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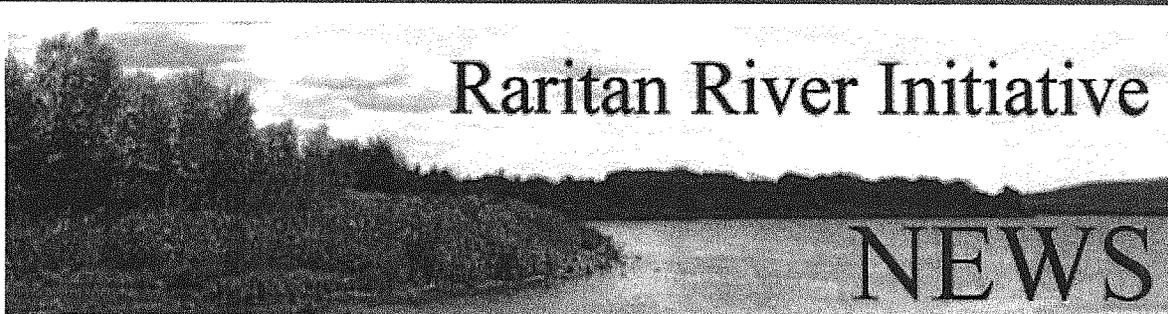
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## About the Sustainable Raritan River Initiative

### **Regional Collaborative Activities**

#### **Monday August 15, 2016**

All day Deadline - NJ's Women & Wildlife Awards

8:00am Morning Call with Bill Kibler

#### **Tuesday August 16, 2016**

All day Deadline for NOAA Coastal Ecosystem Resilience Grants

#### **Thursday August 18, 2016**

1:00pm Advancing Partnerships for Healthy Watersheds - Webinar

#### **Saturday August 20, 2016**

7:00am Annual Fluke Tagging Trip with American Littoral Society

8:00am Save the Date - Central Jersey Stream Team Cleanup

8:30am Raritan River Sojourn - Day 5

10:00am Monarch & Meadow Fest - Duke Farms

11:00am EARTH Center Open House

#### **Sunday August 21, 2016**

3:30pm Boat and Bridges Eco-Cruise around Staten Island

#### **Mon August 22, 2016**

7:30pm Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority

7:30pm Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority Meeting

#### **Wednesday August 24, 2016**

6:00pm Sunset Seining with American Littoral Society

7:00pm RMRFCC Meeting

#### **Saturday August 27, 2016**

9:00am Schiff Natural Land Trust Volunteer Work Day

9:00am Shore Birds and Wild Edibles

3:30pm Navesink River Kayak Tour

#### **Wednesday August 31, 2016**

3:00pm Snyder Farm Open House and Great Tomato Tasting

#### **Thursday September 8, 2016**

6:30pm Master Gardener Program Orientation - Middlesex County

7:30pm Bayshore Regional Watershed Council Meeting

#### **Friday September 9, 2016**

9:30am Master Gardener Program Orientation - Middlesex County

#### **Saturday September 10, 2016**

All day Sourland Spectacular 2016

All day WILD Outdoor Expo

#### **Sunday September 11, 2016**

All day WILD Outdoor Expo

#### **Tuesday September 13, 2016**

8:00pm Central Jersey Trout Unlimited General Meeting

#### **Thursday September 15, 2016**

All day Mid-Atlantic Conference of the American Water Resources Association

[Check out the full calendar and all details by clicking here!](#)

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## Raritan River Online Data Portal Available to the Public

Participants at the June Sustainable Raritan River Conference learned about the project conducted by Dr. Steven E. Yergeau to compile Raritan River and Bay data and to make it available to area stakeholders.

