

Outreach in the Nation's Largest City



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An aerial map of New York City, including Manhattan, the Bronx, and parts of Westchester and Rockland counties. The map is color-coded: green for parks and open spaces, blue for water bodies like the Hudson River, Harlem River, and East River, and brown/tan for urban areas and infrastructure. The title 'New York City Stats' is overlaid in the top left in white text.

New York City Stats

- **8.5 million residents**
- **58 million tourists in 2015**
- **300 square miles (195,000 acres)**
- **Coastal city**
- **Hundreds of environmental, community and civic organizations**
- **1,800 public schools with 1.1 million students**

Nature in New York City

- **Hudson River Estuary**
- **Wetland systems of Jamaica Bay**
- **Forests**
- **Grasslands**





New York New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program

- **National Estuary Program – a federal Clean Water Act program**
- **Citizens Advisory Committee & Management Conference**
- **Input into direction and focus of the program**
- **Interface between program and members of the public**



- **Coalition of groups working for fishable/swimmable**
- **Each member = organization with its own members**
- **CSO, MS4 and other water quality issues**
- **Work with government agencies**

Urban Soils Institute

- **Brooklyn College, NRCS, SWCD & The Gaia Institute**
- **Soils analytical lab at Brooklyn College**
- **NRCS & The Gaia Institute expertise on urban soils**
- **SWCD organizational support**



- **Coalition of districts along the Hudson River**
- **Projects at regional, watershed scale**
- **Annual stormwater conference**

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