

2024 NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program Conference

Date: November 12, 2024

Location: NYU Kimmel Center's Eisner & Lubin Auditorium



Call for Abstracts

Due October 13, 2024 (11:59 PM)

About the NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Conference:

[The NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program](#) invite you to submit an abstract to the 2024 conference, “Working Together for a Thriving Harbor & Estuary”. Applicants include anyone in academia (including students), government, non-governmental organizations, consulting, utilities, and/or community groups. We will host in-person and virtual presentations as well as an in-person poster session.

This year’s conference will showcase the activities, partnerships, and research that will contribute to [NY-NJ HEP’s draft 2025-2035 Action Agenda](#) and enable us to address the challenges facing the estuary. The Action Agenda presents the shared priorities of the NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program (HEP) and the commitment of the program and HEP’s partners to address them. The draft 2025-2035 Action Agenda will be presented at the 2024 conference for comment.

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We welcome abstracts for any research projects (including pilot programs and explanations of community and citizen science work) located (at least in part) in the boundary of the [NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program](#), that address:

- Water Quality: Achieving multiple water quality and habitat benefits from stormwater management and flood mitigation projects through integrated planning and investments (e.g., nature-based solutions, cloudburst, etc.).
- Habitat and Ecological Health: Design and implementation of innovative restoration practices to meet climate challenges.

- Port and Maritime: Greening port and maritime communities to address heat island impacts and improve stormwater management.
- Public Access: Assessing how climate change will impact public spaces such as change in access, shift in the demand of recreational activities, and impacts to park infrastructure.
- Community Engagement: Increasing the capacity of community-based and grass-roots organizations through fostering partnerships, mutual learning, skill-building, and sharing of resources.

You may submit one or both of the following types of presentations:

- Oral Presentation (lightning talks, 10-15 minute presentations, and panel talks): Selected participants will be asked to either present in-person on November 12th or in a virtual session after the in-person conference (virtual session date TBD).
- Student Symposium: Additionally, we will host a **student symposium** during the virtual conference, highlighting research of any kind within the estuary. Any undergraduate or graduate student is invited to propose a lightning talk (5 minutes) and participate in a group discussion during this virtual session.
- Poster Presentations: Printed posters will be showcased as part of the in-person conference session. Students are welcome to submit posters.

All accepted presenters will receive free admission to the in-person and virtual conference sessions. HEP strongly encourages a diversity of perspectives and representation including community science, non-traditional presentations, and new partners.

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Contact Christina Carrero at christina@hudsonriver.org with any questions.

[Submit your abstract via this google form.](#)