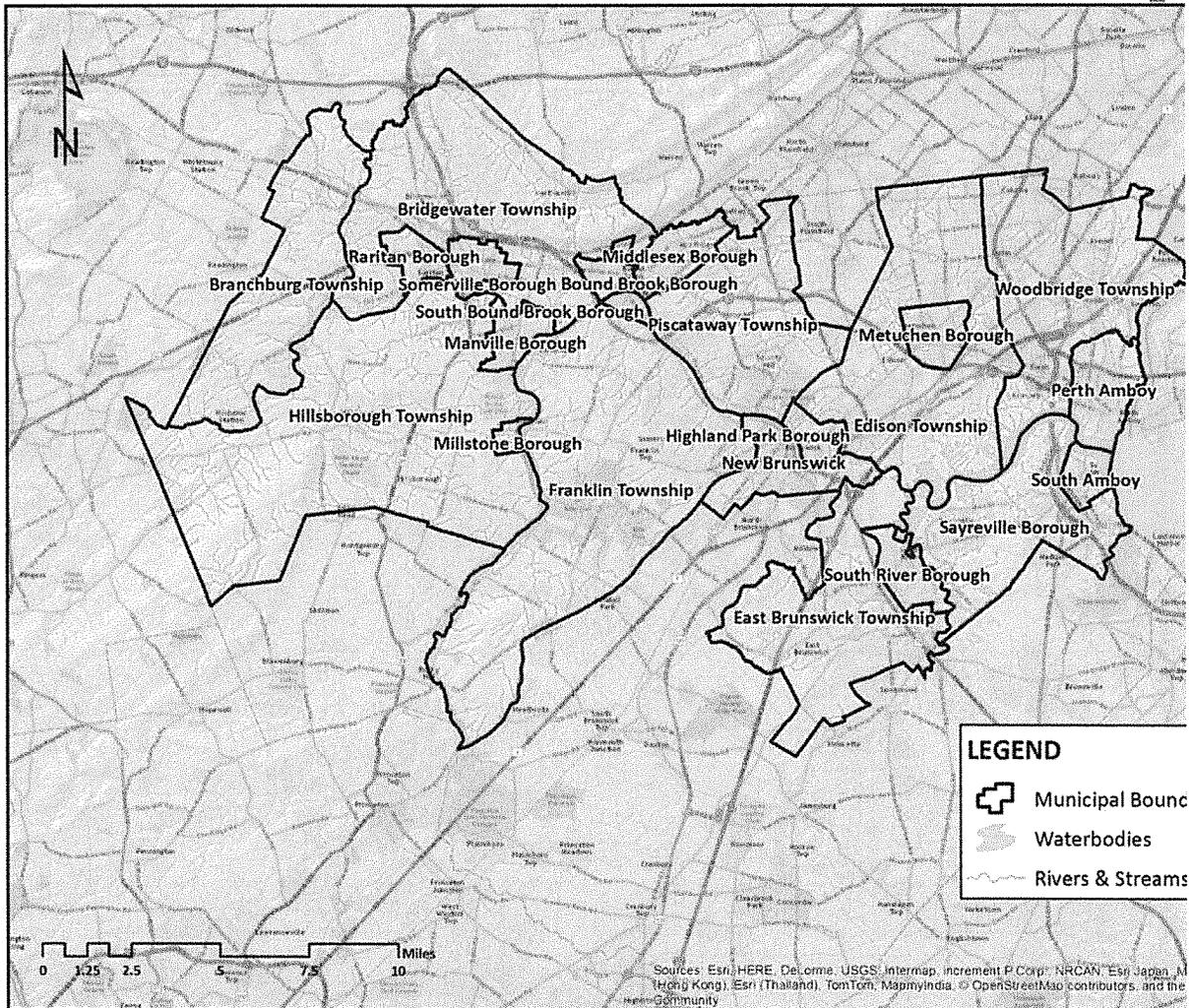


Figure 1: Map of the Lower Raritan River and Raritan Bay project area with 22 municipalities identified.

The EPA Rutgers Raritan River Project, funded by EPA Region 2, was conducted to compile data for the Lower Raritan River and Raritan Bay (Figure 1) and make it available to federal, state, and local stakeholders, and the general public to help make decisions related to environmental cleanup. Data related to point source and nonpoint source pollution were pulled together and uploaded to a comprehensive online data portal that was launched in June 2015. The data portal can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/ztdbe8m>. It incorporates a search function so that visitors can locate sites nearest a particular location as well as links to any available information on the known Superfund, brownfield and contaminated sites, point source and nonpoint source pollution. More information on the project can be found at [http://water.rutgers.edu/Projects/EPA\\_Raritan\\_River\\_Project/Default.html](http://water.rutgers.edu/Projects/EPA_Raritan_River_Project/Default.html) or on the Sustainable Raritan River Initiative website at <http://raritan.rutgers.edu/epa-rutgers-raritan-data-project/>.

