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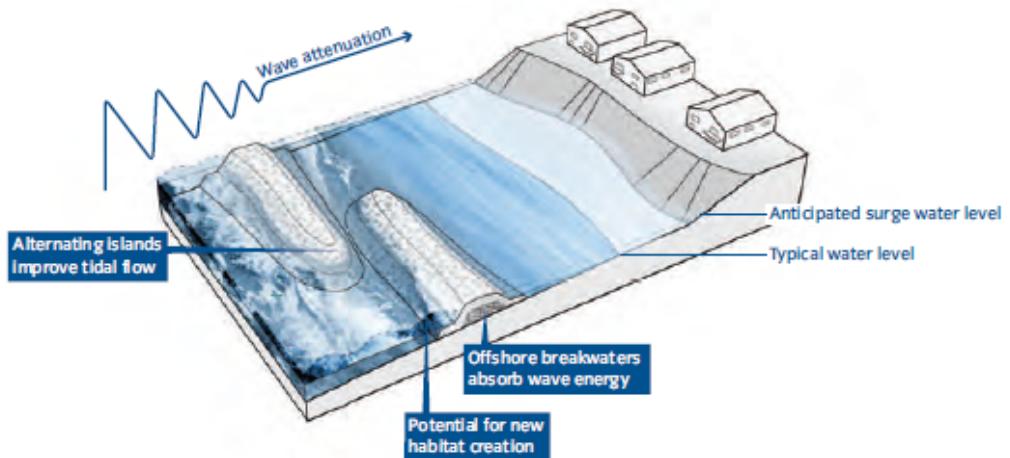
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RESILIENCY PLANNING: NEW NYC PLAN AND ARMY CORPS STUDY

A suite of options - some old, some new, proposed for a closer look in the NY-NJ Harbor region and beyond.

After a few months in the ongoing process of determining options for preparing for future coastal storms, New York City [released a report](#) on June 11 detailing their proposed resiliency plan. The report includes a combination of projects that were planned or in the works and new strategies (e.g. offshore breakwaters; tide gates for specific tributaries). To get a sense of **what is specifically being proposed for coastal resiliency**, take a look at pages 51-52 of [Chapter Three](#) of the report. In addition, the NYC Department of Planning also released a study that informed the report [Urban Waterfront Adaptive Strategies](#).

Offshore Breakwaters



NYC proposes options such as offshore breakwaters in its 2013 report (NYC.gov)

At the same time, the US Army Corps of Engineers is beginning to **conduct a \$19 million study to identify risk areas and risk reduction measures** in the North Atlantic region. The study is slated to be ready for public comment in early 2014, and will include a coastal framework, storm modeling, GIS analysis, and related evaluations. The study will also look at

the performance of green infrastructure during Hurricane Sandy and other recent storms, and will consider the performance of green infrastructure in reducing the impacts of coastal storm flooding, as well as other impacts at a larger scale and as a system.

EPA FINALIZES CLEANUP PLAN FOR RARITAN BAY SITE

Raritan Bay Slag Superfund site plan released

In early June, EPA released its final plan for the clean-up of the lead-contaminated superfund site in Old Bridge Township. The contamination was a legacy left at the site (now a public park on the waterfront) from an old smelting facility that had operated in the 1960s and 70s. [Read more...](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND WATERFRONT RE-ENVISIONING IN WILLIAMSBURG

Participate in a Free Workshop and Earn a certificate!

The Human Impact Institute is offering free workshops as part of their [**2013 North Brooklyn Estuary Exploration Series**](#), a project funded by HEP's 2012 Stewardship and Public Access grants. If you participate in 3 or more of the workshops, you will earn a certificate in Water Stewardship from HII.

Environmental Justice, Water and Advocacy

When: Saturday, July 13th, 2013, 2pm-8pm

Where: 2nd Annual Grand Street BID Weekend Walk, Corner of Grand Street and Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn, NY (L train to Lorimer St. or Grand St. or G to Metropolitan Ave.)

