# **Restoring Wreck Pond Inlet**









Borough of Spring Lake Borough of Sea Girt



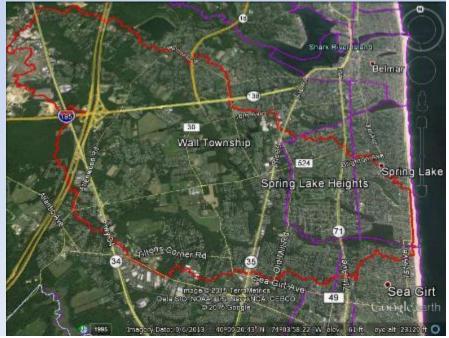




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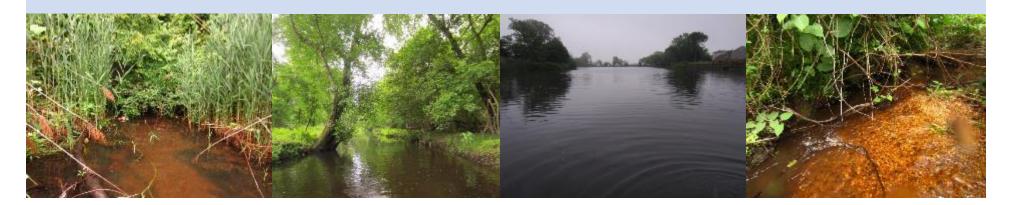
- ~12.8 square miles (8,172 acres)
- Drains the following municipalities:
  - Borough of Spring Lake Heights
  - Borough of Spring Lake
  - Borough of Sea Girt
  - Wall Township



# Project Location: Wreck Pond Watershed



- Three major tributaries:
  - Wreck Pond Brook (approx. 8 RKM)
    - Splits into a fourth tributary in upper watershed — Hurley's Pond Brook (approx. 1.5 RKM)
  - Hannabrand Brook (approx. 5 RKM)
  - -Black Creek (approx. 2 RKM)



# Project Location: Wreck Pond

- Straddles Boroughs of Spring Lake and Sea Girt, NJ
- 73-acre tidally-influenced coastal pond

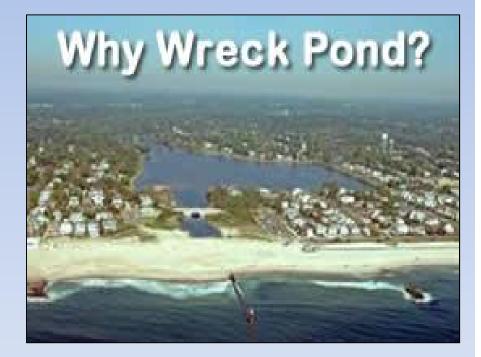
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## Current Issues

- Limited Fish Passage
   Opportunities
- Repeated Flooding
- Impaired Water Quality



# Current Issues: Fish Passage

Limited Fish Passage Opportunities

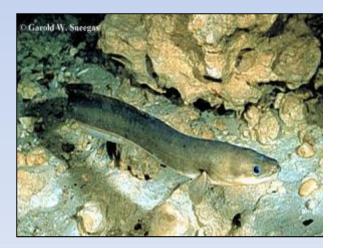
 Alewife, Blueback herring, American eels
 Current pipe was not designed for fish passage

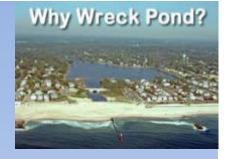


River herring migrating



River herring: Alewife and Blueback





# **Current Issues: Flooding**

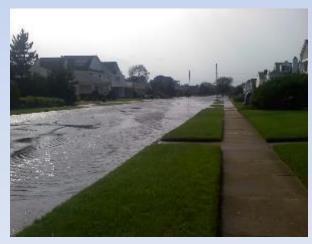
Hurricane Irene 08-27-2011 to 08-28-2011 7.26" total rainfall 12-26-2012 to 12-27-2012 3.32" total rainfall AM high tide – 7.70'

07-13-2014 to 07-16-2014 6.98" total rainfall













# **Current Issues: Flooding**

- Tidal Flooding 1944-2014 Historic Crests (57 total) http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/crests.php?wfo=phi&gage=sdhn4&crest\_type=historic
- 1944-2000 = 36 historic crests over 56 years
  - (63%; average 0.64 historic crests per year)
- 2001-2014 = 21 historic crests over 14 years
  - (37%; average 1.5 historic crests per year)
- Major tidal flooding 8.7'
  - 12 historic crests were at or above 8.7'
  - 2 of those occurred since 2000
- Moderate tidal flooding 7.7'
  - 43 historic crests were between 7.7' and 8.7'
- Minor tidal flooding 6.7'
  - 2 historic crests were between 6.7' and 7.7'