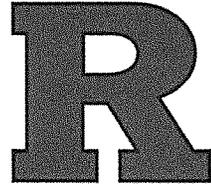
Further questions about the project can be directed to Steven E. Yergeau, Ph.D., Environmental & Resource Management Agent, Ocean & Atlantic Counties, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County, 1623 Whitesville Road, Toms River, NJ 08755-1199, [yergeau@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:yergeau@njaes.rutgers.edu).

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## Let Rutgers Students Lend a Hand

Scarlet Day of Service will take place on Saturday, October 1. Interested organizations can have a group of Rutgers University students assist with projects lasting two and-a-half to four hours.



Last year, over 1,000 students participated in service projects throughout the region by cleaning up communities, revitalizing outdoor spaces, and working with youth and senior citizens. For more information email [rupacommunityservice@gmail.com](mailto:rupacommunityservice@gmail.com).

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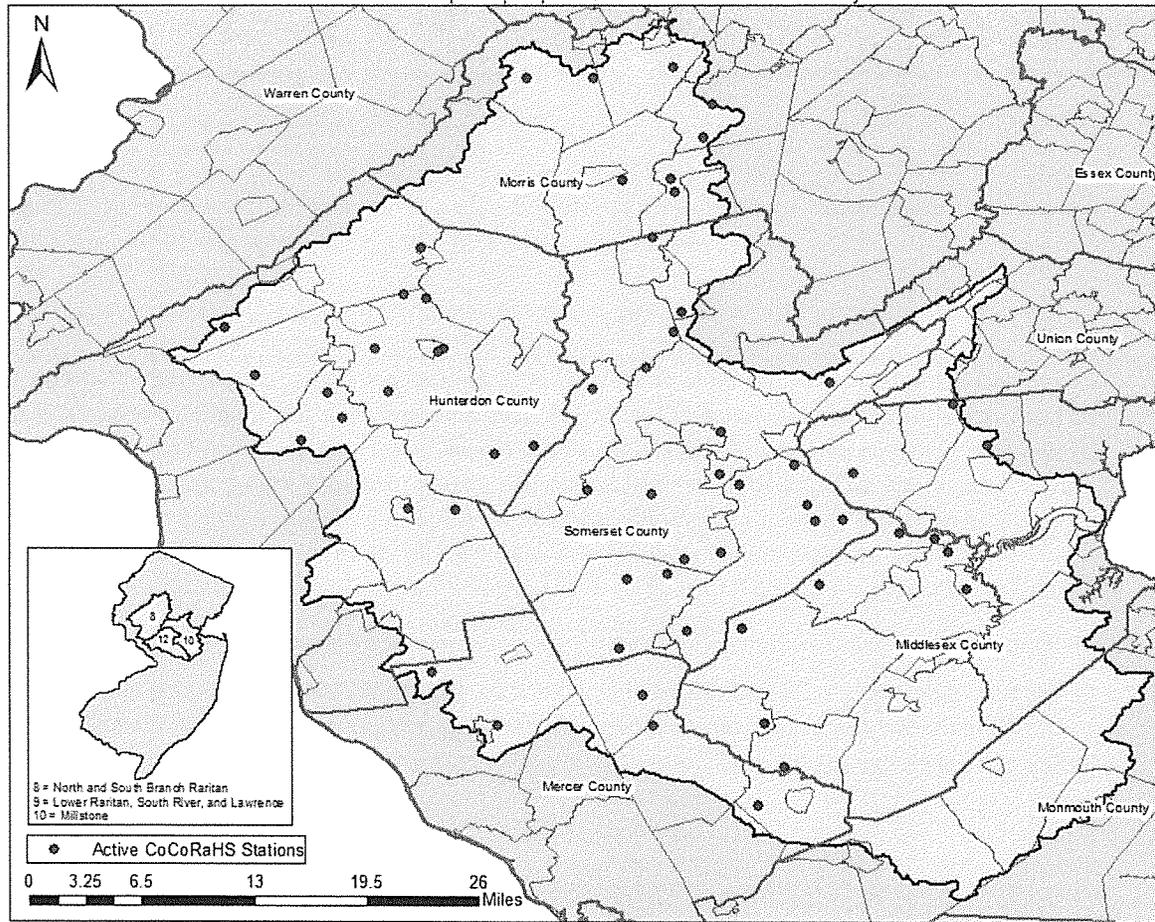
How much rain *did* we get?

You can help answer that question! NJ CoCoRaHS wants YOU to observe precipitation within the Raritan Basin!

