

New York-New Jersey Harbor Estuary Program

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Fast Facts

Drainage basin encompasses about 16,300 square miles, including much of New York and New Jersey, and small parts of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont.

Population increased from approximately 4 million people in 1880 to over 14.5 million people in 1990.

Port of New York and New Jersey is largest port on U.S. East coast and among the largest in the world.

Over 100 species of fish in the Harbor.

Heron populations in the Harbor represent up to 25% of all nesting wading birds along the coast, from Cape May, NJ to RI line.

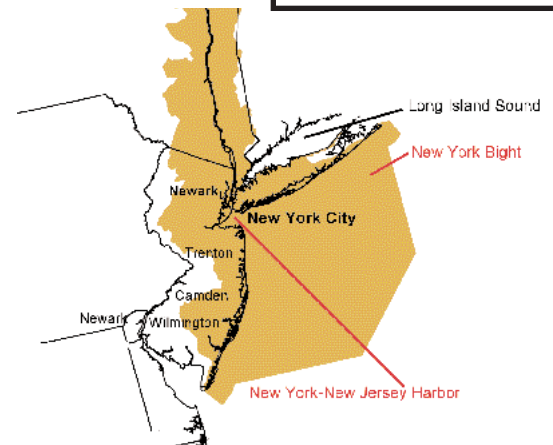


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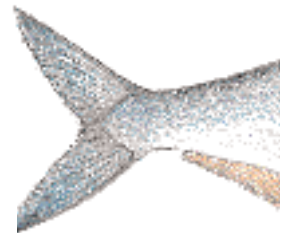
Status Update & Next Steps

The Harbor Estuary Program has developed over 300 specific actions, through a consensus-based process. Commitments are in place for approximately 75% of the actions. Many actions are being implemented through partnerships among public agencies and with the private sector, including the following:

- Identify significant habitats and develop targeted plans to protect them, including the watersheds of the Arthur Kill in NY and NJ and Jamaica Bay in NY.
- Track down and clean up discharges of toxic contaminants; for example, discharges of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from municipal sewage treatment plants.
- Control pollutant discharges from combined sewer overflows; for example, by implementing management practices consistent with USEPA's National CSO Control Policy.
- Control nutrient loadings as necessary to alleviate low dissolved oxygen removal method treatment plant
- Develop nonpoint source management programs, including control



NY-NJ Harbor Estuary watershed. Courtesy of USEPA.



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Association of National Estuary Programs

The Association of National Estuary Program (ANEP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting responsible stewardship and a common vision for the preservation of our nation's bays and estuaries.

ANEP's Mission

Bring consistency to estuarine data collection and management, and turn data into useful information that is consolidated into meaningful status and trends at the national scale. Ensure that data are reliable, objective, and goal-directed. Achieve recognition of the critical roles for continued monitoring and assessment.

Educate the public on the meaning and practical application of "responsible stewardship." Ensure that the public understands the long-term nature of solutions to the environmental problems now facing bays and estuaries.

Achieve mutual support and coordination among all coastal programs. Enhance communication among NEPs and between NEPs and other coastal programs. Report both successes and failures to Congress and the American public, while understanding that through 'adaptive management' we can achieve effective management of our nation's bays and estuaries.

Seek explicit congressional support and commitment to implement Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans (CCMPs). Capitalize on the hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours invested thus far, nationwide, and recognize the important role that Management Conferences play as a continuing forum for all stakeholders.

Achieve sufficient federal funding to strengthen the federal/state/local and public/private partnerships that have been fledged across the nation. Achieve stable funding for core program operations, project implementation, and local government pass-through dollars as incentive for regional, multi-jurisdictional cooperation.

