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DEP Marks Beginning of Summer with Launch of 2013 Water-On-the-Go Program

On Friday, June 21, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) marked the start of summer by kicking off the 2013 Water-On-the-Go program. Since 2010, DEP has placed portable NYC Water drinking fountains at public plazas, busy pedestrian areas, and parks around the city during the summer months to educate New Yorkers and visitors about the high quality of NYC Water and to promote tap water as an alternative to bottled water or sugary beverages.

Last year, more than 500,000 people visited DEP's Water-On-the-Go fountains, and this summer DEP aims to reach one million drinkers. At the kick-off event at City Hall Park in Manhattan, DEP distributed 1,000 reusable NYC Water bottles along with bracelets, pens, stickers, and other giveaways to promote drinking tap water.

To read the full story, click [here](#).
 Download the Water-On-the-Go app [here](#) or view the calendar online [here](#).

Mayor Bloomberg Breaks Ground on New Stapleton Waterfront in Staten Island

On Thursday, June 20, Mayor Bloomberg and New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYC EDC) President Seth Pinsky broke ground on construction of the New Stapleton Waterfront in Staten Island, a major community-driven project that will create new housing, retail, and a waterfront esplanade at the former U.S. Navy Homeport site. Ironstate, which was selected in 2009 to lead the project after a competitive bid, will invest \$150 million to construct approximately 900 units of residential housing, 20 percent of which will be affordable, as well as 30,000 square feet of ground floor retail, and 600 parking spaces. The City is committing \$32 million towards the project for infrastructure improvements and the construction of a new waterfront esplanade providing the public with waterfront access. To make this development more resilient to climate change, the planned buildings will be elevated by two feet and will include a new set of tidal wetlands to mitigate possible storm surges and flooding.

This project is a key part of the City's comprehensive strategy to further promote economic growth on the North Shore of Staten Island. Other elements of this strategy include the construction of the New York Wheel, the largest Ferris wheel in the Western Hemisphere; a new mall called Empire Outlets; and the Lighthouse Point development project.

To read the full story, click [here](#).
 To learn more about the New Stapleton Waterfront, click [here](#).
 To learn more about economic development projects in Staten Island, click [here](#).

DCP Releases Two Studies to Guide Climate Resilience Efforts in Coastal Urban Areas

On Tuesday, June 18, City Planning Commissioner Amanda Burden announced the release of two reports that will help New York City and other urban waterfront communities improve their resilience to coastal flood risks and promote livable, sustainable neighborhoods. The Department of City Planning (DCP) began the two studies, *Designing for Flood Risk*, and *Urban Waterfront Adaptive Strategies* prior to Hurricane Sandy with funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Development (HUD).

Designing for Flood Risk identifies principles to guide the design of new buildings in flood zones and *Urban Waterfront Adaptive Strategies* assesses the coastal flood hazards that face New York City, outlines coastal protection and adaptation strategies that may be suitable for different shoreline and neighborhood types, and provides a framework for evaluating coastal protection alternatives.

Both studies informed *A Stronger, More Resilient New York*, the City's report with recommendations to rebuild communities affected by Hurricane Sandy and increase the resilience of infrastructure and buildings citywide.

To read the full story, click [here](#).
 To read *Designing for Flood Risk*, click [here](#).
 To read *Urban Waterfront Adaptive Strategies*, click [here](#).

Citi Bike Exceeds 250,000 Rides in Less Than Three Weeks

On Sunday, June 16, Department of Transportation Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan and New York Citi Bike Share announced that Citi Bike exceeded 250,000 rides in less than three weeks of operation. Created to provide accessible, sustainable transportation for New Yorkers, Citi Bikes traveled nearly 700,000 miles, enough to circle the Earth 28 times. Citi Bike is the nation's largest bike share program.

To read the full story, click [here](#).
 To learn more about Citi Bike, click [here](#).



More Information:

Read the [2013 PlaNYC Progress Report](#)

Visit [GreenNYC's website](#) to learn how you can help shrink the citywide carbon footprint and improve environmental quality.

