



## Citizens Advisory Committee

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of the NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program

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Colonel Thomas Asbery  
Commander and District Engineer  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - New York District  
26 Federal Plaza, Room 17-205  
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Dear Colonel Asbery:

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program is strongly supportive of the restoration of the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary and the goals and projects included in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – New York District’s Hudson – Raritan Estuary Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study.

The Citizens Advisory Committee provides guidance and advice to the New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program Management Committee on Program decision making on behalf of the diverse stakeholders in the region. Its membership and meetings are open to all interested parties in the region that use, or have concerns about, the New York-New Jersey Harbor Estuary and New York Bight. Official Citizens Advisory Committee positions are adopted by a majority vote of Citizens Advisory Committee members. Citizens Advisory Committee positions do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program or its members and partners.

HEP and the CAC have adopted the Hudson – Raritan Estuary Comprehensive Restoration Plan (HRE-CRP) sponsored by the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey as its shared blueprint for protecting and restoring the ecology of the Estuary. The advancement of the 20 projects proposed in the Feasibility Study will provide for significant advancement of the HRE-CRP’s goals for restoring the target ecosystem characteristics of this nationally significant waterbody, including more than 400 acres of wetlands, six miles of tidal channels, and 52 acres of oyster habitat. We are especially pleased in how these projects will continue to provide their important benefits in the face of anticipated sea level rise.

Thank you for your work on this important proposal. We look forward to collaborating with USACE and its local and state partners to see the projects through to completion.

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