

Happy Earth Day!

4 Easy Actions that Make a Difference in the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary

1. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. REFUSE.



- At least 165 million plastic pieces are floating within Harbor waters, according to our research. Plastic NEVER biodegrades, but only breaks off into tiny pieces mistaken by plankton, fish, and birds for food.
- Start new habits by bringing your own reusable bags, bottles, straws, utensils, and to-go food packaging to stop plastic pollution at its source.

2. Bring Back the Green



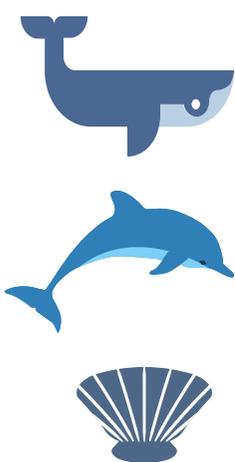
- When it rains, water flows off of paved surfaces, picking up oil, pesticides, and litter, and is often discharged into local waterways. This concoction, known as polluted runoff, causes flooding, property damage, and water pollution.
- Conserve water and install simple green infrastructure strategies on your property designed to absorb water, such as a rain garden, tree planter, or rain barrel.

3. Save Liberty State Park



- Liberty State Park's Caven Point property is an irreplaceable natural area behind Lady Liberty, providing critical urban habitat and unique environmental education opportunities.
- Email officeofleases@dep.nj.gov to urge the Murphy Administration to reject Liberty National Golf Course's proposed land grab of LSP's Caven Point Natural Area for an expanded golf course. Visit nynjbaykeeper.org/savelsp for more ways to help.

4. Stop a Pipeline from Disrupting Raritan Bay



- Williams Transco has proposed a 23.4 mile natural gas pipeline project to transport natural gas through Raritan Bay to New York.
- If built, the pipeline will disrupt fishing, boating, and recreational activities & 14,000 acres of habitat for shellfish, dolphins, whales, seals, and more.
- A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been released and is open for comment through May 14, 2018. Visit www.nynjbaykeeper.org for how to submit a comment and public meeting details.

5. Become a Member of NY/NJ Baykeeper



- The fight for clean water needs YOU. Members are vital to NY/NJ Baykeeper and are the lifeblood of our legal campaigns. Members provide "standing" or legal legitimacy in the court of law.
- A recent example of our membership at work in the courts is our current lawsuit on the Raritan River aiming at making polluters pay for a river cleanup - not taxpayers. Become a member today at nynjbaykeeper.org/member.

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