

Commissioner's Corner



Earlier today, DEP released the 2014 update to the Jamaica Bay Watershed Protection Plan. The plan, first issued in 2007, focuses on water quality improvements, ecological restoration and enhancing valuable natural resources. The update outlines the numerous initiatives DEP has undertaken, along with State and federal partner agencies, environmental advocates, leading educational institutions and community groups, to protect one of the most bountiful wildlife habitats in the Northeastern United States. Ongoing initiatives include wastewater treatment plant upgrades, oyster and ribbed mussel pilot restoration projects, wetlands restoration,

green infrastructure projects and Geographic Information System mapping. The complete update is available [here](#). To see additional photos of projects in Jamaica Bay, click [here](#).

Paerdegat Basin Restoration



DEP has restored 52 acres of wetlands and coastal grasslands adjacent to Paerdegat Basin, a tributary of Jamaica Bay.

Belt Parkway Green Infrastructure Installations



DEP is partnering with the New York City Department of Transportation to build green infrastructure along the medians and shoulder areas of the Belt Parkway.

Area-Wide Sewer Upgrades



The multi-year, \$6 billion effort to construct a comprehensive storm sewer system includes an ongoing upgrade in the St. Albans neighborhood.

Spotlight on Safety

Crane Safety

Using a crane to move large and heavy loads is a common requirement in both DEP construction projects and daily operations, and it is important that the cranes are operated safely in order to avoid incidents and injuries. Nation-wide, there are approximately 70 fatalities from crane related incidents every year, and crane tip-overs, uncontrolled loads and boom collapses are not uncommon. Following these tips can help to minimize the risk of injuries:

- Inspect and maintain each crane and hoist according

to the manufacturer's recommendations

- Coordinate communication between the crane operator and riggers, spotters, supervisors and others working in the vicinity
- Notify workers before a lift begins, and make sure no one is working within the swing radius or under a suspended load at any time

For more information please visit the [DEP](#) and [OSHA](#) websites.

At DEP, everyone is responsible for safety. If you or anyone on your team is concerned about your working conditions, it's okay to ask your supervisor or your bureau's EHS liaison how they can help. If you've still got questions, you can call the EHS Employee Concerns Hotline. It's DEP's responsibility to acknowledge and fix unsafe situations, procedures, and practices. With your help, we'll not only get the job done, we'll make it safer for ourselves, our coworkers, our families, and our city. CALL (800) 897-9677 OR SEND A MESSAGE THROUGH [PIPELINE](#). HELP IS ON THE WAY.

Out of the Archives



In October 1912, construction of the Traver Hollow Bridge was underway. The bridge was part of the Board of Water Supply Contract 49, which called for building six reinforced concrete bridges in conjunction with new highways around the Ashokan Reservoir. Forty miles of new highways and ten concrete bridges were built in the Catskills to cross over the streams and reservoir channels. The Traver Hollow Bridge, which was completed in 1913, spanned 200 feet and was 52-feet high. To see more photos from our archives, visit our album on [Flickr](#).

Press Box



NEW DEP GRANTS PUT "GREEN" CASH UP FOR GRABS: "Located on the roof of an 11-story building at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, the Brooklyn Grange Rooftop Farm yields a bounty of fresh vegetables and even eggs, with a pretty great view to boot. But there's more going on there than meets the eye... The roof soaks up rainwater that could have wound up in the city's sewer system potentially leading to overflows of sewage into area waterways. Brooklyn Grange was the recipient of more than one million dollars in grants from the city's Department of Environmental Protection to build the green infrastructure. And there's more funding available."

View the entire NY 1 story [here](#).

Kudos Corner



DEP today promoted seven of the department's veteran environmental police officers. Two sergeants were promoted to lieutenant and five officers were promoted to sergeant. Congratulations to **Lieutenant Maximo Lambert**, **Lieutenant Joey Rosa**, **Sergeant Shaun Adams**, **Sergeant Marques Correa**, **Sergeant Matthew Dubrino**, **Sergeant Frank Emmett**, and **Sergeant Charles Luna**. The DEP Police Division was established more than 100 years ago. It is charged with protecting the city's water supply system, which includes more than 2,000 square miles of watershed land across nine counties, hundreds of miles of tunnels and aqueducts, a number of wastewater treatment plants, laboratories, and chlorination facilities. To see additional photos from today's promotion ceremony, click [here](#).

Watershed Protection Programs



Last week, more than 100 employees from BWS's Watershed Protection Programs group gathered in Kingston for their annual meeting. BWS Director of Operations **Tina Johnstone**, P.E., provided a comprehensive overview of the operation of the upstate portions of the water supply system, and **Meredith Taylor** discussed efforts to reestablish forest cover on a tornado-damaged parcel of City-owned land near the Kensico Reservoir. Thanks to Assistant Commissioner **Dave Warne** who coordinated the meeting.

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