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**NY/NJ Baykeeper's Debbie Mans Named as Deputy Commissioner of New Jersey  
Department of Environmental Protection**

*NY/NJ Baykeeper staff and board ensuring a smooth transition and will continue  
advocating for clean, healthy water.*

(MATAWAN, NJ) - Acting-Commissioner McCabe has named Debbie Mans as Deputy Commission of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, effective February 14, 2018.

NY/NJ Baykeeper looks forward to supporting the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and Governor Murphy on clean water issues including reducing combined sewer overflows, improving stormwater management, and protecting open space.

"Our core mission remains the same as it has for 29 years, fighting for clean water and access to our coasts and parks for everyone. Our board is working closely with Debbie and staff to ensure a smooth transition," said Greg Remaud, Deputy Director, NY/NJ Baykeeper.

"Doug Pederson is right - an individual can make a difference, but a team makes a miracle. We have an amazing team at NY/NJ Baykeeper and great supporters who will continue our work," said Debbie Mans, Baykeeper and Executive Director, NY/NJ Baykeeper.

Debbie has served as NY/NJ Baykeeper's Executive Director since April 2008. Debbie previously served as Energy Policy Advisor to Governor Jon Corzine. Before working for the Governor Corzine, Debbie served as NY/NJ Baykeeper's Policy Director from 2002 to 2006. Previously, Debbie worked with the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association as a Policy and Outreach Specialist.

"Debbie Mans' commitment to clean energy and conservation makes her an excellent choice to help the DEP lead the nation in developing solutions to such critical issues as climate change and renewable energy," Acting Commissioner McCabe said. "Debbie

has spent her entire career devoted to improving the environment for all, and I look forward to her expertise helping shape our mission.

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### **About NY/NJ Baykeeper**

NY/NJ Baykeeper is the citizen advocate of the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary. Since 1989, we've worked to protect, preserve, and restore the environment of the most urban estuary on Earth – benefiting its natural and human communities. Through our Estuary-wide programs we seek to end pollution, improve public access, conserve and restore public lands, restore aquatic habitats, encourage appropriate and discourage inappropriate development, carry out public education, and work with federal and NY/NJ state regulators and citizen groups as partners in planning for a sustainable future for the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary watershed.