

# NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program Science and Action Conference Agenda

November 16, 2018  
US Customs House  
Bowling Green, New York City

**9:00: Registration, Breakfast, and Networking**

**9:45: Welcome and Introduction to the Action Agenda**

*Robert Pirani, Director NY-NJ HEP*

**10:00: Moving Forward on Our Goals for Shared Waters**

*Peter Lopez, Administrator, USEPA Region 2*  
*Thomas D. Asbery, Commander, NY District, USACE*  
*Basil Seggos, Commissioner, NYS DEC (invited)*  
*Catherine McCabe, Commissioner, NJ DEP*  
*Moderator – Christopher Daggett, Chair, NY-NJ HEP Policy Committee*

**11:15: Introduction to the State of the Estuary Report**

*Isabelle Stinnette, Restoration Manager, NY-NJ HEP*

**11:30: State of the Estuary Panel Discussion**

*Eric Sanderson (moderator), Chief Ecologist, Wildlife Conservation Society*  
*Brett Branco, Professor, Brooklyn College*  
*Thomas Grothues, Associate Research Professor, Rutgers University*  
*Jim Lodge, Senior Scientist, Hudson River Foundation*  
*Erika Svendsen, Research Social Scientist, US Forest Service*

**12:30: Introduction to the Environmental Monitoring Plan**

*Rosana Da Silva, Water Quality Manager, NY-NJ HEP*

**12:45: Lunch**

**1:45: Research and Action focused panels and workshops: Session 1. (Chose one)**

- ❖ Microplastics Panel
- ❖ Citizen Science Workshop
- ❖ Climate Change Panel

**3:00: Research and Action focused panels and workshops: Session 2. (Chose one)**

- ❖ Habitat Quality/Biodiversity Monitoring Workshop
- ❖ Pathogens/CSO Notifications Workshop
- ❖ Superfund Sites and Community Stewardship Panel

**4:00: Conference Concludes with Networking Reception**