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS), a nationwide volunteer precipitation-observing network, has been active in New Jersey since 2008. The NJ chapter of CoCoRaHS is based out of the Office of the New Jersey State Climatologist (ONJSC) at Rutgers University's Agricultural Experiment Station. Presently, approximately 250 New Jersey citizen scientists are actively taking observations of precipitation. While this may seem to be a substantial number, and indeed it is wonderful to have so many contributing, there is not enough spatial coverage to fully monitor the wide variations in rain and snow, hail too, that impact the state in so

#### Active CoCoRaHS station locations within the Raritan River Basin

This map shows the locations of all active CoCoRaHS stations within the Raritan River Basin that have reported precipitation data at least 30 times within the year 2016.



many different ways.

**Figure 1. Locations (61 red dots) of all active CoCoRaHS stations in the Raritan Basin as of July 2016. Reports from at least 30 days in 2016 constitute an active station.**

The Raritan Basin is no exception. There are 61 active observing stations in the Basin, most of which have contributed far more than 30 observations in 2016, 30 being our defining value for being considered active (figure 1). We are looking to enlist dozens of additional volunteers within the basin who are willing to take a few minutes each day to report the amount of rain or snow that has fallen in their backyards. All that is required to participate is an inexpensive four inch diameter plastic precipitation gauge, a ruler to measure snow, an internet-connected computer, and, most importantly, the desire to watch and report weather conditions. There are 99 incorporated municipalities that fall fully or partly in the basin. Currently, active stations are found in 40 municipalities. Franklin Township (Somerset) leads the way with 6 observers. It would be fabulous to have every one of the Raritan's 99 municipalities participating!

Observations from CoCoRaHS volunteers are widely used by the ONJSC, the National Weather Service and scientists within many state and federal agencies who often make decisions that depend on timely high-quality precipitation data. For example, hydrologists and meteorologists use

the data to warn about the potential impacts of flood and drought. The data are also commonly utilized by emergency managers, city utility managers, insurance adjusters, engineers, mosquito control officials, farmers, teachers/students, and the general public.

CoCoRaHS volunteers are asked to read their rain gauge and measure any snow on the ground at the same time each day (preferably between 5 AM and 9 AM). New snowfall is measured when the snow stops falling. Measurements are uploaded by the observer to the CoCoRaHS website, where they can be viewed in tables and maps. Training is provided for CoCoRaHS observers, either through online modules or group training sessions. One of these sessions will be held somewhere within the Raritan Basin as soon as 20 or more new observers sign on.

For more information about program or to sign up, please visit the CoCoRaHS website at <http://www.cocorahs.org> or contact the NJ CoCoRaHS state coordinators:

Dr. David Robinson, Rutgers University, [david.robinson@rutgers.edu](mailto:david.robinson@rutgers.edu) , 848-445-4741  
Mathieu Gerbush, Rutgers University, [njcocorahs@climate.rutgers.edu](mailto:njcocorahs@climate.rutgers.edu), 848-445-3076

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## Mid-Atlantic Ocean Plan Comment Period Closes Sep 9

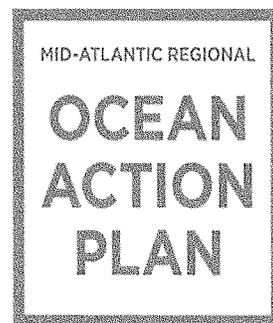
On Monday, July 11, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body presented a draft Ocean Action Plan. The plan, full of objectives and actions for meeting them, has been under development since 2013.

Clean Ocean Action encourages participation in the 60-day public comment period through September 6, 2016 - by sending an email to:

[MidAtlanticRPB@boem.gov](mailto:MidAtlanticRPB@boem.gov) or by writing to:

Robert P. LaBelle, MidA RPB Federal Co-Lead  
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45600 Woodland Road  
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[Click here for more on COA's reactions to the Ocean Action Plan Draft.](#)



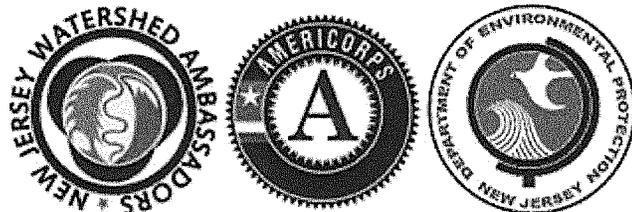
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## Become an AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador - Deadline Aug 31

The Department of Environmental Protection has several openings remaining for the 2017 class of AmeriCorps New Jersey Watershed Ambassadors. Good candidates are needed to serve at the County of Passaic Planning Department (Totowa); the Passaic Valley

Sewerage Commission (Newark); the Hackensack Riverkeeper (Hackensack); the Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center (Chatham); and Cape May County.



