

Happy Earth Month!

4 easy things you can do to make a BIG difference for the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary

1. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. REFUSE.



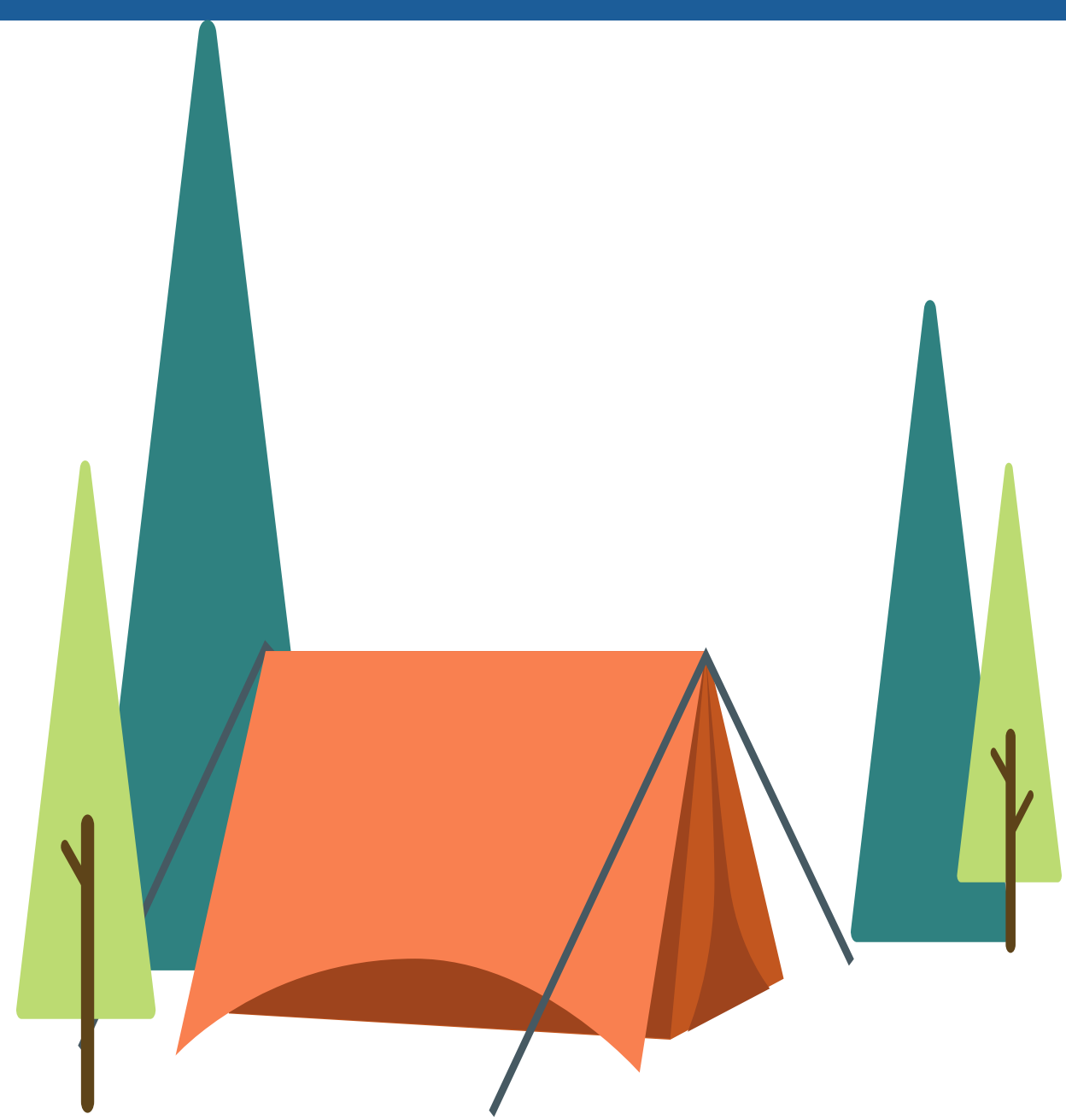
- At least 165 million plastic pieces are floating within Harbor waters, according to our research. Plastic NEVER biodegrades, but only breaks off into tiny pieces mistaken by plankton, fish, and birds for food.
- Start new habits by bringing your own reusable bags, bottles, straws, utensils, and to-go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

