or download the Green Infrastructure Guidance Manual for New Jersey, please [click here](#).

This document has been prepared by the RCE Water Resources Program with funding provided by the Surdna Foundation, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. This work is intended to provide guidance for the identification, design, and implementation of green infrastructure practices throughout New Jersey.

For more information, contact the [Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program](#).

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Grant Opportunities

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



EPA's Source Reduction Assistance (SRA) awards support pollution prevention through source reduction and resource conservation work. The application period **closes Monday, June 6, 2016, 11:59 pm (EDT)**. In FY 2016 and FY 2017 nine out of the ten EPA Regional Pollution Prevention Program Offices are announcing a two-year grant competition cycle to support two-year SRA agreements. The Regions anticipate awarding approximately \$2.2 million in federal grant funding (\$1.1 million in FY 2016 and \$1.1 million in FY 2017) to support SRA agreements offered as grants and/or cooperative agreements. EPA will not issue a funding announcement in FY 2017. SRA awards will be issued to fund projects that support one or more of the P2 Program's National Emphasis Areas – 1) Climate Change Mitigation/Prevention of Greenhouse Gas Emissions, 2) Food Manufacturing and Processing and 3) State or Community Approaches to Hazardous Materials Source Reduction. These areas will promote national environmental themes and strategies reflected within EPA's P2 Program. As authorized under the statutory authorities for this grant program, proposals must carry out project activities using one or more of the following methods – surveys, studies, research, investigation, experimentation, education, training and/or demonstrations. For more information, please refer to the [Request for Proposals](#).

Earth Watch Institute is seeking research proposals from scientists for projects that will restore degraded ecosystems by: increasing scientific knowledge and public awareness of environmental challenges to creating resilient ecosystems in a changing world, while providing locally relevant solutions; increasing partnerships with grassroots organizations, as well as with governmental and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) at local and international levels; and informing management plans and environmental policies. All proposed projects must have an overarching research theme directly related to global change and enable participation of citizen scientists and community members. Pre-proposals **due June 12**. [Learn more here](#).

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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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.

Bayshore Regional Watershed Council needs volunteers on Saturday, June 4 to help conduct a seining survey of Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay. They also need volunteers on Sunday, June 5 to help with horseshoe crab monitoring and tagging. Visit their website or our calendar for more information.

Central Jersey Stream Team needs volunteers for their June 25th clean-up. They usually have in-stream and dry-land volunteer activities. Visit our calendar or cjstreamteam.org for more information.

D&R Greenway Land Trust 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, including work on the Japanese Garden, Old Foundation, and Orchid Range. Visit the Duke Farms Volunteer page for more information or fill out a volunteer application form at www.dukefarms.org/cn/Volunteer/. Next volunteer training is Saturday, June 11 from 1:00pm to 3:30pm.

Hunterdon County Parks needs volunteers for a wide variety of their programs and events including their Music Under the Stars program, summer camps, and adopt-a-trail and nests monitoring programs. 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. Participation of individuals, families, and corporate groups are welcome.

Some volunteer positions will support the event in advance, but the majority of 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 has a variety of event-specific volunteer opportunities available throughout the year. Most volunteer events take place in spring and summer. Civic science volunteer opportunities include water quality monitoring and other environmental assessment activities, clean-ups, outreach, and community Green Infrastructure/restoration builds.

Middlesex County's Parks and Open Space need volunteers to help with trail improvements at Jamesburg Park Conservation Area in Helmetta on June 4 - National Trails Day - from 9:30 to noon. Visit their volunteer page for other opportunities.

NY/NJ Baykeeper has posted volunteer opportunities related to oyster monitoring and volunteering at the Living Shoreline Project at Fresh Kills Park, Staten Island. 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 volunteers to help with tabling events.



Pequest Trout Hatchery needs volunteers to assist with fishing instruction, visitor services, trail maintenance, bird house maintenance, gardening, teaching programs and more! All volunteers are members of the [NJ Wildlife Conservation Corps \(WCC\)](#). Anyone 18 years of age and older is welcome to join the Division of Fish and Wildlife as a volunteer. If interested, complete and mail an [application form](#), or e-mail questions to [e-mail the program coordinator](#).

