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# **Department of Environmental Protection** Partners with Children's Museum of Manhattan to Host Special Event at Dynamic H<sub>2</sub>O Exhibit



# **DEP Experts and Museum Educators Teach About Ecosystems, Wastewater Treatment and Drinking Water**

# Photos of the Fun-Filled Day are Available on <u>DEP's Flickr</u> <u>Page</u>

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Children's Museum of Manhattan hosted a special event yesterday in the museum's splashy outdoor water exhibit, Dynamic H<sub>2</sub>O. DEP educators and experts, along with Museum educators, answered questions about the City's water supply, interacted with children and their parents at various water-based activities, and conducted hands-on learning focusing on ecosystems, wastewater treatment and drinking water.

"Dynamic H2O is a wonderful exhibit that teaches the environmental stewards of tomorrow about the presence, and importance, of water in all of our daily activities," said DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza. "We are proud to partner with the Children's Museum of Manhattan on this fun, interactive and splashy outdoor water exhibit."

DEP staff also displayed "New York City's Water Story: From Mountain Top to Tap," an educational resource to help children learn about how NYC gets its water supply.

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*Dynamic H*<sub>2</sub>O, which debuted in 2016, explores NYC's water supply system, which delivers more than 1 billion gallons of clean and world-class drinking water daily to more than 9.6 million New Yorkers and travels downhill from upstate watersheds extending more than 125 miles from the city in what is widely considered an engineering marvel.

The 800-square-foot exhibit, which features a 16-foot-long water table that helps kids trace the journey of NYC's water as they play and explore, runs through September at the museum, weather permitting. The exhibit also offers children the chance to create waterfalls, build dams, pretend to fish, erect a city on the water's edge, pump water to the top of a skyscraper, and construct an aqueduct. Kids can even try their hand at water-focused careers playing the role of marine scientist, chemical engineer, or even sewage treatment worker.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of water each day to more than 9.6 million residents, including 8.6 million in New York City. The water is delivered from a watershed that extends more than 125 miles from the city, comprising 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes. Approximately 7,000 miles of water mains, tunnels and aqueducts bring water to homes and businesses throughout the five boroughs, and 7,500 miles of sewer lines and 96 pump stations take wastewater to 14 in-city treatment plants. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 in the upstate watershed. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program, with a planned \$19.4 billion in investments over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter.

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