Based out of 20 host agencies throughout New Jersey, Ambassadors work with all sectors of the public to improve the quality of NJ's waterways through education and by empowering residents to make responsible and informed decisions about their watersheds. Ambassadors raise awareness about litter and nonpoint source pollution through their many community projects, field work and presentations. They also take a

leadership role in collaborating with local partners to plan and complete projects that protect and restore local waterways, thus promoting environmental stewardship.

Ambassadors are required to complete 1,700 hours of service from September through mid-July. Compensation includes a pretax annual stipend of \$12,530; eligibility for health insurance benefits while serving as an Ambassador; subsidized childcare, if qualified; deferment of qualified student loans during service; and extensive training throughout the program year. In addition, members are eligible to receive an education award of \$5,730 upon successful completion of the program.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, have a bachelor's degree, a valid driver's license, and must have reliable transportation to get to and from field sites.

The DEP began hosting the federal AmeriCorps program in 2000. AmeriCorps is a national service initiative that began in 1993. Since its inception, more than 980,000 men and women have taken the AmeriCorps pledge, serving more than 1.3 billion hours and improving the lives of countless Americans.

Those interested may apply online through the AmeriCorps website at:

[New Jersey Watershed Ambassadors Program](#). Deadline for applications is August 31, 2016.

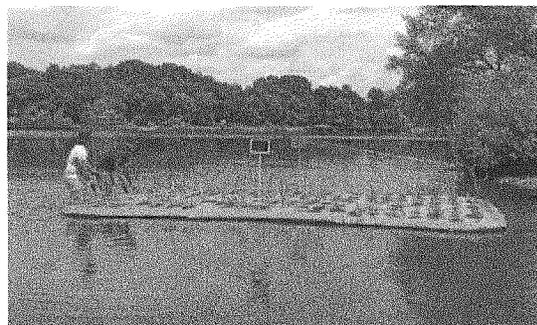
For more information, visit: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/wms/bears/ameri-corps.htm> or call Kathy Giordano, Program Manager or Patricia Ingelido, Supervisor at (609) 633-1441.

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## **New Video Focuses on Floating Wetland Islands for Water Quality Improvements**

E.A.R.T.H. Center RCE has released the second in a series of videos describing the restoration efforts within the Manalapan Brook watershed in central New Jersey. This video focuses on the installation of floating islands. Floating wetland islands use recycled plastic material which are planted with native wetland plants that, along with microbes in the island, remove harmful nutrients from the water column. The islands shown in this video were installed in Thompson Park in the Township of Monroe in 2014.



The video is appropriate for all audiences, but especially for municipal staff and environmental organizations.

This video was completed as part of the Manalapan Brook Watershed Restoration and Protection project and was funded by a NJDEP 319 (h) grant.

Please feel free to share and utilize this video for your educational purposes.

Video link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NiHfbJEzU\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NiHfbJEzU_E)

For more information, contact Michele Bakacs, Environmental Agent (Associate Professor), Middlesex and Union Counties, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County, [bakacs@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:bakacs@njaes.rutgers.edu). *(Image is still from video)*

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## Applications Available for 2016 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Nominations

Leaders in New Jersey's environmental, academic, business, science, government, nonprofit and youth sectors are encouraged to showcase their environmental accomplishments by submitting nominations for consideration in the annual Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards (GEEA) program.



The GEEA program recognizes outstanding environmental performance, program and projects throughout the state. The awards honor individuals, businesses, institutions, communities, organizations, educators, youths and others who have made significant contributions to environmental protection in New Jersey. Since its establishment in 2000, the program has recognized 140 GEEA winners for their accomplishments.

Nominations may be submitted in these categories: Clean Air, Healthy Ecosystems, Water Resources, Land Conservation, Healthy and Sustainable Communities, Healthy and Sustainable Businesses, and Innovative Technology. Environmental Education is divided into two categories - one for adult-led education initiatives and one for projects that are student-led or have succeeded because of a high level of student involvement.

