



## Progress on \$145M Canarsie Project



Progress continues on the [\\$145 million infrastructure upgrade](#) in the Canarsie and East New York neighborhoods of Brooklyn. The massive undertaking will reduce street flooding, improve the health of Fresh Creek and Jamaica Bay, ensure the reliability of the drinking water delivery system, and make neighborhood roadways safer for all users. The first phase of work, which is nearing completion, saw the replacement of nearly 4 miles of water mains, the construction of more than 2 miles of new, high-level storm sewers and the full rehabilitation of the roadways. Phases II and III, totaling almost \$89 million, are now underway and will build upon the newly installed network of sewer infrastructure. Ongoing work on these segments of the upgrade will see the installation of more than 4.3 miles of new ductile iron distribution water mains and approximately 4.3 miles of high level storm sewers. The plans also call for the construction of 109 catch basins and 68 fire hydrants.

## Bronx Students Release Classroom Trout



DEP recently joined Trout Unlimited, Bronx Children's Museum, 12th grade students from World View High School, and pre-K students from BronxWorks to release juvenile trout that the students have raised in their classrooms since October of last year. Nearly 125 fingerlings were released into the Cross River, which feeds into Cross River Reservoir, part of New York City's drinking water system.



This month, DEP is celebrating our value of transparency. If you know someone who embodies this value, please send an email by May 21 to [values@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:values@dep.nyc.gov), and include the name of who you are nominating, their bureau, and a brief description of how they embody this value.

## Reservoir Cleanup Held in Watershed



Watershed DEP employees celebrated Earth Day on April 22 by [cleaning shorelines and boat-launch areas](#) at Lake Gleneida in Putnam County, and New Croton Reservoir in Westchester County. They were joined at Lake Gleneida by members of the Oasis Club, a sportsmen's club based in Putnam. The two cleanups yielded more than 400 pounds of trash that had been tossed from passing vehicles or left behind at fishing access points along the two bodies of water. The Earth Day effort complimented more than two tons of trash that were collected during DEP's annual reservoir cleanup day last October, and it underscored the need for local residents and outdoor enthusiasts to protect our natural resources by properly disposing of their trash and recyclables.

## Welcome Aboard!



Yesterday, 12 new employees attended orientation and received an overview of the department from Commissioner **Vincent Sapienza**, Director for Human Resources **Herb Roth**, Director of Planning and Recruitment **Grace Pigott**, HR Specialist **Grace Franco**, and HR Generalist **Conor Bulger**. We hope everyone will join us in welcoming them to DEP!

**Floyd Boyce**, **Andrew Eng**, and **John Youssef** (not pictured) with BWSO; **Giorgiana Craus**, **St. Hope Houghton**, **Patrick McLaulin**, and **Arta Khaferri** with BWT; **Judy Gomez** with BCS; **Kiana Leung** with BEC; **Caitlin O'Leary** with BLA; **Daniel Orłowski** and **Mina Rafiee** (not pictured) with BEDC.

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