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HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Staten Island Bluebelt



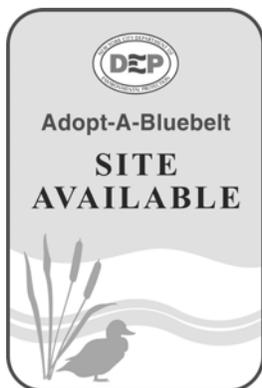
What is the Staten Island Bluebelt?

The Staten Island Bluebelt is a system of streams, ponds and other wetlands owned and operated by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for storm water management purposes.

Residents can play a vital role in protecting the Bluebelt by cleaning up streams and wetlands, as described below.



A constructed wetland for storm water detention within the Staten Island Bluebelt system.



How to help the Staten Island Bluebelt

- The *Adopt-A-Bluebelt Maintenance Provider Program* offers civic-minded groups and individuals an opportunity to enhance Staten Island's open spaces by *adopting*, as Sponsors, parts of the Bluebelt. Under this program, Sponsors may hire private companies – *Maintenance Providers* – to clean areas in the Bluebelt. Each Sponsor's generosity is acknowledged with a sign displaying the Sponsor's name at the adopted site. For more information or if you wish to become a member of the *Adopt-A-Bluebelt Program*, call the Staten Island Bluebelt Field Office at (718) 984-0489.
- Organize or participate in clean-up projects. DEP sponsors six *Friends of the Bluebelt* clean-up events per year. Call the Staten Island Bluebelt Field Office at (718) 984-0489 to participate and receive information on future events.
- Join a group that shares your interest in your local environment, for instance *Friends of Wood Duck Pond*, *Friends of Jack's Pond* or your local civic association. Your local Community Board can provide information. Call Staten Island Community Board #2 at (718) 317-3235 or Staten Island Community Board #3 at (718) 356-7900.
- Report illegal dumping either directly to the Staten Island Bluebelt Office at (718) 984-0489 or by calling 311. The NYC Department of Sanitation offers a reward program for busting illegal dumpers.

There are many other ways you may help. Here are just a few helpful tips:

- Take used motor oil and antifreeze to local gas stations for recycling. **DON'T DUMP IT DOWN STORM DRAINS.** It is illegal and it pollutes the environment.
- Use biodegradable detergents when washing your car.
- Dispose of yard waste properly. Don't dump it in marshes or vacant lots and, especially, **DON'T DUMP IT DOWN THE STORM DRAINS.** The NYC Sanitation Department collects yard waste for composting.



Bluebelt storm drains offer a reminder.

For more useful tips and information, call the Staten Island Bluebelt Field Office at (718) 984-0489.