



River Currents



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GEHWA/GEHRC has an Assistant River Administrator

In October 2021, Brooke Handley started her position as Assistant River Administrator. Since starting she has been training along side Fred Akers, GEHWA's and GEHRC's River Administrator. During the next year Brooke will gradually assume Fred's responsibilities as Fred transitions from his full time position to a different part time position.

Brooke recently shared the following with GEHWA's Trustees, "One of my graduation requirements was the completion of a senior project or internship. In order to fulfill this, I decided to reach out to GEHWA about a potential marine debris program. Soon enough, I was working alongside Fred and Lynn to create the program and initiate clean ups. We had a lot of fun and reached a lot of people with the marine debris program. I really enjoyed working with Fred and Lynn for GEHWA, and I was very excited when an opportunity arose to work for GEHWA as the Assistant River Administrator.



In the past few weeks since I have been hired, I have spent time learning the ropes from Fred, surveying and becoming familiar with areas in the watershed, as well as attending informative and educational meetings so that I can better understand environmental issues and policies at hand. I am so grateful to be learning from the best. As I'm sure you all know, Fred has been in this field for a long time and has a lot of experience and knowledge to pass on!"

As Brooke mentioned, she completed her internship by researching, implementing and promoting the "Marine Debris Program". While utilizing maps from Google Earth, Brooke found what looked to be an abandoned boat up on the marsh near Mosquito Landing, on the Tuckahoe River. Fred and Brooke took a field trip to the site and located the boat in amongst the phragmites. After studying the location, Brooke and Fred determined that it would be possible to remove the boat from the marsh. The plan was to move it across the marsh to Mosquito Landing where the boat could then be hauled away.



On Saturday, April 24, 2021, 19 people gathered at Mosquito Landing to begin the task of removing the derelict boat. Boy Scouts from local Troop # 79, other youth and adults took part in this event.

Also, individuals traveling by boat, scoured the banks of the Tuckahoe for additional marine debris.

It was amazing to see that through sheer brute force it was possible to ...continued on page 2

...continued from page 1 move the boat from the marsh to the parking lot at Mosquito Landing. Trash from the banks of the Tuckahoe and the boat were then hauled away by township workers from Upper Township. Brooke coordinated the effort to remove the boat from the marsh. It required a great deal of planning and the participation of many individuals.



If you would like to find out more information about our “Marine Debris Program” please use the following link to access our website: <https://www.gehwa.org/gehwa-mission-map/>, open the Mission Map” and select the marine debris layer.

The following are pictures of marine debris that have been located on the marsh.





**Great Egg Harbor Watershed
Association's
Member and Friends **Zoom** Meeting
and Program**

**GEHWA Members and Friends are invited
to join us on, Tuesday,
January 25, 2022 at
6:30 PM when Fred Akers will present
"The Project to Remove Ghost Crab Pots
from the Great Egg Harbor River"**

Please join us on Zoom for a virtual presentation by GEHWA staff as we learn about "Ghost Crab Pots".

- What are they?
- Why do they need to be removed?
- Where are they?
- When and how will they be removed.



The meeting will be held via Zoom. Login information for the meeting will be sent at a later date by email.

Call or text Lynn @ 856-649-2792 if you have any questions.
Please plan to attend

Calendar of GEHWA and GEHRC Meetings 2022

(Check out our calendar at www.gehwa.org for additional information about upcoming events)

Due to continuing concerns regarding Covid safety, meeting either by Zoom or in person will be announced prior to the event. Meetings held at the Warren Fox Nature Center in Estell Manor or via Zoom will begin at 6:30 PM.

Tuesday, January 25, 2022- GEHWA Member Meeting - “The Project to Remove Ghost Crab Pots from the Great Egg Harbor Bay - What are they? Why do they need to be removed? Where are they? When and how will they be removed.”