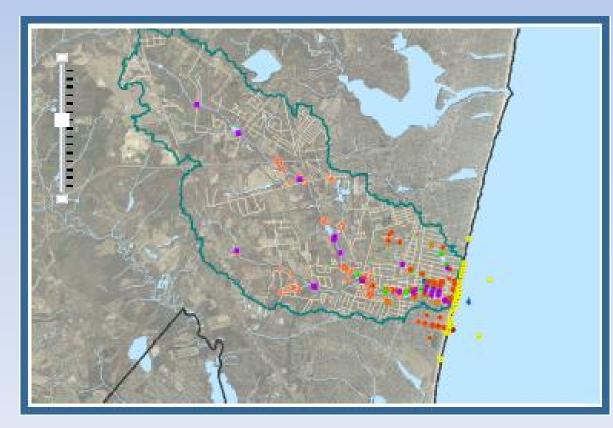






# Current Issues: Water Quality

• Stormwater runoff, sedimentation, tidal constriction

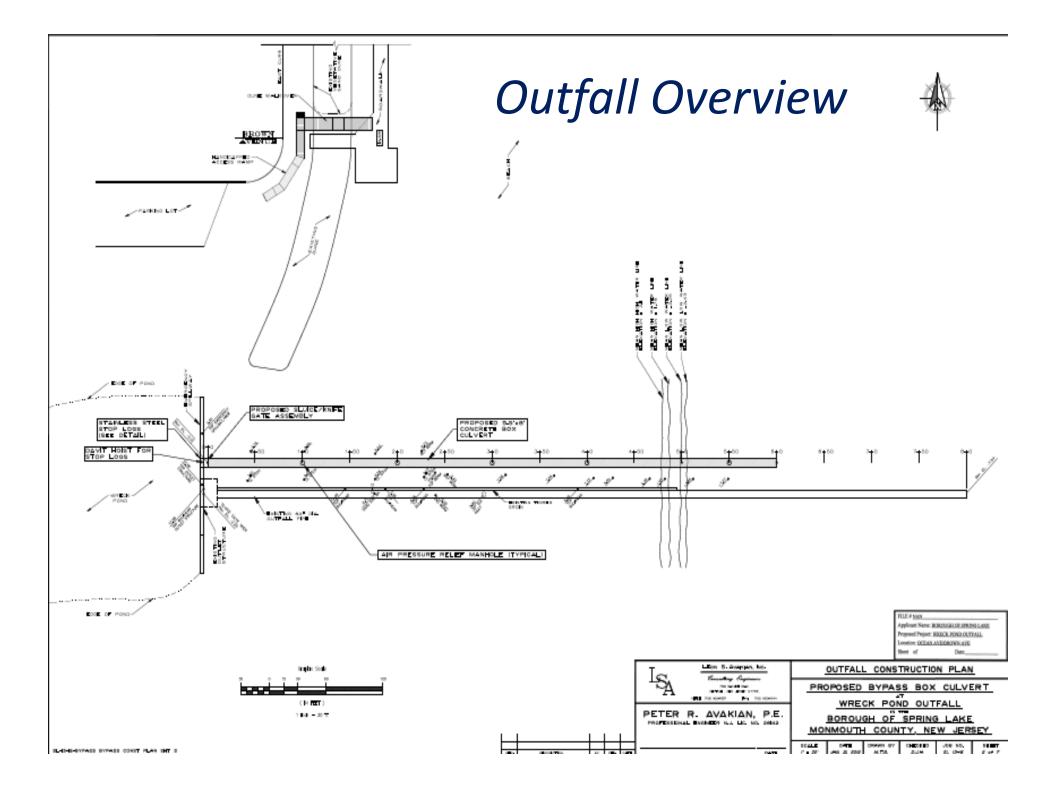


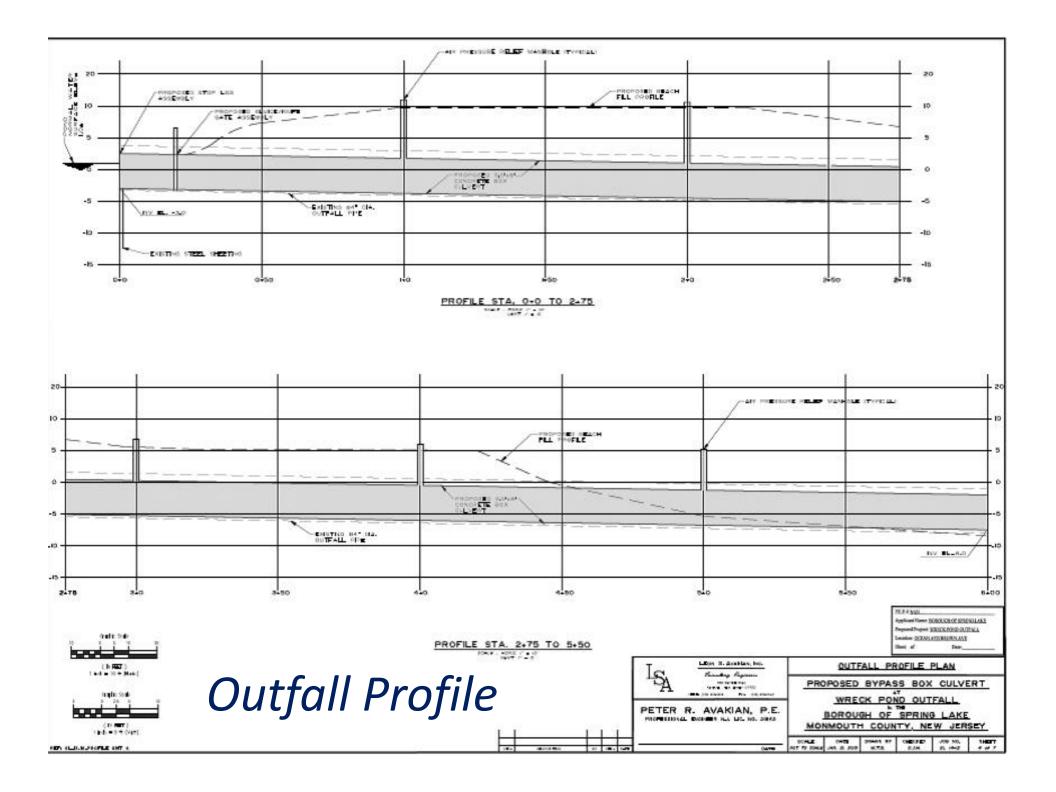


