

# Headwaters






## Slimy Algae Threatens New Jersey Rivers

A slimy, rapidly proliferating algae is plaguing a growing number of rivers across the northeast United States, and throughout the world. In some rivers it is decimating trout populations and disrupting the aquatic ecosystem. The villain is an algae that looks like soiled sheep's wool and is scientifically referred to as *Didymosphenia geminata*, and more colloquially as didymo or simply "rock snot." The nickname stems from the algae's slimy texture and greenish-brown coloring. Surprisingly, the rivers' biggest supporters, anglers and boaters, may be inadvertently helping it to spread.

Rock snot is native to northern high-alpine streams which typically are very cold and have limited nutrients. In recent years, however, the algae has spread to a far wider variety of stream habitats across the United States. Rock snot has been spotted in parts of Vermont, New York and Maryland. While rock snot has not been officially spotted in any New Jersey rivers, the threat to our state's waterways is very real. Didymo prefers the warm shallow portions of rivers and streams. It attaches to rocks and can eventually form thick, long mats that smother aquatic creatures essential to the food chain and make it difficult for fish to swim.

Rock snot can be easily transferred from one body of water to another by anglers and boaters. There's no easy way to get rid of it. Experts say the only hope is to keep it from spreading. But that's a lofty challenge, since a single cell carried on absorbent fishing gear or clothing can be transferred — unknowingly — into other waters. In order to prevent the spread of rock snot anglers and boaters should take the following steps:

-  Before leaving a river's edge, look for clumps of algae and sediment, and **remove** them. Leave them at the site.
-  **Soak** all gear for at least one minute in a 2% (by volume) solution of household bleach, or a 5% solution of dish washing detergent or salt. All surfaces must be in contact with the cleaning solution for a *full minute*. Water-absorbent equipment (lifejackets, waders) should be soaked thoroughly to ensure complete contact.
-  If cleaning is not practical, after the item is **dry** to the touch, leave it to dry for at least another 48 hours before using in another freshwater system.

New Jersey residents, especially fishermen and boaters visiting other states, should take care to prevent the spread of this problematic invasive algae.



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## URWA Leadership Changes

At our Annual Meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>, URWA recognized a number of individuals for their contributions to the organization and elected a new slate of Officers to lead the Board of Trustees. Retiring Trustees Charles Chapin, III, Putnam Lee Crafts, Jr. and Michael C. Stanley were saluted for their years of dedicated service.



Christina Guido and Harry Wilmerding

Mr. Chapin joined URWA's Board in the 1960's, and he served in virtually every capacity possible during his tenure as a Trustee, including President. He most recently held positions as Chairman of the Land Committee and as a Co-Chair of "Securing the Future," the Endowment and Capital Campaign which raised over \$9 million to support our advocacy, land preservation and natural science education programs. Mr. Crafts lent his expertise in conservation easements and financial planning to the Board for most of this decade. His critical thinking and attention to detail have ensured that URWA is not only a fine steward of the natural resources of this region; his influence has also guaranteed that the organization is an effective steward of its business operations. Mr. Stanley was a longtime member of URWA who joined the Board in 2003 after the passing of his wife, Georgie, who had served as Vice President. Their work together to protect open space in and around the Somerset Hills has had a lasting impact on URWA and this region. The Georgie Stanley Open Space Fund established at URWA by Mr. Stanley and his children pays special tribute to this work.

Harold Wilmerding was lauded for the outstanding leadership he provided during his tenure as President of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Wilmerding led the organization through the Endowment and Capital Campaign, presided over the selection of Cindy Ehrenclou as Executive Director, and guided URWA in negotiations with landowners and policy makers to establish important conservation easements and enact critical preservation policies across the watershed. After six years at the helm, Mr. Wilmerding has passed the gavel to a new President, although he remains an active member of URWA's Board of Trustees.

Christina Guido was elected to succeed Mr. Wilmerding as President of the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Guido has been a member of the Board for the past decade – she became involved after purchasing land from one of URWA's founding Trustees, Mr. William Turnbull, and his wife Betty. Active in many horticultural and conservation endeavors, Mrs. Guido serves on the Peapack-Gladstone Environmental Commission and helped establish the town's Environmental Resource Inventory as well as a Community Forestry Program. She is joined on URWA's leadership team by Vice Presidents James Lynch, Jr. and William Bruett, Secretary Suzette Dewey and Treasurer James Collins.

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# For Your Consideration...

## For Your Consideration...Environmental Protection at Stake

Cindy Ehrenclou, Executive Director

At the behest of special interests, the New Jersey Legislature hastily passed the Permit Extension Act of 2008 just before its summer recess. Defining the time period between January 1, 2007 and July 1, 2010 to be an economic emergency, the bill ensures that developer's permits and approvals received or due to expire in this time period remain valid. In essence, this bill allows developers to ignore new regulations and safeguards critical to protecting water supplies and interferes with local land use planning. The bill passed is actually a significant improvement over the original version introduced on May 22<sup>nd</sup> that among other egregious terms, allowed state and local permits to be extended for 16 years. Environmental advocates including URWA mobilized constituents and traveled to Trenton to minimize the damage proposed by the Permit Extension Act.

