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Upcoming NJFC Events and Meetings

Sunday, May 3
General Meeting, 2PM
Eatontown Community
Center
72 Broad Street, Eatontown

Monday, May 5
Membership Meeting
Location TBD

Saturday, May 16
Environmental Cmte
Meeting, 9AM
[BBQ Picnic Area](#)
Hartshorne Avenue near
entrance to Fort Hancock,
Sandy Hook

Wednesday, May 20
Festival Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting,
Tuesday, May 26, Location
TBD

For more info on NJFC
meetings go to:
www.mcclearwater.org/calendar.php

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Clearwater Presents:

"Creating the Next Generation of Environmental Leaders"
a benefit concert in celebration of

Pete Seeger's 90th Birthday

Featuring Bruce Springsteen, Dave Matthews, Eddie Vedder, John Mellancamp, Joan Baez, Emmylou Harris, Arlo Guthrie, and more than 50 other friends.

Sunday, May 3rd, 2009, 5:00 p.m.

Madison Square Garden, New York, NY

For full lineup, click www.mcclearwater.org

For latest, click Seeger90.com

Tickets On Sale at ticketmaster.com

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Clearwater & Partners Call for Rejection Fort Monmouth Landfill Streambank Stabilization Permits

By Ed Dlugosz

New Jersey Friends of Clearwater was joined by Clean Ocean Action (COA) and the Borough of Eatontown in providing comments critical of Fort Monmouth's plans and design, contained in their Wetlands Permit Application to the NJDEP, for stabilizing the streambeds of five landfills in the Shrewsbury Watershed. As reported here for the past two months, the plans and designs:

- don't provide stream protection from contamination as a result of the sites' preparation;
- don't provide sufficient individual site stabilization designs associated with the hydrologic and hydraulic characteristics of the streams in question;
- don't provide a holistic, total design approach: i.e., taking aggressive remediation actions, stronger capping, and the stabilization together rather than the phased, less-than-optimal process that FM cited.

All three sets of comments call for the NJDEP to reject the current stabilization permit application until all major points identified above are rectified with the emphasis on the last bullet, providing a holistic design to protect the health of the public and the environment.

Clearwater Urges Close Scrutiny & Comment on Fort Monmouth-Issued EA and FONSI

By Ed Dlugosz

The Fort Monmouth Public Affairs Office (PAO) issued a [press release](#) that announces the publication of two important environmental documents for public review—**Final Environmental Assessment (EA)** and the **Finding**

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Article Deadline for the May issue of NJFC Newsletter is Monday, May 17

E-mail your articles to newsletter@mcclearwater.org
 By the deadline stated above, please use the phrase "MC Clearwater article" in the subject of your e-mail

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of No Significant Impact (FONSI)—which claim that Fort Monmouth will be ready to hand over the 1126 acre property and that it will need no further action to make it environmentally acceptable to the three inclusive local towns, Monmouth County, and the state of NJ when the Fort's mission transitions to Aberdeen MD in September 2011. To quote them directly, "According to the documents, the closure of Fort Monmouth will not result in significant adverse environmental effects; therefore, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required." Based on the recent review of their permit for Landfill Stabilization and other outstanding environmental issues detected during two years of RAB participation, Clearwater doubts that the Fort can substantiate those claims.

The review and comment period lasts for 30 days—April 27 to May 27. Clearwater and the Eatontown Environmental Commission (EEC) plan to fully review the documents as does the Tinton Falls EC. Clearwater calls on all concerned citizens to access and review these important documents at: http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/env_ea_review.htm. Clearwater suggests that citizens provide comments to us at info@mcclearwater.org for consolidation by May 20, 2009 since all comments must be postmarked by May 27. Citizens can also provide comments directly to the PAO at their snail mail address: PAO—EA Comments, IMNE-MON-PA, Bldg 1207, Room G-07, Fort Monmouth NJ 07703. For further guidance on how best to provide the comments, "A Citizen's Guide to the NEPA -- Having Your Voice Heard" provides guidance on sending comments and is a concise guide to NEPA-related processes at: http://www.nepa.gov/nepa/Citizens_Guide_Dec07.pdf

NJFC Earth Month Environmental Events

By Ed Dlugosz

NJFC actively participates in many events hosted by our collegial environmental partners and towns throughout the state. We participate not only to bring our presence and unique Clearwater perspective to the issues to the event but also to thank those partners who have supported our successful campaigns throughout the years. Without the strong networking that we share, many of our mutual victories would have lacked the critical mass necessary.

During the extended Earth Month we were fortunate to participate in the following events and worked with the corresponding partners:

Event	Partner	Type/Purpose	Location	Date(s)
EnviroPalooza	Rumson-Fair Haven RHS	HS Environmental Awareness Day	Rumson	March 26, 2009
23 rd Annual NJ Environmental Federation	NJEF	Environmental Justice, Sustainable Cities, & other issues	Rutgers U. School of Law, Newark	April 4, 2009
Water Quality Test Training	Americorps	Freshwater Quality Training using Macro-invertebrates indicators	Bliss Arboretum, Eatontown	April 5, 2009
St. Mary's Environmental Expo	St Mary's & Green Faith	Environmental Education & Awareness	Colts Neck	April 19, 2009
Earth Day Expo	Monmouth Regional HS	HS Environmental Education & Awareness	Tinton Falls	April 22, 2009
Earth Day in	Borough of	Environmental Education &	Highlands, NJ	April 25, 2009

To ask NJ Clearwater to join you, please email: info@mcclearwater.org

Pete Seeger's Guide to Surviving the Recession

By Steven Kurutz, Published Apr 26, 2009 New York Magazine

Professional spartan Pete Seeger lives an unencumbered life with wife Toshi in a house on seventeen acres in Beacon, New York (bought for \$1,700 in 1949). As a veteran of the Great Depression, he knows how to live within any means. Seeger spoke with Steven Kurutz.