## How are these issues being addressed?

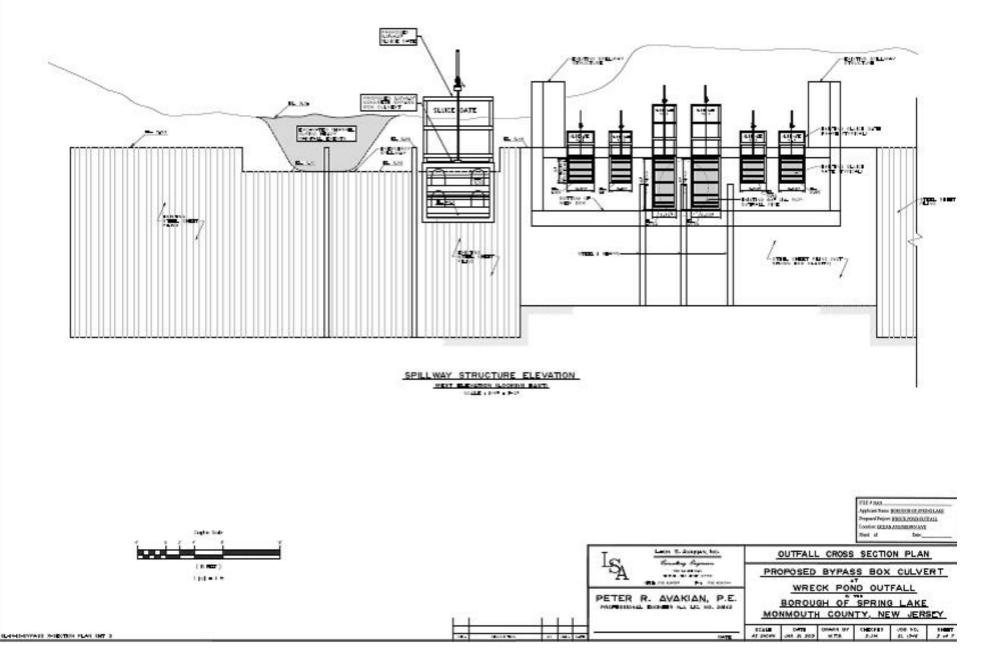
- Restore Wreck Pond Inlet Project







### **Outfall Cross Section**



# **Project Goals**

- 1) Increase Fish Passage Opportunities
- 2) Reduce Flooding
- 3) Improve Water Quality





