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APPLY FOR A HEP GRANT TO ADOPT YOUR SHORE

HEP Announces its 2013 Stewardship and Public Access Grants Program

HEP, in partnership with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC), is requesting proposals for projects promoting stewardship of the Estuary and/or public access to/from our waterfront and waterways, under the theme "Adopt your Shoreline".

Approximately $74,000 is available for local communities to "adopt" a waterfront site or stretch of shoreline and conduct a variety of projects and/or events to enjoy, promote access to, improve, and/or learn about this segment of shoreline in the community in the context of the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary, and while showcasing HEP as a partner.

Download the request for proposals and supporting materials at www.neiwpcc.org/nynjhep.asp.

An informational webinar will be provided on February 26 (please sign up here to be notified of any date changes).

Application deadline: April 3.

Please help us spread the word by forwarding this message to anybody that may be interested.

Monmouth County Park System's Raritan Bay & Sandy Hook Bay Stewardship Program for Fifth Graders is bringing students to the Bayshore Waterfront Park to learn about the estuary through hands-on activities. Credit: MCPS.

THANK YOU, MICHELLE!
WELCOME MEREDITH!

HEP Citizens Advisory Committee elects new Co-Chair for New Jersey

After four years of service, Michelle Doran-McBean's term as HEP's New Jersey co-chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee has come to an end. We want to thank Michelle for her dedication to the group. Michelle has been instrumental in re-energizing the CAC and helping it grow, engaging its members in important discussions, and making sure that the group's voice was heard. Michelle has also been deeply committed to improving HEP's Stewardship Grants, with a special emphasis on serving the needs of small local community organizations. Michelle has been a long-time, devoted HEP partner and friend and we look forward to her continued participation in the program. On behalf of the HEP office and CAC members and participants, a most heartfelt THANK YOU for all your hard work!

We would also like to give our most warm WELCOME to Meredith Comi, who has been elected as the new New Jersey co-chair. Meredith directs NY/NJ Baykeeper's oyster restoration program and has been active in HEP's Citizens Advisory Committee and habitat restoration activities. For the past year, Meredith has also served as the alternate CAC Co-Chair for New Jersey. We are happy to have her co-lead the CAC with New York co-chair

Rob Buchanan and Shino Tanikawa, the alternate co-chair for New York. We know it is hard work and truly appreciate your dedication!

WANTED: PHOTOS OF THE RARITAN WATERSHED

Contribute your picture for an upcoming book celebrating the wonders of the Raritan River

Rutgers University is seeking pictures of the Raritan River and any of its tributaries to be considered in an upcoming book on the region. If you would like to have your picture published, click here for more information.

NEW RESOURCE TO SAVE MONEY AND REDUCE WASTE

Reuse Marketplace website launched

Reuse Marketplace is a newly launched web-based exchange network to find, sell, trade, or give away reusable and surplus items that would otherwise be disposed as trash.

It is aimed at businesses, municipalities, school districts and other institutions and non-profit organizations within New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Delaware, Massachussetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Check it out at www.reusemarketplace.org. The website is administered by the Northeast Recycling Council and sponsored by the NJ Dept of Environmental Protection, among others.

FEMA RELEASED ADVISORY BASE FLOOD ELEVATION MAPS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released advisory base flood elevation maps for certain communities affected by Superstorm Sandy. The maps show the current flood risk for these communities. The maps, instructions on their use and information on rebuilding safer and stronger are available on

the FEMA website:

http://www.region2coastal.com/sandy/abfe. For more on how you can use these new maps, read Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance's Waterwire article.

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

For up-to date events, like our facebook page. For more events, check out our calendar. To post your Estuary-related event in our calendar, please send us the details!

SAVE THE DATES

Feb 17: Rockaway Waterfront Alliance's Renewable Energy Workshop.

March 8: College of Staten Island's Superstorm Sandy Forum.

March 13: Gowanus Canal Conservancy's Gowanus Watershed Urban Ecology Lecture Series. Natural Resource Damages & the Gowanus Canal, by Ken Finkelstein.

May 14 & 15, 2013 - NEIWPCC and Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation's 24th Annual Northeastern Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference in Burlington, VT.

March 20: NYC Parks Uncommon Ground Lecture Series presents Diadromous Fish and the Bronx River Fish Passage talk with John Waldman at the Arsenal in Central Park.

March 27: Raritan River Collaborative presents Renaissance on the Raritan - free film at the Raritan Bay YMCA Theater.

Spring (dates TBD): American Littoral Society's 2013 Spring Marsh Planting in Jamaica Bay.

FUNDING

NOAA's Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration grants for projects that will aid in recovering listed species and rebuilding sustainable fish populations or their prey. Deadline: February 19.

EPA's Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program. Application categories include Community Resilience to

Disasters and Climate Change. Deadline: March 1st.

Hudson River Estuary Program & NEIWPCC: Improving Access to the Hudson River Estuary and its Tributaries for Environmental Justice Neighborhoods. Deadline: March 12.

Hudson River Foundation 2013 Mark B. Bain Graduate Fellowship research proposals. Deadline: March 18.

Hudson River Estuary Program & NEIWPCC: Sea-Level Rise, Storm Surge, and Flood Adaptation Planning for Estuary Shoreline Communities. Deadline: March 26.

HEP and NEIWPCC: 2013 Stewardship and Public Access Small Grants. Deadline: April 3.

NYSDEC Office of Environmental Justice: Environmental Justice Community Impact Grants and Green Gems Grants. Deadline: April 5.

ioby (in our backyards), a community funding platform, accepts applications for environmental projects across the nation on an ongoing basis.

City Parks Foundations' Community Group Recovery and Capacity Fund Grants Deadline: Rolling

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Woods Hole Science Aquarium Summer Programs for High School Students. Application deadline: March 15.

Woods Hole Science Aquarium Undergraduate Summer Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Bayonne Bridge Navigational Clearance Program. Deadline for comments: March 5.

Gowanus Canal Superfund site proposed plan. Deadline for comments: April 7.

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