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May 2017 E-Newsletter

From the Baykeeper

We are excited to continue our partnership with Monmouth County this year to run their pump out boat, the Royal Flush. Thanks to the County, we will be able to offer expanded hours of service and pump out more recreational boats. Dumping waste overboard means poop and chemicals end up in the Navesink River! Help us keep the Navesink River safe for boating and swimming, dispose of your waste properly.

Debbie Mans

NY/NJ Baykeeper

Upcoming Events

**Flat Creek
Cleanup**
May 7, 2017
10am - 12pm
Union Beach, NJ
Click here for

Kill the Drill!



Thank you Senator Cory Booker, Senator Bob Menendez, and Congressman Frank Pallone Jr. for standing up for our waterways to kill the drill! President Trump threatens our coast with oil drilling and seismic testing but we won't let him! Learn more about President Trump's Executive Order [here.](#)

There is No Planet B

Thank you for making your voice heard at the March for Science and People's Climate March! Huge crowds marched worldwide to stand up for facts, science, and called on Washington for climate change based policies.

details.

Friends of Liberty State Park Annual Awards Luncheon

May 7, 2017
Liberty House,
Jersey City, NJ.
[Click here](#) for tickets.

Infrastructure Week

May 15-19
[Click here](#) to learn how you can participate.

Ernie Oros Wildlife Preserve Bioblitz

June 3, 2017
9am - 3pm
Omar Ave, Avenel, NJ
Identify species and enjoy guided walks with scientists!
[Email Tom](#) with questions.

NY/NJ Baykeeper's 6th Annual Oyster Benefit

June 20, 2017
6:30PM
Pier A Harbor House, NYC
Stay tuned for details.

2017 Summer Kayak Schedule

[Click here](#) for details and registration!

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Volunteers Wanted for Water Quality Testing

Volunteers are needed to help find and fix sources of water pollution in the Navesink River watershed. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), in partnership with Clean Ocean Action and Rally for the Navesink partners will be collecting water samples from 20 locations throughout Middletown, Fair Haven, Red Bank, and more. Volunteer training will be held at the end of May. If interested, email Meredith Comi at meredith@nynjbaykeeper.org. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Rally for the Navesink.

Next Steps to Stop the Williams Pipeline

Williams Transco has proposed a 23.4-mile pipeline project to expand its existing Transco transmission system to transport natural gas from the Marcellus Shale region through Raritan Bay to New York. If built, the pipeline will disrupt YOUR fishing, boating, and recreational activities! Construction of the pipeline would also disturb habitat for clams, horseshoe crabs, fish, and other marine animals. Williams has filed their application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and will be preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement. At that time, we will notify you with instructions on how to submit a public comment. [Click here](#) for more information. For updates, text "PIPE" to 732-416-7332.

Ready for Oyster Monitoring?

[Facebook message](#) us the word "PLASTIC" to receive updates and how YOU can prevent and reduce plastics from entering your local waterways.

New Resource!

[The New Jersey Developers' Green Infrastructure Guide](#), put together by New Jersey Future and the New Jersey Builders Association, explains how, where, and when to incorporate green infrastructure features.

Sustainable Raritan River Award Nominations

[Click here](#) to nominate someone who makes a difference in the Raritan by May 31st!

ICYMI, Check out our New Website about our [War on Plastic](#) and [How to Help!](#)

[Become a Member Today!](#)

In the News

[Funding Fight Continues for](#)



Volunteer at our Bronx River oyster reef this season! You'll have the opportunity to don waders and check out oyster biology up close! Volunteers help us by measuring our oysters for growth, survivorship, and biodiversity. Volunteer days will begin mid-May. We'll be checking up on the oysters a few days a month, including weekends, mornings, and afternoons. To add your name to the volunteer list, email allison@nynjbaykeeper.org. [Click here](#) for more information.

Staff Picks! Debbie Recommends Favorite NY-NJ Harbor Books

If you are like me, there seems to be more books that I want to read than it seems I have time. There are so many great books about NY-NJ Harbor and the surrounding waterways and communities that I have an evolving list of books that I have read or need to read. I hesitate to mention which ones I still need to read for fear of risking my reputation and offending the authors!

Respect and Know Your History

- The Hudson River: A Natural and Unnatural History by Robert Boyle
- Heartbeats in the Muck by John Waldman
- The Riverkeepers by John Cronin and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

Oysters, of Course

- Oyster Wars and the Public Trust: Property, Law, and Ecology in New Jersey History by Bonnie McCay
- The Big Oyster: History in a Half Shell by Mark Kurlansky
- American Catch: The Fight for Our Local Seafood by Paul Greenberg

Urban Exploration

- The Meadowlands: Wilderness Adventures on the Edge of a City by Robert Sullivan
- An American River: From Paradise to Superfund, Afloat on New Jersey's Passaic by Mary Bruno
- Walking Manhattan's Rim, the Great Saunter by Cy Adler

[Margaret's Creek Cleanup](#)

[Letter: Transco Pipeline Project Demands Public Resistance](#)

[Metuchen to Host Two Earth Day Celebrations](#)

[Outrage Over Company Backing out of Superfund Cleanup Through Bankruptcy](#)

[Officials Say Company is Avoiding Passaic Cleanup Costs](#)

[Watershed Ambassadors Keep an Eye on the Raritan River](#)

[Liberty State Park Vision Comes into Focus During Legendary Canoe Trip](#)

[With a Little Help from their Friends](#)

- [Hidden Waters of New York City: A History and Guide to 101 Forgotten Lakes, Ponds, Creeks, and Streams in the Five Boroughs by Sergey Kadinsky](#)
- [Waterfront: A Walk Around Manhattan by Phillip Lopate](#)

Protecting, preserving, and restoring the NY/NJ Harbor Estuary since 1989.

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