This is another troubling instance when, despite years of thoughtful planning, the powerful development lobby was able to push through legislation that undermined science-based environmental and public health protections. Just four years ago, under similar pressures, the Legislature and Governor McGreevy supported the "Fast Track" bill which forced the state Departments of Environmental Protection, Transportation, and Community Affairs to either approve or disapprove a developer's permit application in just 45 days, after which time unresolved requests would receive automatic approval. Just as in 2004, years of thoughtful planning were unraveled in days by a lobby that seeks to protect only its own narrow interests. A downturn within a particular industry should not, and can not constitute a planning emergency for the entire state.

You might wonder why a watershed organization is taking a strong position against this type of legislation. When the Permit Extension Act of 2008 first surfaced, I asked myself why, at the expense of the environment, are we bailing out the builders, singling out one industry, when so many others are suffering from the economic slowdown? There is no doubt that sponsoring legislators were fixed on the intent to provide economic stimulus. This sentiment is appreciated, but the real economic crisis is the increased costs New Jersey's residents will have to pay to remediate our degraded water supplies and damaged property allowed to be built in flood plains. Developers cannot be allowed to skirt new, more protective regulations including the Flood Hazard Rules, Water Quality Management Planning Rules and Category One designations that protect drinking water while allowing good projects to be built in the right places. There is no quick fix for New Jersey's problems. The key to economic and environmental health is well informed, thoughtful and sound planning that happens on the state, regional and local level.

## The Greening of URWA

In an effort to align our operating practices with the larger mission of the organization, we are taking important steps to improve the environmental sustainability of our daily operations.

We recently added a secure on-line membership/donation page to our web site. This allows members and donors to safely contribute to URWA while reducing the amount of paper required for these transactions. We pay a small credit card fee for this privilege, but we believe the reductions in our paper waste stream and our postage bills make this a smart and efficient move. In addition, we now offer our members the option of receiving correspondence (*Headwaters*, membership renewal notices, event announcements, special action alerts, etc.) via email rather than through the U.S. Postal Service. To sign up for e-correspondence, simply send an email to [sbrookman@urwa.org](mailto:sbrookman@urwa.org) with "URWA News" as the message heading. These are just two of our newest initiatives. Others getting underway this summer include an evaluation of our purchasing procedures and office waste patterns and a reduction in our use of consumables, with special emphasis on harmful chemicals.

### News You Can Use!

In an effort to better serve our members and reduce the harmful effects of huge crowds at Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve, our annual Old Fashioned Country Fair will be a "Members Only" event this year. The event, which is slated for Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, will not be advertised publicly. Members will receive an invitation in the next issue of "*Headwaters*."

It is our hope that by limiting participation to our members and friends, we will recapture the great family feeling that the Country Fair originally evoked. It will also allow us to minimize the negative impacts on the habitats and wildlife in and around Fairview Farm that result from the traffic and noise generated by thousands of visitors!

# Volunteer Spotlight



## Arbor Day at Fairview Farm

URWA welcomed a large group of Webelo Boy Scouts to Fairview Farm in April. The boys, who were working on their Forester badge, learned to identify six species of native trees and planted 150 seedlings that were donated by the New Jersey Tree Foundation. The trees were planted in pots, where they will grow for one or two years – once they are large enough, they will be planted in the ground at various sites in Bedminster, including Fairview Farm. URWA is grateful to the boys, and their Scout Masters and families, as well as the members of the Bedminster Environmental Commission who assisted with this project and the anonymous donor who purchased all the pots and potting soil that the boys used!

## Rebuilding and Replanting

The historic stone bridge which crosses the Axle Brook just before it empties into the pond at Fairview Farm has been rebuilt! Time had taken its toll on the bridge, which sits near the end of the half-mile driveway leading from Larger Cross Road to our office. The bridge's stone work was cracking, its headwall was listing and its concrete footings had deteriorated. With the necessary permits in place, work commenced in late December. Much of the original stone was washed and



reused during the two month rebuilding process.



In April, our friends from Ethicon, who have been participating in corporate volunteer events with URWA for five years, spent a full day planting the riparian area around the newly reconstructed bridge. They planted fast-growing river birch and willow to stabilize the bank, along with swamp white oak, arrowwood, silky dogwood, winterberry holly, sweetflag, common rush and buttonbush. We'll add more native plants to the area over the next few years, and we'll extend this planting project around the pond as we remove the autumn olive, multiflora rose and other invasive plant species that have become established there.

### Volunteer Opportunities

URWA needs your help! If you have some free time and a desire to do something good for the watershed, please consider joining URWA's Volunteer Corps! We have openings for the following jobs:

- \* **URWA Historian:** Organize our scrap books and identify key events and people in URWA's history in preparation for our 50th Anniversary celebration.
- \* **Associate Naturalist:** Conduct Environmental Education programs for school children, Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops, families and adult groups. Training is provided – teaching experience is helpful but not required. A stipend is offered for some programs.
- \* **Second Sunday Host:** Greet visitors to Fairview Farm for an hour or two on the second Sunday of each month. We'll begin our Second Sunday Series in September.