Check out [GrowNYC's website](#) to find a greenmarket near you that accepts EBT/food stamps, recycles rechargeable batteries and mobile phones, and accepts food scrap drop-offs for composting.

Visit [NYC Service's website](#) to find volunteer opportunities to make New York City greener and greater.

Upcoming Events:

Workshop: Gardening, Environmental, and Health Skill-Building

The New York Restoration Projects (NYRP) presents a series of workshops covering a variety of topics on gardening techniques, environmental trends, healthy living, and dynamic arts and cultural programming in several of our beautiful community gardens.

Wednesday, July 10, 2013
 1:00PM

34 Cooper St
 Brooklyn, NY 11207

For more information, please visit [here](#).

Event: Emergency-Operating Procedures

Join Urban Green Council for the second installment of the Building Resiliency Task Force event series. In a roundtable discussion format, speakers will review Task Force recommendations and specific actions property managers can take to reduce risk and keep their buildings running in emergency situations.

Thursday, July 11, 2013
 08:00 AM - 09:00 AM

1515 Broadway (15th Floor)
 New York, NY 10036

For more information, please visit [here](#).

Event: Electronics Recycling Collection

The Lower East Side Recycling Center teaches how to responsibly to recycle unwanted or broken electronics (no appliances like microwaves or refrigerators). Please check [here](#) to see what is accepted.

Saturday, July 13, 2013
 10am-4pm

Tekserve
 119 W 23rd St
 New York, NY 10011

For more information, please visit



DEP and Lenox Hill Neighborhood House completes 2,400 Square Foot Green Roof and Garden

On Thursday, June 13, DEP Commissioner Carter Strickland joined Lenox Hill Neighborhood House to announce the completion of a 2,400 square foot green roof and garden on East 70th Street, funded in part by DEP's Green Infrastructure Grant Program. The multi-purpose space located will provide hands-on educational, recreational, and therapeutic programming for the organization's clients. The specially designed gardens and landscaping will absorb and store more than 4,500 gallons of storm water when it rains, keeping rainwater out of the combined sewer system and helping to improve water quality the East River and New York Harbor. The new green roof will also help clean the air and reduce the building's heating and cooling demands.

To read the full story, click [here](#).

To learn more about the Green Infrastructure Grant Program, click [here](#).

MillionTreesNYC Awards 'TreeLC' Grants to Community Groups

On Thursday, June 6, Parks Commissioner Veronica White announced that 18 New York City community groups in all five boroughs received MillionTreesNYC grants to organize and strengthen tree care efforts in the City's neighborhoods. Each grant recipient will complete a grassroots tree care project that engages neighbors, community youth, and local businesses between June and November.

To read the full story, click [here](#).

To learn more about MillionTreesNYC's grants, click [here](#).



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Informational: Go Green—Save Money, Save the Planet!

The City of New York Department of Housing Preservation & Development in partnership with NYC Clean Heat, offers an opportunity for residential property owners to get information on such issues as green financing, water & energy conservation, recycling, weatherization, utility incentives and much more.

Two Planned Sessions:

Tuesday, July 16, 2013
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House,
Auditorium
331 E. 70th St. (between 1st and 2nd
Aves.) 1st Flr.
New York, NY 10021

Tuesday, July 23, 2013
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Isabella Geriatric Center, Recreation
Hall
515 Audubon Av. (190th St.) NY, 10040

Workshop: Build an Active Compost Pile

Created by the NYC Department of Sanitation in 1993, the NYC Compost Project provides compost education and outreach to NYC residents, nonprofit organizations, and businesses.

Sunday, July 21, 2013
4:00PM-6:00PM

Joe Holzka Community Garden
Barker St. between Castleton Ave. and
Taylor Ct.
Staten Island 10310

For more information, please visit
[here](#).

About us:

The Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability (OLTPS) is responsible for developing, implementing, and tracking the progress of PlaNYC, the City's growth and sustainability agenda. OLTPS also oversees energy supply and regulatory policy, as well as other issues affecting infrastructure and the environment that cut across multiple City agencies.

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