



# Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor

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## Harbor News

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### HEMPSTEAD HARBOR BEACH CLEANUPS

This **Saturday, September 17**, the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor will be coordinating beach cleanups as part of the Annual International Coastal Cleanup sponsored by Ocean Conservancy in cooperation with the American Littoral Society. Volunteers will meet at Tappen and Sea Cliff Beaches at 9:30 AM. The cleanup will continue until 11:30 AM.

Volunteers who participate in the cleanup will be contributing to a massive data-collection effort. They will record and weigh the various types of debris found on the shore. The information is then sent to Ocean Conservancy, entered into a database, and analyzed to see whether there are changes in the amounts or types of debris that had been found in previous years. The data collected from the beach cleanup has been used to approach manufacturers to change the types of materials that frequently end up as floatable debris.

Bring work gloves. All other supplies (bags, pencils, data cards, etc.) will be distributed to volunteers who will meet at the entrances of Tappen and Sea Cliff Beaches. This is a great opportunity to do something meaningful for the environment--a perfect way to think globally but act locally.

Because of the release of an estimated **21 million plastic disks** from an aerating tank at a sewage treatment plant in Mamaroneck last March, it is anticipated that beach-cleanup volunteers will find more of these disks on local beaches. It is likely that Hurricane Irene helped to uncover many of the half-inch wagon-wheel-shaped disks that may have been buried in the sand over the last several months.

If you can help, call Barbara at 759-9361 or the CSHH office at 801-6792.

### GLEN COVE WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

On July 28, 2011, the City of Glen Cove accepted the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) as complete for the RXR Glen Isle Mixed-Use Waterfront Development Project. **A public hearing on the FEIS is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2011, 8 pm, Glen Cove City Hall, Council Chambers.** A copy of the FEIS is available on the city's Web site at <http://www.glencove-li.com>. Click on "Waterfront Development," scroll down to the bottom of the page, and click on "Final Environmental Impact Statement."

At a Glen Cove Planning Board meeting in May, the developer submitted a revised conceptual site plan that reduces the size of some of the tallest buildings. Instead of the three 12-story towers and three 10-story towers that were proposed in the 2008 plan, two 12-story buildings and one 10-story building are proposed, with other buildings at 4 stories. **However, the developer reserved the right to revert to the 2008 plan if the economy improves.**

The mixed-used waterfront development proposal still encompasses 56 acres on the north side of Glen Cove Creek and includes 860 residential units (rentals, condos, and townhouses), a 250-suite luxury hotel and conference center, a 50,000-square-foot office building, and 25,000 square feet reserved for retail, cultural, and restaurant uses.

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO LOOK AT THE FEIS, WHICH INCLUDES COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMUNITY DURING THE LAST PHASE OF THE EIS PROCESS. PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING THE MEETING NEXT TUESDAY EVENING.

### HEMPSTEAD HARBOR WATER-MONITORING PROGRAM

The 2011 Hempstead Harbor water-monitoring program continues with weekly water testing and sample collection. This is the twentieth season since CSHH initiated the program in 1992. CSHH is working in partnership with the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee (the organization representing the nine municipalities that have jurisdiction over Hempstead Harbor) to expand the scope of the program, which includes weekly water testing from May to November.

**This year we opened the season with great news—2,500 acres of shellfish beds have been recertified for harvesting!** Shellfish beds in Hempstead Harbor have been closed for 40 years. Some historical documents state that sections of Hempstead Harbor (as well as other bays around Long Island Sound) have been closed for up to 70 years. The reopening of our shellfish beds was a huge milestone for the harbor and the best indicator we have of water-quality improvements. It is also a great example of what can happen as a result of working collaboratively at so many levels. The partnerships that were formed years ago between municipalities, agencies, and environmental groups created this success story for Hempstead Harbor.

Opening day of the harbor's shellfish beds received a lot of press and is truly a good news story. With it, however, are issues that will have to be dealt with in terms of understanding what level of harvesting is sustainable and what must be done to protect this valuable resource, such as reseeding and monitoring.

For more information, call 801-6792.



*June 1, 2011, opening day of shellfishing in Hempstead Harbor.*

Make a difference locally!

**VOLUNTEER** for the  
**INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP**

Meet at:

**TAPPEN BEACH** or  
**SEA CLIFF BEACH**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 2011**  
**9:30-11:30 AM**

Clean up and record litter at your local beaches!

For more information, contact:

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New York State Efforts for the  
International Coastal Cleanup Are Sponsored by:

Northeast Chapter  
American Littoral Society  
28 West 9th Road  
Broad Channel, New York 11693

## ***WE NEED YOUR HELP***

Times are difficult and people are busy, but community involvement can't be left up to a few individuals or organizations. All who value the character of the communities around Hempstead Harbor and the natural and cultural resources they provide must participate in the public processes that will ultimately shape the future of this area. Attend public hearings, write letters to public officials, get informed, and make your voices heard.

As always, the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor needs your support. If you can offer financial or technical assistance, please call (801-6792) or write (P.O. Box 159, Sea Cliff, NY 11579).

**Please forward this newsletter to others who might want to receive information on the activities and efforts of the CSHH, and encourage them to contact us and join the e-mail list for periodic updates.**