### Project Goals: Enhance Fish Passage

### 1) Increase Fish Passage Opportunities

- Improvements for fish passage included on culvert
  - lighting, flow regulation, water elevation level control, eel netting





Legend

NOTE: Storm Event is for 10-year. New Jersey 24-hour rainfall data for Monmouth County with typical tides from Summer 2014

#### Model Result for 10 Year Rainfall Storm Event

Modeled Peak Flood Elevation

- 7 ft Flood Elevation- Current outfall
- 5 ft Flood Elevation- Proposed double outfall

Source: Contours generated from 2015 NED data form USGS Natiional Map 2012 Aertal NJwebmap





#### Legend

NOTE: Storm Event is for 50-year. New Jensey 24-hour rainfall data for Monmouth County with typical tides from Summer 2014

#### Model Result for 50 Year Rainfall Storm Event

Modeled Peak Flood Elevation

- 10 ft Flood Elevation- Current outfall
- 8 ft Flood Elevation- Proposed double outfall

Source: Contours generated from 2015 NED data form USGS National Map 2012 Aerial NJwebmap





Legend

NOTE: Storm Event is for 100-year. New Jersey 24-hour rainfail data for Monmouth County with typical tides from Summer 2014

#### Model Result for 100 Year Rainfall Storm Event

Modeled Peak Flood Elevation

11 ft Flood Elevation- Current outfall

10 ft Flood Elevation- Proposed double outfall

Source: Contours generated from 2015 NED data form USGS National Map 2012 Aerial NJwebmap





#### Legend

NOTE: Storm Event is for 500-year. New Jersey 24-hour rainfall data for Monimouth County with typical tides from Summer 2014

#### Model Result for 500 Year Rainfall Storm Event

Modeled Peak Flood Elevation

14 ft Flood Elevation- Current outfall

13 ft Flood Elevation- Proposed double outfall

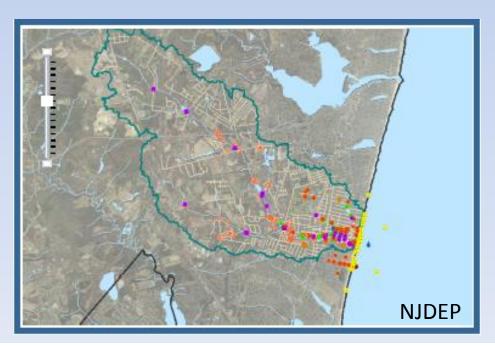
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### Project Goals: Improve Water Quality

3) Improve Water Quality

- Increased natural tidal flows & flushing
- Improve salinity gradient to benefit wetlands flora and fauna

