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## Bronx River Current | November 2016



### Bronx River Watershed Summit

You are invited to participate in our inaugural Bronx River Watershed Summit to be held on December 1st at the Westchester County Center in White Plains.

This will be an opportunity for local and regional agencies, nonprofits, academic institutions, and interested individuals to learn more about past successes, assist with current efforts, and create future collaborative projects that preserve, improve, and restore the Bronx River watershed.

[Registration](#) is required. Please share the [event flyer](#) with any of your networks that you think might like to attend.

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## News & Announcements



### NYBG Fall Forest Weekend **Last paddle of the season!**

Join the last paddle of the season **Saturday & Sunday November 5 & 6**. Enjoy a visit to the NY Botanical Garden and paddle the river with your NYBG. Registration is required, for more information [click here](#).



What is going on in the river?

**An abundance of bunker fish leads to a die-off on the river**

You might have noticed some dramatic fish activity on the river this fall. In late September and early October, huge schools Menhaden (bunker) fish streamed up the river, chased by predators (e.g., striped bass and blue fish, such as the one seen in photo on the right).

Unfortunately, when bunker congregate in shallow waters of the river, they can deplete oxygen in the water to the point where some die, as we've been seeing in recent weeks, especially near Concrete Plant and Starlight Parks.

Read more about possible causes of the fish abundance and die-off [here](#)

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## Shoelace Park Improvements

### Our crew hard at work

Our Conservation Crew has been hard at work installing low tech green infrastructure projects at Shoelace Park.

Green infrastructure (GI) manages stormwater with cost-effective landscape features that absorb and filter stormwater and decrease erosion. In this project, the Conservation Crew has:

- Planted over 1,100 trees, shrubs and herbaceous plantings.
- Installed vertical mulching to alleviate soil compaction. They also used a special high powered air compressor to decrease soil compaction without damaging root systems.
- Removed invasive species to allow the natural vegetation to grow and absorb the nutrients.



Thank you to our Conservation Crew and their work to improve air, soil, vegetation and water quality of the Bronx River.



This restoration work was funded by the New York State Department of State with funds provided under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund.

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## Oyster Monitoring

### Soundview Park

The final Oyster Monitoring day of this year's was on October 15th at Soundview Park. Approximately a dozen volunteers donned waders and entered the river at low tide to monitor and measure oysters and other



critters that live on the reef. Thank you to [NY/NJ Baykeeper](#) for their efforts to restore oysters in the Bronx River and New York City waterways.



To learn how to volunteer on this and other projects, send an email to [volunteer@bronxriver.org](mailto:volunteer@bronxriver.org).

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## 20th Annual Tour de Bronx Bronx River Greenway

More than 7,000 cyclists came out to participate in the largest free biking event in New York state on October 23rd. The 20th annual Tour de Bronx was on Sunday, October 23 and the 25-mile route participants got to ride on the Bronx River Greenway. Check out this [video post](#) showing the happy riding at Starlight Park!



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## Membership Perks... Join the Fun, Become a Member

Did you know that Members of the Bronx River Alliance enjoy a 15% discount on all canoe trips, as well as access to advance registration for Full River Paddles each paddling season. If you are already a member, consider giving the gift of membership or as a raffle item for a company or charity holiday party. [Spread the Bronx River love!](#)



Seen on the River



As part of the [Open House New York](#), New Landscapes New York series, the Bronx River historian, Stephen Devillo led a tour at Concrete Plant Park on Sunday, October 16. Stephen often leads our Bronx River Rambles and is the author of *The Bronx River in History & Folklore*. Join him on the [next tour](#)!

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## Walk the River

### Bronx River Ramble **Saturday, December 3**



Join our amazing volunteers Stephen DeVillo and Nilka Martel, tour guide and Bronx parks advocate, as they lead a walking tour along the Bronx River, from West Farms Square to Hunts Point Riverside Park. Meet at 11am at West Farms Square (northeast Corner), the tour can exceed two hours. Registration is required. For more information [click here!](#)



## Bike the River

### Get Moving on the Bronx River Pick up a Guide and Explore the River

Explore & enjoy what the Bronx River Greenway has to offer, from walking trails & playgrounds to boat put-ins & special spots that you have yet to discover. Stop by one of our events, office or Community Boards 2, 6, 9, 11, or 12 to pick up your copy!

Many thanks to the [Altman Foundation](#) for their long-standing support of our Greenway Program.



## Clean the River

### Trash Boom Cleanups Upper River

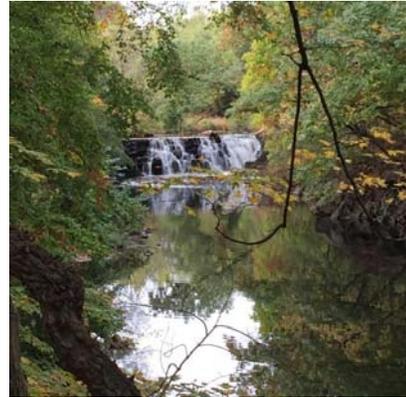
Join our ecology team and help clean the trash booms along the river. It's a great feeling to leave the river we love clean, while having fun with new friends. Upcoming boom cleanups are November 7th and the 21st. For more information contact our [volunteer coordinator](#).



## Chill on the River

## #BronxRiver This month's pick!

During the month of October many of you captured amazing photos along the Bronx River. We share with you one of our many favorites posted by [@earlyelliot](#) who posted a beautiful photo of the fall scenery at the river.



Share your photo that captures your favorite spot so we can feature it here in the next monthly newsletter. Make sure to tag us on [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) and use the hashtag #BronxRiver on your next post!

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