

Coastal Stewardship Course

Rutgers Cooperative Extension is hosting our annual Coastal Stewardship course which is a part of the Barnegat Bay Shellfish Restoration Program (BBSRP) and our collaborations with ReClam the Bay.

Come learn how to be a more responsible steward of our marine resources and how to get involved with local efforts to improve the health of our coastal ecosystems. Our main teaching tools will be Barnegat Bay ecology and shellfish restoration and aquaculture.

Some of the topics covered will include:

- Shellfish Biology and Aquaculture
- Water Quality and Microplastics
- Shellfish and Seagrass Restoration
- Habitat Restoration and Living Shorelines
- Climate Change and Coastal Resiliency
- Volunteer Opportunities



Full schedule and topics are on the next page.

Ten weekly Tuesday evening classes (7:00-9:00 PM) from May 27 through July 29 with both in-class and webinar participation options.

Please [click here](#) or scan the QR code to register by Friday, May 23, 2025.

Program Fee: \$50.00/person

(graduates from past years are free as continuing education)

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Barnegat Bay Shellfish Restoration Program (BBSRP)

2025 Coastal Stewardship Course

Weekly evening classes (7:00-9:00 PM) on Tuesdays from May 27 – July 29. All classes include a webinar option, while seven classes are HyFlex and also have in-class option (Ocean County Extension Office, 1623 Whitesville Rd, Toms River, NJ). HyFlex classes are printed in **red** and webinar only classes are in **black**.

May 27: Barnegat Bay Ecology

Dr. Doug Zemeckis (Rutgers University)
Bill Walsh (ReClam the Bay)
Andrew McGowan (Barnegat Bay Partnership)

June 3: Barnegat Bay Monitoring & Management

Dr. Steve Yergeau (Rutgers University)
Gregg Sakowicz (Rutgers University)
Graceanne Taylor (Save Barnegat Bay)

June 10: Shellfish Biology, Restoration, & Aquaculture

Jenny Paterno Shinn (Rutgers University)
Dr. Mike Acquafredda (Rutgers University)

June 17: Shell Recycling and Shellfish Restoration

Angela Andersen (Long Beach Township)
Scott Stueber (NJDEP)
Julie Schumacher-Carroll (American Littoral Society)

June 24: Stewardship and Volunteer Opportunities

Bill Walsh (ReClam the Bay)
Christine Moran (Rutgers University)
Kaitlin Gannon (Rutgers University)
Mike Danko (NJ Sea Grant Consortium)
Nina Sassano (Barnegat Bay Partnership)

July 1: Seagrass & Shellfish Restoration

Nina Colagiovanni (NJDEP)
Meredith Comi (Monmouth University)

July 8: Habitat Restoration & Living Shorelines

Kristin Adams (Ocean County Soil Cons. District)
Jim Dugan (Mordecai Land Trust/ReClam the Bay)
Captain Al Modjeski (American Littoral Society)

July 15: Barnegat Bay Fisheries

Dr. Paul Jivoff (Rider University)
Dr. Doug Zemeckis (Rutgers University)

July 22: Current Environmental Issues

Dr. Allison Fitzgerald (New Jersey City University)
Dr. Douglas Zemeckis (Rutgers University)

July 29: Beach Nesting Birds & Coastal Resiliency

Todd Pover (Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ)
Amanda Archer (Rutgers University)



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