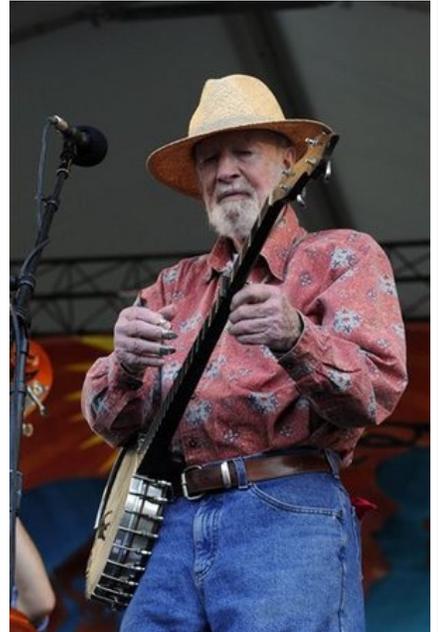
Marry a Bohemian □“My wife is truly one of the more extraordinary people I've met,” says Seeger. “Her father was an artist in Woodstock. Her mother was a World War I hippie—they called them bohemians. Toshi had to scrap to stay alive, so she was used to skimping. When I was on tour, she'd get a pail of water out of the brook with one kid on her hip and the other nipping at her skirt.”

Nothing Is Garbage □Back in 1949, “the streets between 14th and 23rd on the West Side were known as the Importing District; there were wooden boxes left on the sidewalk. I was singing in a nightclub with the Weavers, driving a Jeep, and on the way home I'd look for scrap wood. For a while, our ceiling read, ‘Made in Occupied Japan.’” says Seeger of the log cabin he built.

One Is Enough □He owns one banjo, drives a used, electric-powered truck (bought from Electric Vehicles of America twelve years ago), powers his house and truck with solar collectors, and chops his own firewood: “It's one reason I'm alive that I still like to split wood. That's my idea of a pleasant half-hour.”

Grow Your Own □“My father-in-law put in a vegetable garden and sometimes I help. I collect maple syrup, too. I wrote one of my better songs about it, ‘Maple Syrup Time.’ [Sings] ‘First we get the buckets ready. Clean the pans and gather firewood. Late in the winter. It's maple-syrup time.’ We eat it and we give it away to friends.’”

Indulge in the Occasional Rich-Guy Perk □“When I became successful my wife put the money in a bank account for our grandchildren's education. Then I stole about \$140,000 because I felt we should have a sailboat. We take the children out sailing on the Hudson now for free.



Help a Sister Organization: Volunteers Needed!

By Lynn Humphrey

The Shark River Cleanup Coalition needs volunteers to assist with their Horseshoe Crab Count for Spring 2009. Sampling starts at high tide for horseshoe crab count. Survey teams should meet at the L Street Beach in Belmar at the following times.

Sampling Event #1: May 7-11, 2009	Sampling Event #3: June 5-9, 2009
May 7, 2009 Thursday 6:50 pm	June 5, 2009 Friday 6:30 pm
May 9, 2009 Saturday 8:15 pm	June 7, 2009 Sunday 7:45 pm
May 11, 2009 Monday 9:30 pm	June 9, 2009 Tuesday 9:30 pm
Sampling Event #2: May 22 -26, 2009	Sampling Event #4: June 20-24, 2009
May 22, 2009 Friday 6:00 pm	June 20, 2009 Saturday 5:45 pm
May 24, 2009 Sunday 7:45 pm	June 22, 2009 Monday 7:30 pm
May 26, 2009 Tuesday 9:30 pm	June 24, 2009 Wednesday 9:15 pm

People should dress for the weather, Wear insect repellent and watershoes or waders are highly recommended. SRCC will provide all training and no special skills are required. Data collected provides valuable information regarding movement and distribution of crabs and helps to preserve habitat. If you are interested email us for more information.

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Next General Membership Meeting, Sunday March 3, 2 PM

Eatontown Community Center, 72 Broad St., Eatontown, NJ.

Our Guest Speaker will be Patrick Woerner, NJDEP, Endangered and Nongame Species Program will speak on the NJDEP Landscape Project which maps the habitat of Endangered, Threatened, and Nongame Species using GIS.

Quote of the Month:

"It no longer makes sense for us to debate whether or not the Earth is warming at an alarming rate, and it doesn't make sense for us to sit back and wait for others to act," "The fate of the planet that our children and grandchildren will inherit is in our hands, and it is our responsibility to do something about this crisis."

Bill Clinton

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

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