Help improve and enhance the condition of hiking and bridle trails at the [Raritan Headwater's](#) preserves by joining their Adopt-A-Trail program. Great for school clubs, corporate groups, scout troops, religious groups, groups of friends, or individuals wishing to adopt a portion of a trail for outdoor fun that gives back to the community. To learn more, contact [George Schaberg](#), Land Projects Manager.

[Schiff Natural Lands Trust](#) needs a variety of volunteers to help with publicity, photography, wildlife monitoring, with programs and events, and more. To inquire about volunteering, e-mail info@schiffnaturepreserve.org. Include your name, contact information, the type of volunteer work you want, and provide general information about your background and skills.

The Sourland Conservancy has posted a [volunteer wish list](#) that describe types of skills needed as well as specific events for which they need help. Most immediate is the Sourland Music Festival in July. 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 requests to raritan@efb.rutgers.edu.

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Job Postings in the Raritan Region

[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.

Green Jobs

The [Land Conservancy of New Jersey](#) is seeking a NonProfit Development & Special Events Intern for a flexible paid position to assist with Pedal for Preservation and the Gray Cup Invitational Golf Classic in their Boonton office. Email your resume and a writing sample to: hr@tlc-nj.org.

[New Jersey Audubon](#) has several open positions at various locations. They are looking for a Stewardship Technician

in Port Murray, a Seasonal Stewardship Technician in Cape May Court House, a Program Registrar at the Cape May Bird Observatory, a VP of Development and Communications in Bernardsville, a Development Assistant in Bernardsville, a George Myers Master Naturalist Intern at the Cape May Bird Observatory and Nature Center of Cape May, and a Development Assistant in Bernardsville. You can learn more about these positions on the NJ Audubon website at <http://www.njaudubon.org/SectionAboutNJAS/OpenPositions.aspx>

[NJ Water Supply Authority](http://www.raritanbasin.org/News/TEMP_WSP_AGRICULTURE.pdf) is looking for a Watershed Protection Specialist/Agriculture to provide conservation planning assistance in their Frenchtown field office. Full details on this position can be found at http://www.raritanbasin.org/News/TEMP_WSP_AGRICULTURE.pdf.

[Raritan Headwaters](http://www.raritanheadwaters.org/about-us/employment/) is looking for an Environmental Educator to teach a traveling stream ecology program called WaterWays. Job descriptions and application details are on the RH website at <http://www.raritanheadwaters.org/about-us/employment/>.

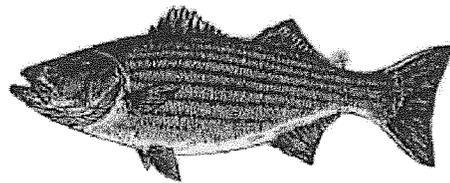
[Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association](http://thewatershed.org/about-us/employment/) is seeking a full-time Director of Science & Stewardship. All applicants must submit a cover letter, resume/C.V., three professional references and salary requirements via e-mail to Kevin Walsh, Deputy Director kwalsh@thewatershed.org. SBMWA is also looking for a part-time STEM Education Specialist. Submit cover letter, resume and list of references to Maryann Polefka, Assistant Director of Education, mpolefka@thewatershed.org. Detailed job descriptions are on their website at <http://thewatershed.org/about-us/employment/>.

Want to find more listings? [The Watershed Institute](http://thewatershedinstitute.org/jobs/), 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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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. They need the tag returned along with the recapture information. To make it easy for you to respond, you can download a tag return form. Complete the form, tape the tag to it and mail it to the address on the form. [Download Form](#)



When the Society receives your form, they enter the data into a 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 the 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.

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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](#) 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. *(Photo credit: Woodfern Floodplain Clean-up by Central Jersey Stream Team)*

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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 Newsletter or Calendar 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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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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