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CONTACTING THE HEP OFFICE DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

As you know, the HEP offices are currently located at the EPA building and are thus closed for the duration of the government shutdown.

As NEIWPC employees, HEP staff Kate Boicourt and Gabriela Munoz are working remotely until the office is reopened. Meanwhile, the best way to contact us is via email:

Kate Boicourt, Restoration Coordinator: [habitat@harboestuary.org](mailto:habitat@harborestuary.org)
Gabriela Munoz, Program Associate: gabriela@harboestuary.org

Thank you for your patience, and we look forward to resuming normal operations.

HEP RESTORATION CONFERENCE POSTPONED DUE TO GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Due to the uncertainty associated with the federal shutdown, the Restoration Conference, initially planned for October, will be postponed until further notice. We will announce the new date as soon as possible, and have been in communication with those who registered or submitted poster abstracts. Please note that if you are interested in submitting a poster but have not yet, that the deadline will also be extended until further notice.

Please contact [Kate](#) with any questions about the conference.

HOOKED ON OUR WATERS: REGISTER BY OCTOBER 15! SPOTS ARE FILLING UP FAST!

Join us on October 19 for a participatory forum exploring how we connect to our waters for food, recreation and education

We still have space, but [registration](#) closes Tuesday October 15th. Come to this great event, and feel free to forward!

Join us at "Hooked on our Waters," a free daylong forum



in Manhattan on Saturday, October 19th. It will bring together the public, non-profits and government agencies to explore 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.
- Creating water stewards and connecting to the water.

John Waldman will give the keynote address - New York Harbor: Four Centuries between Eagles. John is the author of more than 80 scientific articles and several popular books, including *Heartbeats in the Muck: the History, Sea Life, and Environment of New York Harbor* and the just-released *Running Silver: Restoring Atlantic Rivers and their Great Fish Migration*.

****Space is limited and registration is required****

For more information and to register visit harborestuary.org/aboutestuary-hookedonourwaters.htm.

This event is sponsored by the Hudson River Fish Advisory Outreach Project and the NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program. For questions contact HRFA@health.state.ny.us 518-402-7537.

DIDN'T MAKE IT TO THE WATER QUALITY MONITORING WORKSHOP? RECORDINGS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Thank you to all of you who participated in the September 18 workshop. It was a well-attended event and we got very positive feedback and many great suggestions for future events.

We have posted the presentations and recordings, along with additional resources on our website. Please check out <http://harborestuary.org/citizenscience.htm> and feel free to send additional suggestions to Gabriela.



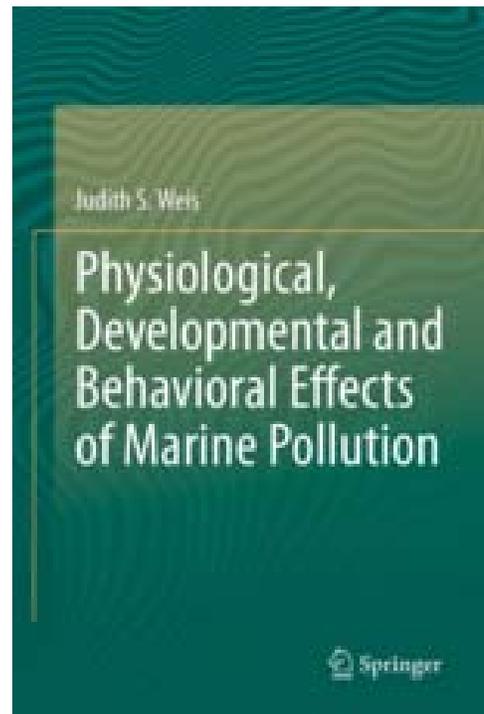
Nina Zain demonstrates how to process water samples to test for pathogen indicators.

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.

RECENTLY-PUBLISHED SPOTLIGHT

New book on the effects of marine pollution

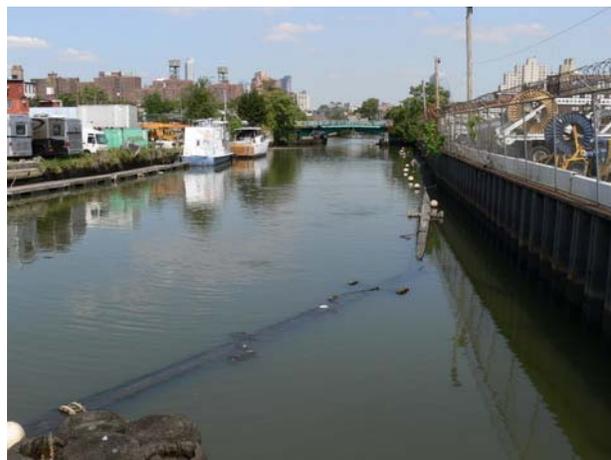
Dr. Judith Weis has published a new book: [*Physiological, Developmental and Behavioral Effects of Marine Pollution*](#). Professor Emerita at Rutgers Department of Biological Sciences, Judith is also member of HEP's Science and Technical Advisory Committee. While her new book is a technical one, Judith's three previous books make science accessible to the general public: [*Walking Sideways: The Remarkable World of Crabs*](#), [*Salt Marshes: A Natural and Unnatural History*](#), co-written with Carol Butler, and [*Do Fish Sleep?: Fascinating Answers to Questions about Fishes*](#). Please check them out!



EPA FINALIZES CLEANUP PLAN FOR GOWANUS CANAL SUPERFUND SITE

Sept 30 - The plan calls for the removal of nearly 600,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediments and reductions of combined sewer overflow discharges.

The Gowanus Canal was added to the Superfund list in 2010 and is considered one of the most heavily contaminated in the country as a result of more than 150 years of industrial waste, storm water runoff and sewer overflow discharges. More than a dozen contaminants, including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and heavy metals, including mercury, lead and copper, were found at high levels in the sediment in the Gowanus Canal. [More info...](#)



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

Oct 12: [Paths to Pier 42 Fall Festival](#).

Oct 16: Gowanus Canal Conservancy's [Urban Ecology Lecture on Oyster Restoration](#), Meredith Comi.

Oct 17-18: [Urban Resilience in an Era of Climate Change Conference](#) at Kingsborough College.

Oct 19: [Hooked on Our Waters](#) forum on how we connect with the natural resources around us.

Oct 19: Clean Ocean Action's 28th annual Fall [Beach Sweeps](#).

Oct 20: [Urban runoff walk](#), organized by Loomstate and the Lower East Side Ecology Center.

Oct 26: [National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day](#). [Find a location near you](#).

Ongoing: [Electronic waste recycling](#) events throughout NYC, organized by the Lower East Side Ecology Center. [Locations and details...](#)

FUNDING

Hudson River Foundation's [Hudson River Improvement Fund](#). **Deadline: November 1.**

NEIWPCC and NYSDEC are soliciting proposals to design a ["sustainable shorelines"](#) demonstration project at Nyack Beach State Park. **Deadline: November 6.**

NYSDEC is accepting applications for [Urban Forestry projects](#).
Deadline: December 5.

New Jersey State [River and Stream Cleaning Grant Program available to Passaic River Towns](#).

[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**

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