

# Partner Updates

July 2021



*Jersey Water Works partners' latest updates from their work related to our shared goals*

## Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC)

Facilitating resident and business focus groups with coalition partners at Flood Defense to learn more about views/opinions regarding stormwater challenges and solutions. We will delve into perceptions of stormwater utility to help guide our strategies. Contact: Sheila Baker Gujral, [sbakergujral@anjec.org](mailto:sbakergujral@anjec.org)

## Ecoasis Natural Water Treatment LLC

Developed a unique, effective natural [water treatment system](#). Floating treatment wetlands and an “ecoarium” (aquaponic aquarium) system are in development. Beneficial plants such as herbs, vegetables and flowers can be grown in each of these attractive systems. Contact: Robert Elderhorst, [ecoasisnwt@gmail.com](mailto:ecoasisnwt@gmail.com).

## Hudson River Foundation/New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program

- The new [Harbor-Wide Water Quality Monitoring](#) report analyzes data and compares average values relative to the federal CWA goals, as well as current regulatory standards in the Harbor Estuary for 2010-2017 (during the recreational season). Contact: Rosana Da Silva, [rosana@hudsonriver.org](mailto:rosana@hudsonriver.org)
- The [New York–New Jersey Harbor Estuary Paddling Guide](#) maps 164 launch sites so that it is easy to find one close to home. The guide includes simple boat ramps, beaches where paddling is encouraged, and launch sites with rentals and/or programs for first-time boaters. Check out information for 42 paddling programs and outfitters. Contact: Rob Pirani, [Rob@hudsonriver.org](mailto:Rob@hudsonriver.org)
- [Hudson River Fund](#): The Foundation seeks to elucidate the dynamic interactions among the processes that are important to the Hudson River ecosystem. The Foundation encourages research in areas that are both scientifically important and relevant to current or anticipated public policy and resource management issues affecting the River and its watershed. Contact: Jim Lodge, [jim@hudsonriver.org](mailto:jim@hudsonriver.org)
- We celebrated [City of Water Day: In Your Neighborhood 2021](#) on Saturday, July 10 alongside many of our partners. Contact: Elizabeth Balladares, [eballadares@hudsonriver.org](mailto:eballadares@hudsonriver.org)

## MetroPolder Company

Summer 2021: First installations of Smart Blue-Green Roof systems for advanced Stormwater management within the Tri-state area ([video](#)). Contact: Brian Schmitt, [Brian@MetroPolder.com](mailto:Brian@MetroPolder.com)

### **Middlesex Water Company**

[Middlesex Water Company](#) is currently investing \$10.2 million in the Borough of Metuchen to replace aging water mains, service lines, valves, and hydrants under its RENEW 2021 Program. Contact: Bernadette Sohler, [bsohler@middlesexwater.com](mailto:bsohler@middlesexwater.com)

### **US Environmental Protection Agency Region 2**

In addition to other EPA funds targeted for lead line replacement, in October 2020 EPA selected the Newark Board of Education to receive nearly \$7.5 million in federal funds under the Water Infrastructure for Improvements to the Nation (WIIN) Act to combat lead in Newark schools. Contact: Alyssa Arcaya, [arcaya.alyssa@epa.gov](mailto:arcaya.alyssa@epa.gov)

### **The Watershed Institute**

Letter of Intent (LOI) period for the 2021 - 2022 [Current Institute Grant Cycle](#) is open! Those interested in applying should fill out an LOI by August 6. Contact: Priscilla Oliveira, [poliveira@thewatershed.org](mailto:poliveira@thewatershed.org)

### **Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority**

The [WMUA](#) is in the midst of the installation of SMART meters, which is the first of numerous projects in our ESIP plan. Contact: Patricia Lindsay-Harvey, [plindsayharvey@wmua.info](mailto:plindsayharvey@wmua.info)

Share your [latest update](#) or accomplishment from a project, program, or an upcoming event that relates to Jersey Water Works shared goals.



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