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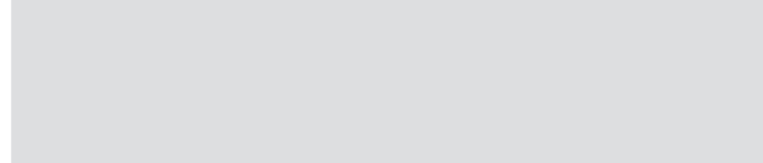
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On July 10, 2008 Riverkeeper served notice of its intent to sue Lehigh Cement Company for ongoing violations of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). By notifying Lehigh of its intent to sue, Riverkeeper commenced the 60-day and 90-day waiting periods required before a citizen can bring suit against a polluter under the CWA and RCRA. [Learn More >](#)

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Newtown Creek, the site of a massive oil spill, is one of the most polluted waterways in the United States. During its routine patrols of NYC waterways, Riverkeeper has observed NYCON dumping concrete waste into the Dutch Kills tributary of Newtown Creek without a required Clean Water Act permit. Riverkeeper also observed piles of gravel and layers of concrete covering the riverbed adjacent to the NYCON facility.

Today, Riverkeeper filed a Notice of Intent to Sue NYCON. In addition to the lack of a Clean Water Act permit, Riverkeeper also believes that the current discharge of NYCON's waste constitutes an imminent and substantial endangerment to health and environment under RCRA. Both the Clean Water Act and RCRA authorize citizen groups to sue polluters, subjecting potential violators to up to \$32,500 in penalties per day per violation.

"The pollution issues confronting Newtown Creek and other waterways surrounding New York City cannot be fully addressed without enforcing environmental laws and holding polluters accountable for their actions," said Riverkeeper Investigator Craig Michaels. "We will continue to work with elected officials and government agencies to track down and prosecute environmental lawbreakers who threaten the environmental and public health of our communities."

"For too long, Newtown Creek has been the forgotten waterway of New York City, and polluters have taken advantage by dumping with impunity," said Councilman Eric Gioia. "We're here today to send a strong message that that we will not stand for more dumping and more pollution in the creek. Polluters, beware: we are watching, we are vigilant, and we will go after you."

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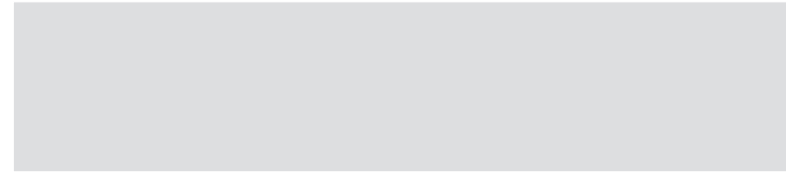
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Water City:

Featuring live music, great food, wellness and relaxation tents and New York's leading clean water advocates ready to answer your water questions and challenge you to Take Back the Tap. At North Cove Marina, overlooking the Hudson River, open 12 - 5pm.

Paddle Rally:

A full day of on-water activities that allow first-time, beginner and advanced paddlers to safely experience the dynamic water of the lower Hudson River in NY Harbor with friends and other paddlers.

Big Apple Splash:

Raft down the Hudson River with friends, family and a certified professional guide as part of this 5-mile raft flotilla from Pier 96 to Water City at North Cove Marina. Each raft can hold 10-12 paddlers. No experience required.

Kayak Poker Run:

Play to win as part of this paddle rally that travels to five different locations on the Hudson River playing Five Card Draw. Paddle at your own pace and arrive at Water City, North Cove Marina, to pick up your final card by 3:00pm. Cash prizes will be awarded to the paddlers with the highest and lowest poker hands. From 10am to 3pm. Paddling experience required.

Floating Meditation:

Allow your spirit to soar while floating in a kayak on nature's moving energy - water. Join the creator of Floating Meditation in this two-hour program that combines world-class paddling instruction and a guided meditation. At Pier 40, 8am - 10am for experienced paddlers and 11am - 1pm. For beginning paddlers.

Walk Up Kayaking:

Enjoy a free 20-minute sit-on-top kayaking program, provided by the Downtown Boathouse from 9am - 6pm at their Pier 40 or Pier 96 locations. No experience required.

Skill Demonstrations:

View and learn about the sport of kayaking. Rolling, edging, bracing, equipment overview and a flatwater/whitewater playboat session will be demonstrated throughout the day at North Cove Marina.

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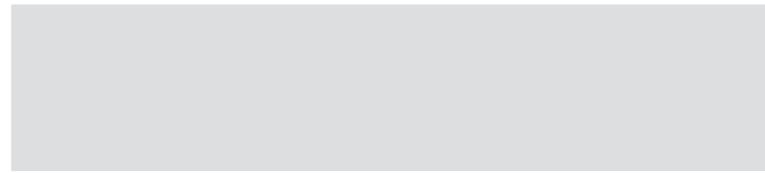
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Our annual fall event, the New York Water Fest, was a success this past year, and we would like to thank everyone who attended and our sponsors for making this an eventful day.



THIS YEAR:

3,450

people attended

\$24,500

raised

768

new members attended

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THIS YEAR:

2,750

people attended

\$35,500

raised

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new members attended

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Shad Fest



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THIS YEAR:

2,320

people attended

\$19,500

raised

548

new members attended

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Riverkeeper calls on Gov. Paterson

Tarrytown - At a press conference with Queens City Councilman Gennaro today, Riverkeeper called on Governor Paterson to designate the New York City Watershed permanently "off-limits" for natural gas drilling. "Riverkeeper agrees with the state's decision to update its outdated environmental review for gas drilling in New York's portion of the vast Marcellus Shale formation. The state must take the logical next step and enact a ban on gas drilling in the NYC Watershed," said Phillip Musegaas, Riverkeeper Policy Director. [Go to the full article >](#)

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Cuomo to Sue Exxon Over Pollution in Brooklyn

ALBANY, Jan. 8 — Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo moved today to sue ExxonMobil and four other companies over millions of gallons of oil lying under the Greenpoint neighborhood in Brooklyn and to repair environmental damage inflicted on the nearby Newtown Creek. [Go to the full article >](#)

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