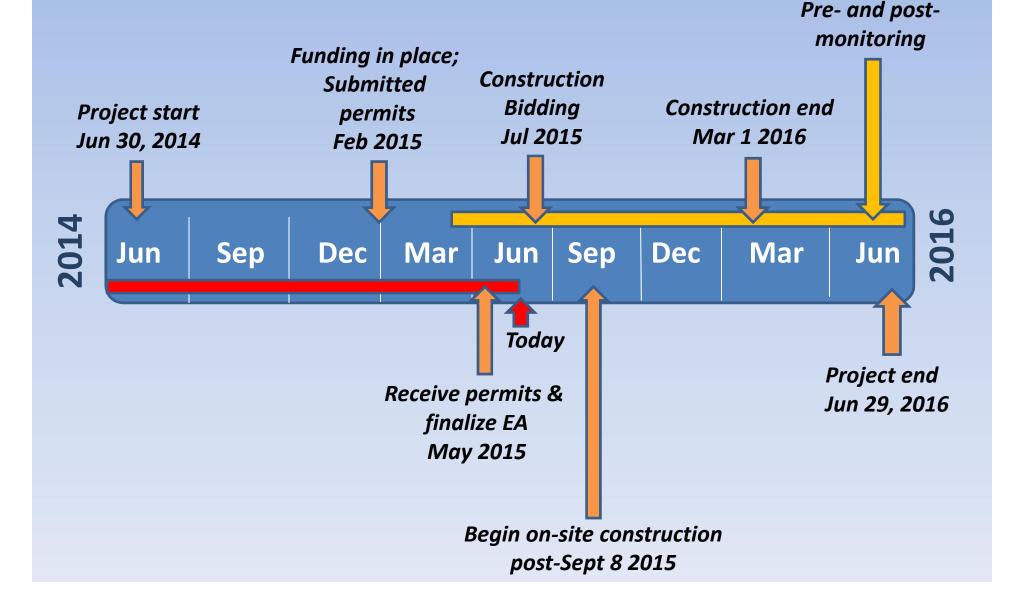




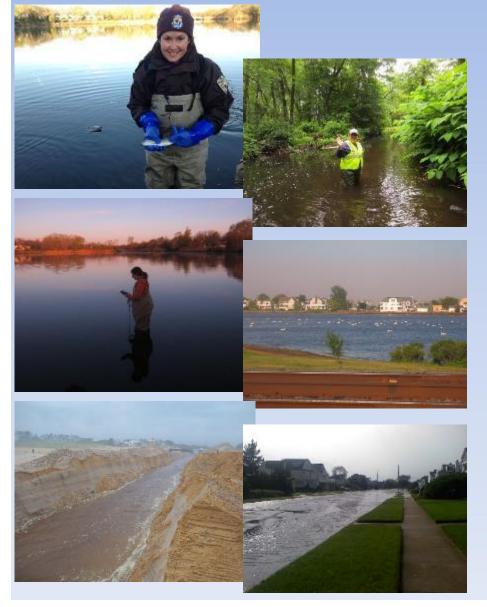
# What's been done so far?

- Oct 2014 Received letter of concurrence for Section 106 review from State Historic Preservation Office and local tribal offices
- Oct 2014 Attended Joint Project Permitting Meeting
- Feb 2015Received concurrence on revised Intra-serviceSection 7 Biological Evaluation; Completedpermit ready plans
- Apr 2015 Environmental Assessment complete and FONSI issued
- May 2015 Received Federal Consistency Determination from NJDEP &US Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide permit
- Jun 2015Received EFH consultation from NOAA; Applied for<br/>Tidelands License

## **Project Timeline**



### Pre and Post-Construction Monitoring



Fish
 Habitat

3) Water Quality & Salinity

4) Water Level

5) Tidal Flow

6) Flooding

# Monitoring: Fish

## Spring 2015 Adult River Herring

- Fyke net set @ RR Track Bridge
- 6 am and 6 pm net checks
- 4 events
  - May 1-5 (Full Moon)
  - May 15-19 (New Moon)
  - May 31-June 4 (Full Moon)
  - June 14-18 (New Moon)



