

Save the Date!

## Two States: One Bay

A bi-state conversation about the future of the Raritan Bay  
7th Annual Sustainable Raritan River Conference and Awards Ceremony  
Friday, June 12, 2015

**Two States: One Bay** is produced by the Sustainable Raritan River Initiative  
and the New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program

*NASA Image of the Raritan Bay Complex  
in the wake of Hurricane Irene*

**Join us** for a full day of workshops and discussions about the challenges and opportunities facing the **bi-state** waters of the **Raritan Bay**.

The Raritan Bay complex—including the waters and shorelines from the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge to New Brunswick to Sandy Hook—provides important wildlife habitat, fishery and shellfish resources, and recreational benefits to our region. The Bay faces ongoing water quality issues, development and pollution pressures on fragile habitat and open space, and the mounting threats of climate change and coastal flooding.

Management of these pressures is often complicated by conflicting policy and management constraints across state boundaries. Yet, Raritan Bay has not received the kind of coordinated attention afforded other bays and river systems in the New York—New Jersey Harbor Estuary.

The **Sustainable Raritan River Initiative** is collaborating with the **New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program** to develop a day-long series of panels and workshops to align Raritan Bay water quality, habitat restoration, coastal resilience, fishery and shellfish management, and public access goals, objectives and priority actions for stakeholders in both New York and New Jersey.

These workshops and sessions will bring together more than 200 municipal and county officials, state and federal representatives, environmental commissioners, non-profit advocates, business leaders, civic-minded residents, and scientists, engineering and design professionals of the Raritan River Basin and Bay communities. Continuing education credits will be available.

At this event we will also present the **2015 Sustainable Raritan River Awards** – our annual awards for outstanding achievement in efforts to revitalize our region, restore and protect our resources, and promote our area as a premiere place to live, work and raise a family.

### Conference location

Douglass Student Center  
Rutgers, The State University  
of New Jersey  
100 George Street  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

### For more information

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Registration will open  
in April

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