



## New York - New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program

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### Greetings!

We wanted to remind you of some upcoming NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program and external funding opportunity deadlines and announcements, as well as some upcoming events! Mark these on your calendars and please help us spread the word to those who may be interested!

#### Quick Links

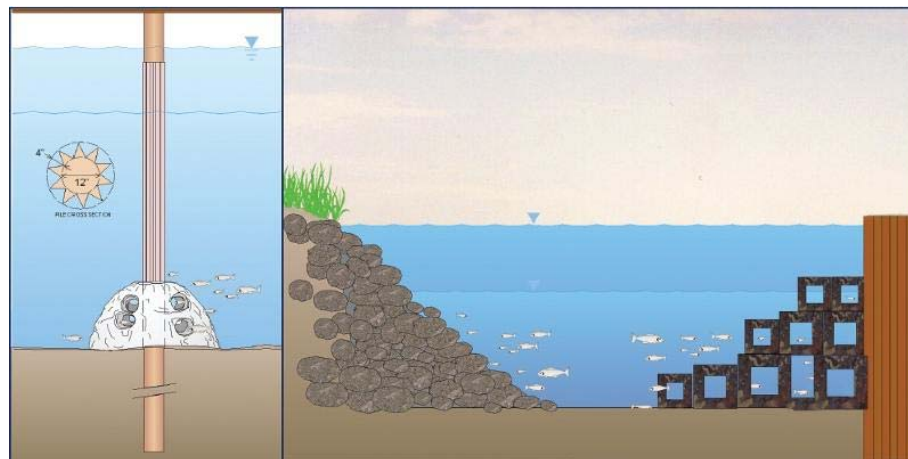
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### Urban shorelines request for proposals - deadline closing September 12, intent to apply (suggested) due August 28!

A reminder that the NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program in partnership with New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission is accepting proposals to develop and pilot ***a standard protocol to assess the habitat quality associated with ecologically enhanced shoreline stabilization techniques*** in the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary.

The deadline for a **statement of intent** to apply is **August 28** (optional, but recommended) and the **deadline for applications is September 12, 2013**. For more information and the request, click here: <http://harborestuary.org/grants.htm> or contact Kate Boicourt at [habitat@harboestuary.org](mailto:habitat@harboestuary.org).



A standard protocol is needed to assess the habitat quality associated with in-place or proposed enhanced urban shorelines, such as those pictured here (image: Hudson-Raritan Estuary Comprehensive Restoration Plan)

### Citizen science monitoring funding opportunity deadline

## September 12!

The New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program (HEP), in partnership with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC), is now accepting applications from environmental and/or community organizations to **monitor for pathogen indicators and other water quality parameters** in tributaries to the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary. Additional information can be found here: <http://harborestuary.org/grants.htm>. **Proposals are due by 5:00 PM September 12, 2013.**

## September 18 Citizen Science Water Quality Monitoring Workshop - Register to join us!

**When:** September 18, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

**What:** Learn about water quality and how to get involved in testing your waters.

**Where:** Pier 40, Hudson River Park (W Houston at the Hudson River)

HEP and its Citizens Advisory Committee invite you to come and learn about pollution issues still affecting our waters, solutions, how the states are testing the waters, and how you can test the waters in your neighborhood. There will be a **live demonstration** of water sampling and testing by The River Project.



Nina Zain shows volunteers how to collect water samples to test for pathogen indicators.

The **workshop is free** and lunch will be provided, but **space is limited** to 100 participants, so **[please RSVP](#)** to secure a spot.

For more information about the workshop and to peruse a list of water quality resources, visit [www.harborestuary.org/citizenscience.htm](http://www.harborestuary.org/citizenscience.htm). The page is a work in progress, so please send any suggestions to improve this resource

to [gabriela@harborestuary.org](mailto:gabriela@harborestuary.org).

**THANK YOU** to all the people that have made this workshop possible, including many Citizens Advisory Committee members, HEP partners, and friends that have helped plan the event and secure a variety of resources. A special thank you to the Hudson River Park Trust for providing space for the workshop.

### October 19 Hooked on our Waters: A participatory forum exploring how we connect to our waters for food, recreation and education

Save the date for this free day-long Save the date for this free day-long event Saturday October 19, 2013 at CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, Manhattan. Seating is limited; registration is required and opens September 4, 2013.

Hooked on our Waters will bring together the public, non-profits and government agencies to discuss and learn about how we all use the natural water resources around us. Topics include making healthy choices about eating fish you catch and eating fish you buy, restoring NYC water ecology, connecting to the water and creating water stewards.



This event is co-sponsored by Hudson River Fish Advisory Outreach and the NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program.

[More info...](#)

### Funding available for community-based marine debris removal through NOAA - deadline November 1

For those looking to fund removal of debris that is currently impacting habitat quality, there is a new opportunity for funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Awards generally include on the ground habitat restoration components involving the removal of marine debris, including derelict fishing gear. Projects also provide benefits to coastal communities and create long term ecological habitat improvements. Read more:

<http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/funding/marinedebris.html>

### Hurricane Sandy coastal Resiliency funding

#### National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to release RFP

In August of this year, the Department of the Interior announced that the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation will be administering the Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grant Program to help restore key habitats and bolster natural systems. A request for

proposals has not been released yet but is expected in September of this year. For more information, [click here.](#)