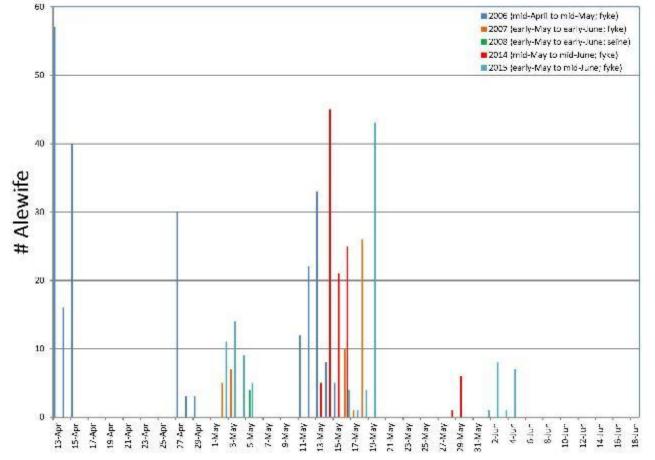


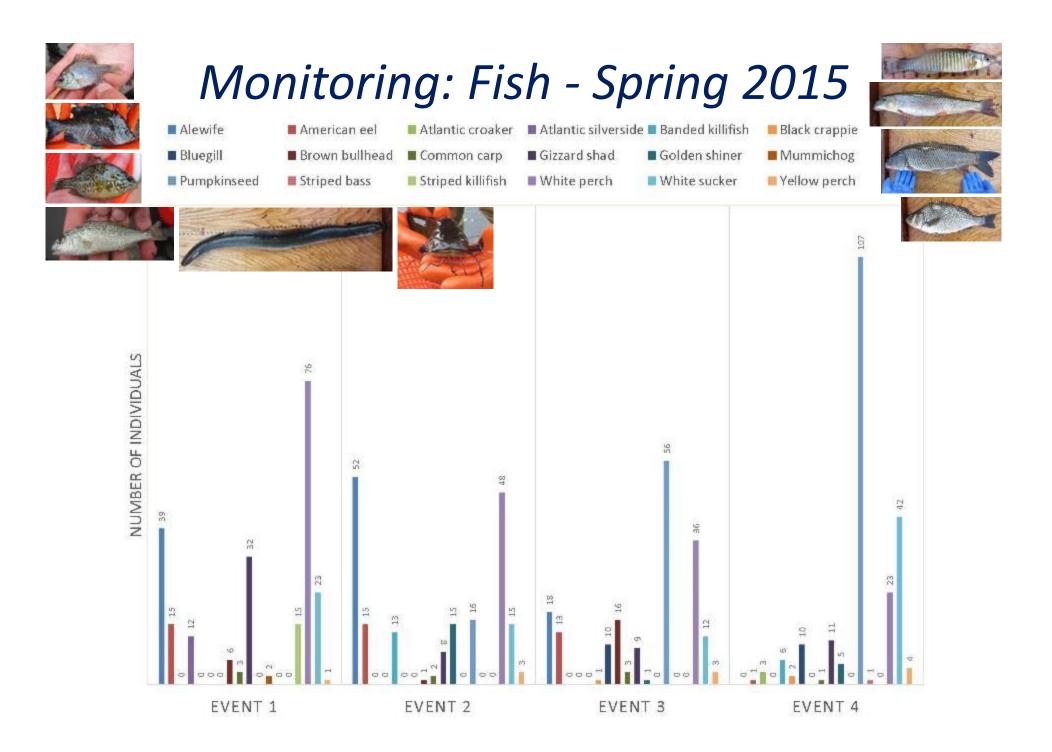
# Monitoring: Fish



#### Total Alewife

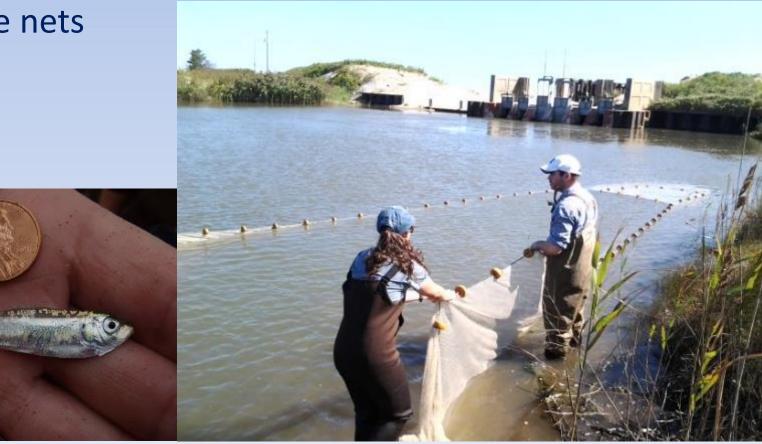
- 2006 (229)
- 2007 (49)
- 2008 (4)
- 2014 (103)
- 2015 (108)