2. Use your Green Thumb



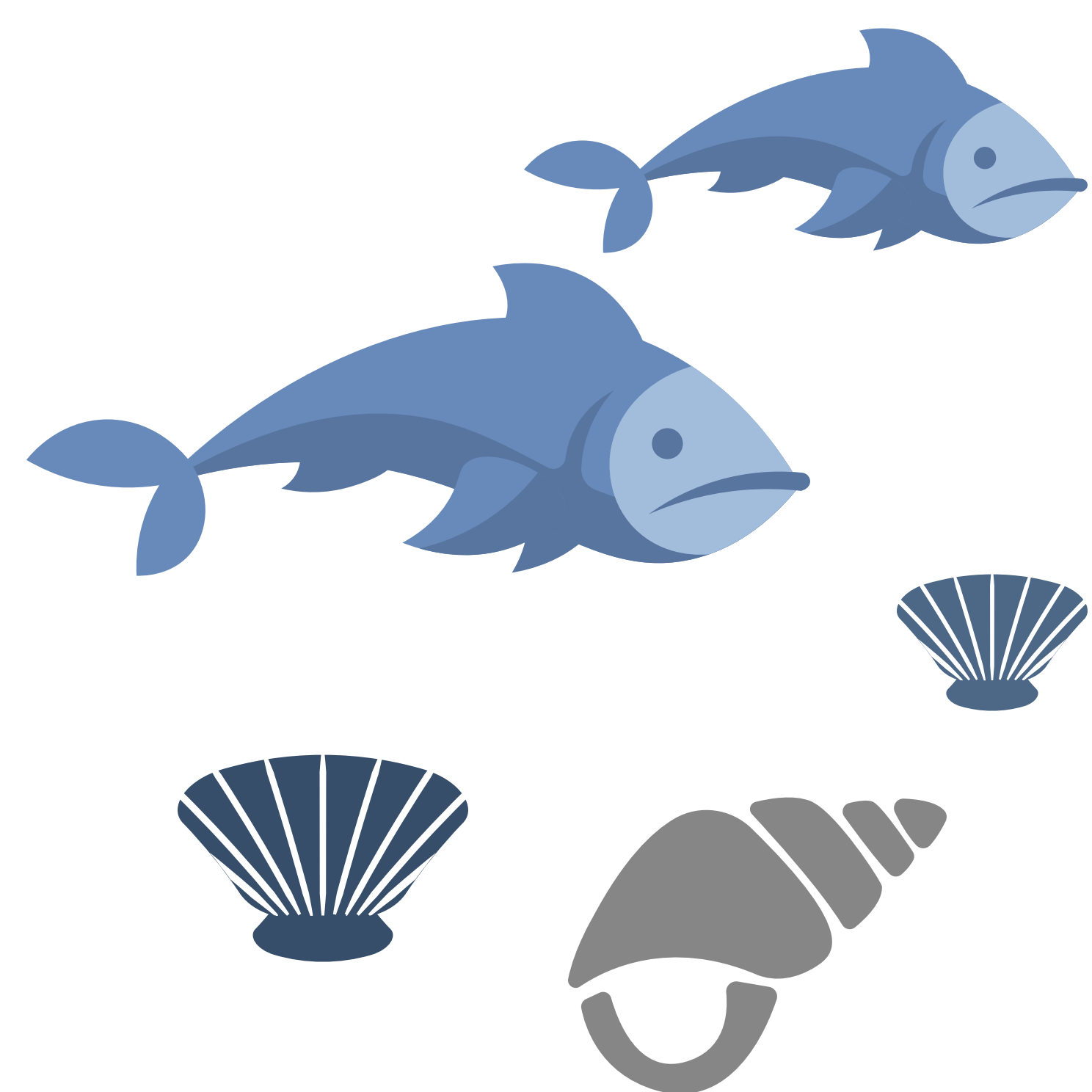
- When it rains in urban areas, water flows off of paved surfaces, picking up oil, pesticides, and litter and into local waterways. Polluted stormwater runoff causes flooding, property damage, and water pollution.
- Install simple green infrastructure strategies on your property designed to absorb water, such as a rain garden, tree planter, or rain barrel.

3. Enjoy your Local Parks



- Get outside and enjoy some fresh air! Enjoying the outdoors has some positive health impacts too!
- While you're at it, if you find a plastic bag floating around your local park, pick it up and use it to carry other trash you come across.

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.