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### It's Official: The Harbor Is Great

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Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times

Majestic. Also great.

The Great Lakes. The Mississippi River. The Chesapeake Bay. The Everglades. And now, ladies and gentlemen, the New York / New Jersey Harbor. The area's aquatic network has been designated one of the nation's Great Waters by a consortium of conservation groups called the [America's Great Waters Coalition](#).

The harbor — defined as stretching from Sandy Hook in New Jersey to the Rockaways and up the Hudson to almost to the Tappan Zee — joins 18 other august bodies of water, including, in addition to the aforementioned, the Puget and Long Island Sounds.

The great waters coalition includes dozens of groups, from the [National Wildlife Federation](#) and the [National Audubon Society](#) to the [National Association of Clean Water Agencies](#) and [Trout Unlimited](#), as well as many local organizations.

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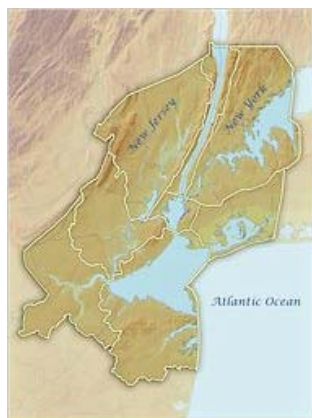
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The harbor's designation, made formal late last month, means, essentially, that the members of the coalition, and in turn, it is hoped, the political entities they influence, will focus extra energy on efforts to continue to clean up the resurgent harbor.



Army Corps of Engineers  
Boundaries of the New York / New Jersey Harbor area. [Click to enlarge.](#)

"The most important thing it brings is attention to the waters," said Alexander Brash, a director of the [National Parks Conservation Association](#) and a spokesman for the coalition, "and the fact that there is a goal to continually make sure that the harbor of New York and New Jersey is restored to the point of it being swimmable, fishable and publicly accessible. One of the goals here is forging an alliance between all the interested parties on this collective vision and getting our elected leaders to buy into that vision and be willing to support it."

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