

# Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership Meeting

May 15, 2017 – 10:00AM-NOON

In attendance: Susan Edmunds (LRWP), Phillip Croteau (LRWP), Brandon Pollard (LRWP), Mark Lesko (Highland Park Environment & Ecology Group), Nicholas Tufaro (Middlesex County), Sara Malone (Sustainable Raritan River Initiative), Bill Schultz (Raritan Riverkeeper), Sayra Reyes (LRWP), Alex Zakrewsky (Middlesex County), Mirah Becker (Middlesex County), Nicole Wines (Raices Cultural Center), Francisco Gomez (Raices Cultural Center), Michele Bakacs (Rutgers Cooperative Extension), Heather Fenyk (LRWP)

Minutes by Sayra Reyes

- I. Special Presentations
  - a. Susan Edmunds (Rutgers Environmental Steward): Highland Park's Mill Brook StoryMap
  - b. Phillip Croteau & Brandon Pollard (Rutgers Raritan Scholars): Virtual Tour of the Lower Raritan Watershed
  
- II. LRWP Project Updates
  - a. Project WADES (J&J Grant)
  - b. Watershed Sculpture Project (NEA Grant, with coLAB)
  - c. Citizen Science Monitoring for Pathogen Indicators Along the NJ Raritan Bayshore (EPA grant, with Baykeeper)
  - d. State of the Lower Raritan Watershed Report (Watershed Institute grant)
  - e. Regional Stormwater Management strategies
  - f. Rutgers Watershed Management & Environmental History classes
  - g. Rutgers Environmental Steward Projects
  
- III. Partner Projects & Updates
  - a. coLAB Arts
  - b. Raritan Riverkeeper
  - c. Highland Park Environment & Ecology Group
  - d. Sustainable Raritan River Initiative
  - e. Raices EcoCulture Community Action Team
  - f. Middlesex County Planning & Water Resources Association
  - g. Somerset County
  - h. Rutgers Cooperative Extension
  - i. East Brunswick Unitarian Society
  
- IV. Upcoming Events
  - a. Milkweed / Pollinator planting, Saturday May 20, 10AM-noon. New Brunswick's Buccleuch Park
  - b. Visual Habitat Assessment Training, Sunday May 21, 9AM-1PM. Middlesex County EARTH Center

\*\*\* Our next meeting will be Monday June 19, 10AM-noon at the Middlesex County Department of Planning, 75 Bayard Street, 5th floor conference room.



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