The GEEA program is sponsored by the DEP, NJEIT and the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology, in partnership with the New Jersey League of Municipalities. Award winners will be honored at a luncheon and program to be held in December in Trenton.

Completed 2016 applications are due to the DEP by 5 p.m. Wednesday, September 28.

For a 2016 nominating application and other awards information, visit: [www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards](http://www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards)

To learn more about the program, please call Tanya Oznowich at (609) 984-9802 or email [Tanya.Oznowich@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Tanya.Oznowich@dep.nj.gov)

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## Water Supply Sector Reports Published by NJ Climate Adaptation Alliance

The New Jersey Climate Adaptation Alliance has posted a new two volume report:



[Climate Change Adaptation in the Water Supply Sector](#)  
[Basis and Background Document: Climate Change Adaptation in the Water Supply Sector](#)

NJ Climate Adaptation Alliance

Climate change has been affecting New Jersey in recent decades, such as through rising sea level and an increased intensity of precipitation events. Throughout this century it is projected to further modify our hydrology, ecosystems, and water supply resources and utility systems.

This report provides an overview of anticipated climate change implications for water supply as well as a summary of possible management responses to address challenges in New Jersey. The reports provide a very general overview of climate change impacts that may be most important for water supply sources and utilities. Important impacts include a variety of hydrologic changes that, in turn, will modify water availability and quality, temperature change effects on water quality and landscapes, and aquatic ecosystem changes. Strategies outlined in the report to address challenges in New Jersey include a range from planning to physical mitigation projects, with responsibilities residing among a mix of decision-makers including state and local governments and utilities.

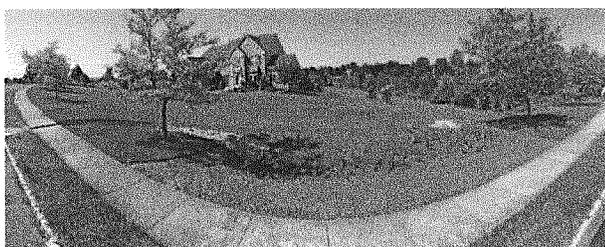
Learn more about the New Jersey Climate Adaptation Alliance [here](#).

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## Neshanic River Green Infrastructure Installations Continue

Green infrastructure continues to be installed in the Neshanic River watershed through a partnership between North Jersey Resource Conservation and Development (NJRCDD) and Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) Water Resources Program. A total of four rain gardens



were designed by the RCE Water Resources Program to capture stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces. These projects demonstrate best management practices (BMPs) for stormwater management on several scales, including parking lots, residential driveways, and public roads. Projects were installed at the ShopRite of Flemington, the Raritan Township Municipal Building, and two residences in Flemington. The NJRCDD and the RCE Water Resources Program have installed a total of 12 rain gardens in the Neshanic watershed thus far and are expecting to complete more in the future.

The Neshanic River Watershed Management Implementation Project is funded in part through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and is based on the Neshanic River Watershed Management Plan. The Neshanic River watershed is a 31 square mile area of land in Hunterdon County that is a part of the larger Raritan River basin. Stormwater runoff flows from surfaces to the storm sewer and is a source of nonpoint source pollution and flooding in streams and rivers. The goal of this project is to improve the health of the Neshanic River by implementing the approved watershed restoration plan that achieves the required total maximum daily load (TMDL) reductions for fecal coliform and total phosphorus, among other water quality standards.

If you live in the Neshanic River watershed, there may be an opportunity to install a free rain garden on your property. Please contact the NJRCDD at [neshanic@northjerseyrcdd.org](mailto:neshanic@northjerseyrcdd.org) or (908) 574 5368. *(Photo from RCE)*

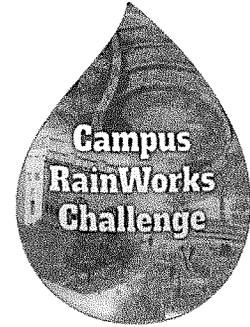
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## EPA Announces Campus RainWorks Challenge

EPA announces the fifth annual Campus RainWorks Challenge prize competition that asks student teams to design green infrastructure for their campus.

This year, teams will incorporate climate resiliency and consider community engagement in their stormwater management designs. Students will form teams with a faculty advisor to submit in either the master plan or demonstration project categories.



