

## **New Jersey Harbor Dischargers Group**

The New Jersey Harbor Dischargers Group (NJHDG) was formed in 1992 as an organization of nine sewerage agencies, representing eleven wastewater treatment plants in northeast New Jersey. These agencies consist of Bergen County Utilities Authority, Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties, Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority, Middlesex County Utilities Authority, North Bergen Municipal Utilities Authority, North Hudson Sewerage Authority, Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission, Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority, and Secaucus Municipal Utilities Authority. The plants discharge treated effluents to the New York/ New Jersey Harbor Estuary and the NJHDG jointly funds and conducts water quality studies of the Estuary. In 2003, NJHDG implemented the Long- Term Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Program to monitor the Passaic River, Hackensack River, Newark Bay, Arthur Kill, Raritan River, Raritan Bay, and Hudson River for conventional chemical water quality parameters to build a database and close the data gap in waterbodies that are not regularly sampled by the State of New Jersey.

## **New York- New Jersey Harbor Estuary Program**



The New York- New Jersey Harbor Estuary Program (HEP) is a partnership of government agencies, professionals, and environmental organizations that formed to identify and address the issues impacting the New York-New Jersey Harbor Estuary. It was created by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the authority of the Clean Water Act and managed by the Hudson River Foundation to protect and restore one of the nation's 28 Estuaries of National Significance. HEP seeks to reduce pollution, restore habitats and biodiversity, improve public access, support maritime operations, and foster community engagement.

## Interstate Environmental Commission



The Interstate Environmental Commission (IEC) is an agency focusing on the water quality and restoration of the Interstate Environmental District. New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey work collaboratively to utilize federal and state funding to conduct water quality monitoring, assist with compliance, and educate the public on water pollution issues. The IEC also operates a nationally accredited environmental laboratory to conduct its own research and studies in partnership with the Center for Environmental Science.

## Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute



The Meadowlands Research and Restoration Institute (MRRI) works as the scientific branch of New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority to protect the New Jersey Meadowlands. Research is conducted through water quality sampling and scientific studies to assess areas for improvement and restoration of habitats. MRRI partners with Rutgers University, Cornell University, and Pratt Institute to develop environmental curriculums and provide field work and research opportunities for local students. Their program and facilities include a NJDEP certified analytical laboratory, and a GIS and drone program to support their objectives.

## NY/NJ Baykeeper



NY/ NJ Baykeeper is a nonprofit organization founded by Andrew Willner, with the help of the Hudson Riverkeeper and the American Littoral Society. They work to preserve the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary through education and access, restoration of habitats, and partnerships with federal and state regulators. Their programs include Advocacy, Coastal Restoration, Education Program, Conservation Program, Legal Campaigns, the Raritan Riverkeeper, and the Pumpout Boat Program.