# Monitoring: Fish

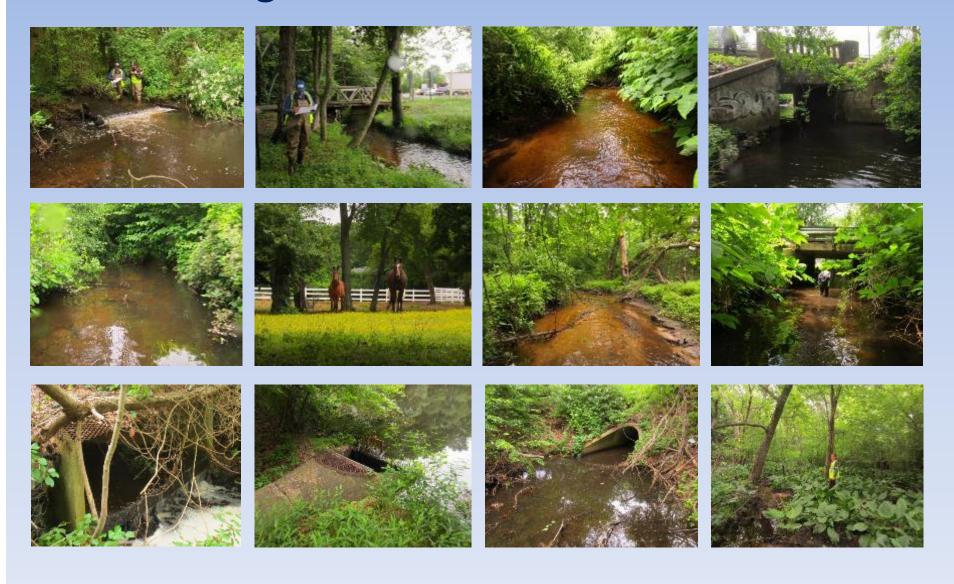
- Coming up Fall Juvenile River Herring Surveys
  - September/October
  - Seine nets



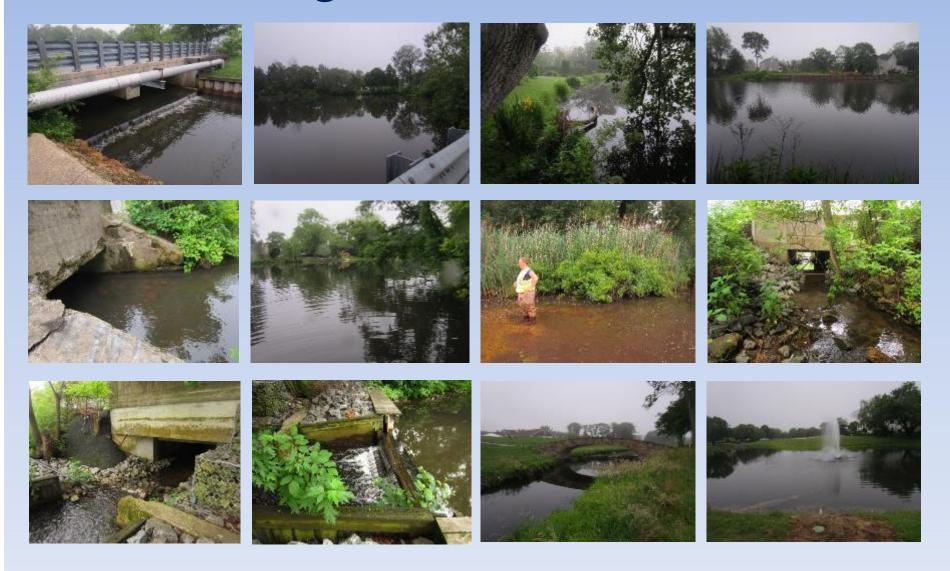
# Monitoring: Habitat

- 2005-2006: Freehold Soil Conservation District
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service Stream Visual Assessment Protocol
- Spring 2015 Surveys
  - June 3, 4, 16, 18, 30 & July 1
  - Hannabrand, Wreck Pond Brook, Black Creek
  - Goals:
    - 1) Document fish passage barriers
    - 2) Assess stream habitat upstream of barriers

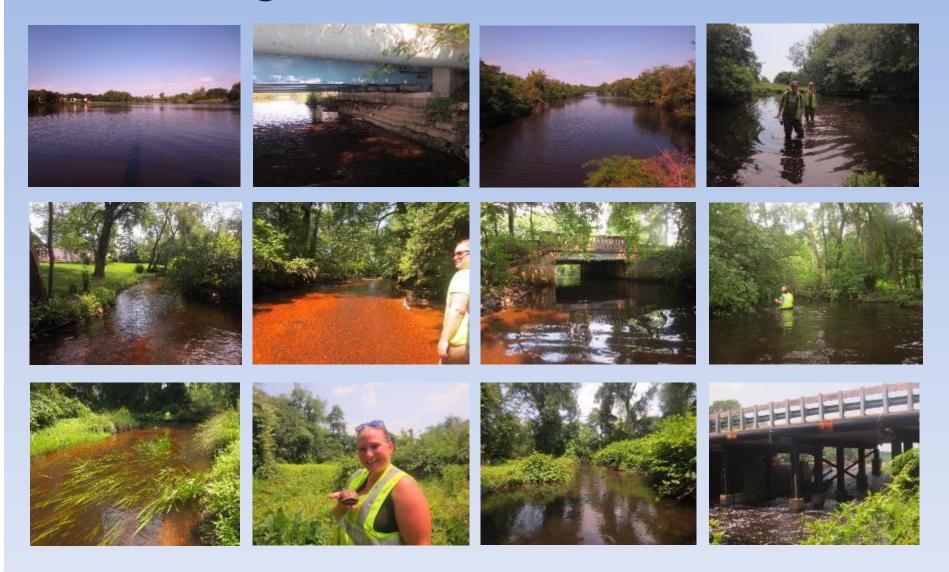
## Monitoring: Habitat - Hannabrand Brook