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 - Great Egg Harbor NS & R River Council Meeting—Annual Reorganization Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 2022- GEHWA ANNUAL Member Meeting, Program and Election of GEHWA Board of Trustees

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 - Great Egg Harbor NS & R River Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 2022- GEHWA Member Meeting—Annual Frog Walk (Details will be provided closer to the event)

Wednesday, June 15, 2022- Great Egg Harbor NS & R River Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 - GEHWA Member & Friends Picnic and Campfire (Location and details will be provided closer to the event)

Wednesday, August 17, 2022 - Great Egg Harbor NS & R River Council Meeting Annual Outing on the Duke of Fluke

Saturday, September 24, 2022 GEHWA— Annual Canoe/Kayak event on or near the Great Egg Harbor River

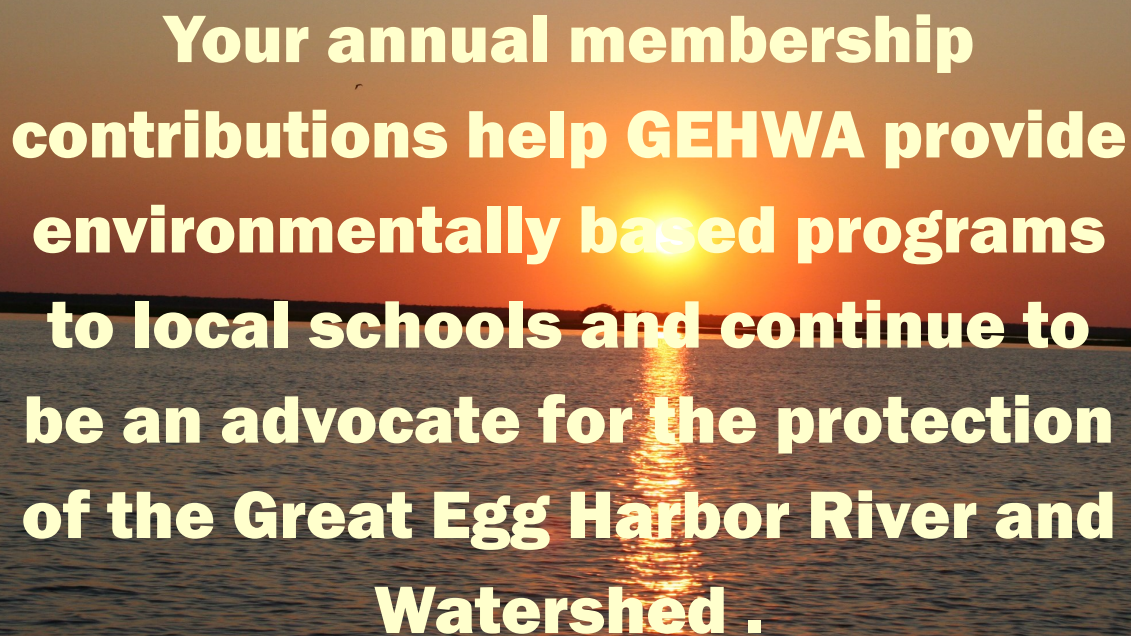
Wednesday, October 19, 2022 - Great Egg Harbor NS & R River Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 22, 2022 - GEHWA Member Meeting— Program to be announced.

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 - Great Egg Harbor NS & R River Council Annual Holiday Meeting

Please plan on attending these events.

(If you are interested in attending a meeting being held via Zoom please contact Lynn Maun @ lynnkmaun@comcast.net)



**Your annual membership
contributions help GEHWA provide
environmentally based programs
to local schools and continue to
be an advocate for the protection
of the Great Egg Harbor River and
Watershed .**

GEHWA Membership Information

Your membership supports our mission and ensures our survival as a non-profit advocate, as we work to protect and preserve the Great Egg Harbor River and Watershed throughout the year. Your support is needed now more than ever. Without you, we could not exist. Thank you for your support!

Name/Organization: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

☐ **Yes, I would like to receive notices by Email.**

Annual Membership: Individual: \$10; Family: \$15; Supporting: \$35; Patron: \$50; Corporate: \$100

Please mail this form along with your check to: Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association,
Membership P.O. Box 109, Newtonville, NJ 08346

The Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association's Environmental Programs are FREE

We offer our environmentally focused programs **free** of charge to augment existing school curriculum. A school's environmental programs are often threatened when faced with annual budget cuts. If you are a parent, and/or an educator, and feel our programs would enhance the environmental education that your child/student is receiving, please contact the appropriate individual in your school and request that they take advantage of the Great Egg



St. Vincent DePaul student puppet show

Harbor Watershed Association's **free** programs. If you would like additional information please contact Lynn Maun, Education Outreach Coordinator at 856-649-2792 or lynnkmaun@comcast.net

REMEMBER our environmentally focused programs are FREE!



Student holding a Dragonfly Nymph



Students from Alder Avenue School searching for macroinvertebrates

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To report an environmental incident impacting
NJ, call the Toll-Free 24—Hour Hotline
1-877WARNDEP, 1-877-927-6337

If you should see debris or shoaling while
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