Registration for this year's competition will be open from September 1-30, 2016. Submissions for this year's competition will be due December 16, 2016, and winners will be announced in Spring 2017. [Learn More.](#)

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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.

[American Littoral Society](#) needs volunteer Spill Spotters. Come to their popular workshops and get hands-on training needed to protect NJ's coastal wildlife and habitat in the event of an oil spill. Visit their website for contact information.

[Central Jersey Stream Team](#) needs volunteers for their Saturday, August 20th clean-up. They usually have in-stream and dry-land volunteer activities. Visit our calendar or [cjstreamteam.org](http://cjstreamteam.org) for more information.



[Clean Ocean Action](#) offers several volunteer opportunities from beach sweeps, outreach, office work, advocacy, education, social media, fundraising and more. Check out their volunteer page to sign up.

[D&R Greenway Land Trust](#) needs Land Stewardship volunteers, Trail Building and Maintenance volunteers, help in their native plant nursery, and more!

[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/en/Volunteer/](http://www.dukefarms.org/en/Volunteer/).

Hunterdon County Parks needs volunteers for a wide variety of programs and events including Public Land Days, 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.

[Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership](#) has a variety of event-specific volunteer opportunities available throughout the year, including stream clean-ups, community outreach/tabling at events, water quality monitoring and other environmental assessment activities.

[NJ Audubon](#) needs help with marketing, direct mail, and public outreach; fundraising; education & research and property maintenance. Make new friends and learn more about birds while you help NJAS.

[NJ Conservation Foundation](#) is looking for a video editor as well as volunteers to assist Foundation staff on projects including field work, policy research and educational programs.

[NJ Invasive Species Strike Team](#) is looking for "detectors" to report emerging invasive species on your smart phone or tablet, "strikers" to work on local eradication projects, and "ambassadors" to help with public outreach at community events. They also need help creating outreach materials and in the office.

[NY/NJ Baykeeper](#) has posted volunteer opportunities related to oyster monitoring, volunteering at the Living Shoreline Project at Fresh Kills Park, Staten Island, and tabling at community 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.

The [Raritan Headwaters](#) is looking for volunteers to help with the Old Fashioned Country Fair in October and has ongoing need for stewardship volunteers to help with trail creation and maintenance, invasive plant removal, site surveying, photography and more.

[Schiff Natural Lands Trust](#) needs volunteers to help with publicity, photography, wildlife monitoring, with programs and events, and more.

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.

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.

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@ejb.rutgers.edu](mailto:raritan@ejb.rutgers.edu).

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## Job Postings in the Raritan Region

[American Littoral Society](#) is looking for a Delaware Bayshore Program Director. Go to their Jobs page for a full description and information on how to apply.

## Green Jobs

[Duke Farms](#) is looking for Environmental Technicians to help care for various habitats and environs of the Farm. Two positions are open, one seasonal and one full-time. Visit their website to review the job descriptions or to apply.

[New Jersey Audubon](#) has several open positions at various locations. They are looking for a Fall Hawk Migration Counter in Montclair; a Migration Count Coordinator as well as three Migration Counters for fall migration projects in Cape May; they need several Interpretive Naturalist Interns in Cape May; a Field Naturalist Intern on the Monarch Monitoring Project; a Stewardship Technician in Port Murray; and a Development Assistant in Bernardsville. You can learn more about these positions on the NJ Audubon

website.

Raritan Headwaters 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 is seeking a part-time Volunteer Coordinator and a part-time STEM Education Specialist. Detailed job descriptions and directions for applying are on their website at <http://thewatershed.org/about-us/employment/>.

Waterfront Alliance is looking for a Planning and Policy Associate to serve as a program manager for the Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines (WEDG) program.

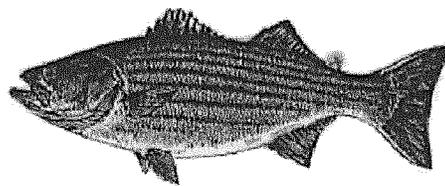
Want to find more listings? The Watershed Institute, a Program of the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association has an Environmental Jobs Board. Check out the listings on their website at <http://thewatershedinstitute.org/jobs/>.

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## 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](mailto: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, Sandy Hook 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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## Sustainable Raritan Newsletter and Facebook Page

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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/raritancollaborative).

The deadline for the September 2016 newsletter is August 23, 2016.

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