What: Participants will have a chance to design their own creative outreach projects. These will include writing letters on estuary issues to local officials, creating informational posters, and designing simple lesson plans on how to teach parents, neighbors, and friends about waterways in NYC. No reservation necessary and all ages are welcome.



Communities Re-envisioning the Waterfront

When: Monday, July 15th, 2013, 6pm-8:30pm (film will start at 8:30)

Where: Williamsburg Summer Nights with FREE Screening of The Artist East River State Park, 90 Kent Ave., Brooklyn, NY (L train to Bedford Avenue)

What: This pre-film workshop for all ages will give participants a chance to creatively explore what they would like to see on the North Brooklyn waterfront. Drawing on examples from cities around the world, workshop participants will create their visions for the local estuary.

DAYS OF FUN ON OUR RARITAN RIVER

Waterfront Celebration in Boyd Park

When: Sunday, July 7 at 8 PM.
Where: Boyd Park in New Brunswick, NJ.
What: Learn about the Role of the Raritan River in the American Revolution. Doug Aumack of 'Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area' will give a presentation on the topic. There will be many other free events at the park that day as part of the City's Independence Day celebration. This is the second event in the series ***Days of Fun on Our Raritan River: Things to Do, Learn and Share on Our Riverfront***, a project of the Middlesex County Improvement Authority funded by HEP's 2012 Stewardship and Public Access Grants Program. Future events are being planned in Perth Amboy, Highland Park and East Brunswick.



UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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

SAVE THE DATES

July 7: [***Days of Fun in Our Raritan***](#): Presentation on the role of the Raritan River in the American Revolution. Boyd Park in New Brunswick, NJ.

July 13: [***Environmental Justice, Water and Advocacy***](#). Free workshop offered by the Human Impacts Institute.

July 15: [***Communities Re-envisioning the Waterfront***](#). Free workshop offered by the Human Impacts Institute.

July 31: [***New Jersey Green Infrastructure Forum***](#) Hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Rutgers Cooperative Extension at Duke Farms, Hillsborough, NJ.

[*Hudsonia Professional Workshops*](#) (pre-registration required):

- **Friday 26 July:** Common reed (Phragmites) ecology and management.
- **Friday 16 August:** Conservation of urban biodiversity.

[Eco-Cruises aboard the Capt. John](#), organized by NY/NJ Baykeeper:

- **July 21:** New York Harbor Lighthouse Tour
- **August 18:** Boat & Bridge Tour Around Staten Island

July 28, Aug 13 & 17, Sept 7: [NY/NJ Baykeeper's Kayak Ecotours](#).

Sept 18: HEP's Water Quality Monitoring Workshop. More info coming up.

Sept 20-22: [New York Marine Education Association's \(NYSMEA\) 35th annual conference](#) at Black Rock Forest Consortium in Cornwall, NY.

FUNDING

New York State's **[Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#)**: Over \$500 million is available to assist local governments and non-profit organizations rebuild stronger, more resilient communities across New York State. Eligible projects include construction of berms and installation of permanent backup power at wastewater treatment plants and pumping stations.

Letters of intent due July 5.

U.S. EPA's **[Wetland Program Development Grant](#)**. \$773,500 available for conserving and restoring wetland acreage and improving wetland condition.
Deadline: July 8.

USDA's **[2014 National Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program](#)**.
Deadline: July 15

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

City Parks Foundation: **[Community Group Recovery and Capacity Fund Grants](#)** **Deadline: Rolling**

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NYSDEC is accepting comments on the proposed remedy to address contamination related to the Off-Site Flushing Industrial Park (West) Parcel 2 #C241078A (Queens) under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program.

Deadline: August 8. Read the [factsheet](#) (also in [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#), and [Korean](#))

EPA Seeks Public Comment on [Draft Technical Guidance for Assessing Environmental Justice in Regulatory Analysis](#). **Deadline: July 8.**

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