# Monitoring: Habitat – Black Creek

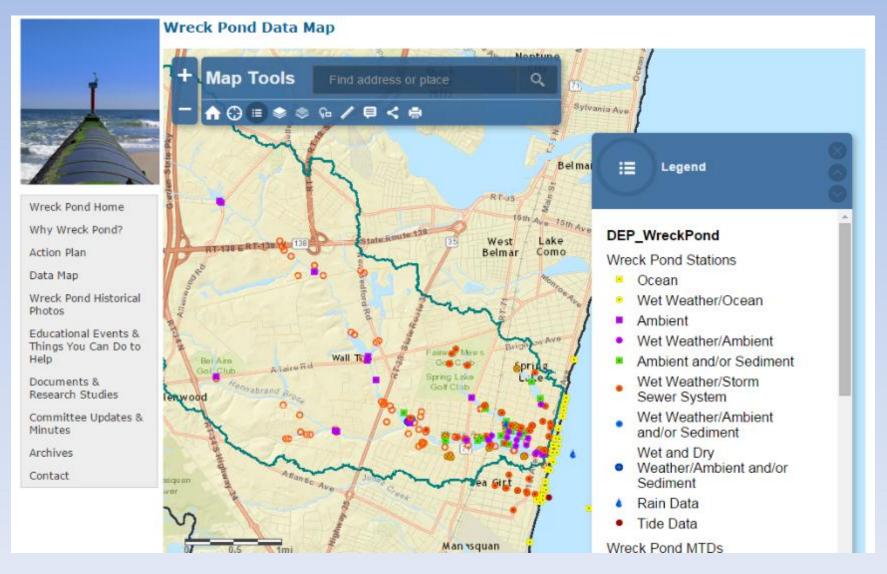


### Monitoring: Habitat – Wreck Pond Brook



## Monitoring: Water Quality & Salinity

NJDEP website: http://www.nj.gov/dep/wreckpond/



## Monitoring: Water Quality & Salinity

Location: Spring Fish Survey RR Tracks; Equipment: YSI Pro Plus



# Monitoring: Water Level & Tidal Flow

- Pre-construction monitoring completed by USACE (Wreck Pond Feasibility Study; 2014)
- More information can be found at http://www.nj.gov/dep/wreckpond/documents.htm

### **Data Collection**

#### Instruments and Parameters

#### Wreck Pond

- YSI 600 Water Quality Sonde
  - Temperature, Conductivity, Dissolved Oxygen
- Nortek Aquadopp ADCP
  - · Level, temperature, current (speed and direction)

#### Outfall (Ocean Side)

- Solinst Levelogger Junior
  - Level
- Onset Conductivity Logger
  - · Conductivity
- Outfall (Pond Side)
  - SonTek IQ Pipe flow meter
    - · Level, velocity, flow
  - Solinst Barologger
    - Barometric Pressure



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• Post-construction monitoring details to be determined

### **Outreach & Education**

- Outreach Coordinator Julie Schumacher
- Signage
- Video
- School programs and field trips
- Community tours & citizen science monitoring
  - Birds beach, main pond, Jimmy Burns park
  - Spill Spotters assessment
  - Wreck Pond Pal

# Next steps:

- Jul 2015Apply for Dam Safety permit; Open bidding<br/>for construction contractor
- Aug 2015Receive bids & award bid at Borough ofSpring Lake Council Meeting; AttendTidelands meeting
- Sept 2015 Mobilization/start of on-site construction (4-6 months)
- Mar 2016 Construction complete for permit compliance
- May 2015 Outreach; Complete Operations and
- -Jun 2016

Maintenance Manual for culvert; Pre-and post- construction monitoring of Habitat, fish, flow, water quality, tidal flow/flushing, birds

# **QUESTIONS?**