If you'd like more information about volunteering, please contact Melissa Almendinger or Susan Brookman.



## Boy Scout Creates Children's Nature Trail at Fairview Farm

Thanks to Eagle Scout candidate Neil Stone of Bridgewater (seen in the photo with URWA Executive Director Cindy Ehrenclou), there is a new interactive nature trail for children between the ages of 4 and 8 at Fairview Farm. Neil created a 1/2 mile long trail, complete with seven activity stations, and stocked ten backpacks with binoculars, magnifying glasses, paper and even a laminated trail guide. Families who visit Fairview Farm can sign out a backpack and explore the trail to learn about animal tracks, the sounds of nature, the creatures that live under rocks and in the dirt, and more!

Neil, who is a member of Troop 603, designed the trail for his Eagle Scout project. He describes the project as one that will "help children become more aware of nature around them. With this project, children will be able to connect with nature and appreciate the wildlife at Fairview Farm." We applaud Neil for his spirit of volunteerism and this outstanding contribution to our environmental education program! We hope you'll check out the new trail soon!

## 2008 Birdathon Results: Great Birds and Big Bucks!

As the URWA birding team departed at 2:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, the rain was just letting up, and when we reached the Great Swamp 15 minutes later it had stopped. That improved our outlook, and we were rewarded by hearing six species there: Sora, King Rail, Barred Owl, Swamp Sparrow, Marsh Wren and the ubiquitous Canada Goose. We then headed north and arrived at High Point State Park just before 5:00 a.m. As it became lighter the dawn chorus started, and we were able to quickly identify a number of Warblers, Vireos, Tanagers and the like. We had a successful run through that area and identified what we felt was a very satisfactory number. A high point was seeing a pair of Bald Eagles flying low overhead. We had never seen Bald Eagles on our Birdathon before.

Then on to the farm country in northern Sussex County where we picked up, among others, Indigo Bunting, Eastern Meadowlark, Bobolink, Brown Thrasher, Orchard Oriole, Willow Flycatcher, several species of swallows, the elusive Grasshopper Sparrow and even rarer Vesper Sparrow along with American Kestrel (on a power line next to its house with prey in its mouth), Green Heron, Wood Duck and others. For the first time ever we saw a Cape May Warbler, a truly beautiful bird which passes through New Jersey on migration but is not common.

After a few brief, targeted stops we arrived at Garrett Mountain State Park where we found several species including Lincoln's Sparrow, Swainson's Thrush and the colorful but hard-to-find Mourning Warbler. Leaving Garret just after 1:00 p.m. we headed down the Garden State Parkway toward the shore, with a count of 113 species, the same as last year. At Tuckerton Marshes we identified a number of shore birds such as American Oystercatcher, Red Knot, Sanderling, Dunlin, Ruddy Turnstone, Least Sandpiper and Willet. There were also Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Tricolored Heron and Black Bellied Plover.

We went on down to Brigantine where we found the impoundments full, leaving less muddy shore for shorebirds, and it was quite windy as well. This led to fewer species than we had hoped for, but we saw Peregrine Falcon, Northern Harrier, Black Crowned Night Heron, White Rumped Sandpiper and others. In the meadows beyond the dikes were a Blue Grosbeak and a White Eyed Vireo.

We were pleased with our total of 153 species, our second highest ever, after the 168 we got last year. We felt our best birds were the Vesper Sparrow, Virginia Rail, Cape May Warbler and of course the Bald Eagles. The team had a lot of fun again, and we thank our backers for supporting URWA and its work in conservation and helping to preserve good birding habitat in our lovely part of New Jersey.

***Editors Note:** Once each year, URWA sends a group of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers on a one-day, statewide tour to discover what bird species are active in the varied habitats across New Jersey. These birders, as they are known, note every species they see and hear on this annual junket, and their records provide an interesting snapshot into the health and viability of our state's ecosystems. URWA's birders do more than simply provide a list of birds they find across our state. They raise funds for URWA's efforts to protect the critical habitat that is so important to the survival of our fine-feathered friends. They accept pledges from people who then make a donation to URWA based upon the number of species they document during the birdathon. This year, Veteran birders Bob Lewis of Gladstone, Gordon Cameron of Mendham, Evan Obercian of Tewksbury and Alan Willemsen of Mendham (the author of our report) raised over \$10,000!*



## Meet Anna Liese Kalista, Our 2008 Louis Starr Memorial Intern

An endowment created by the generous family of the late Louis Starr enables URWA to hire a college student or recent graduate each summer to serve as an intern at Fairview Farm. Since 2001, interns have assisted with our volunteer stream monitoring program, led day camp programs, managed stewardship projects and helped with the inspection of conservation easements.

This year, we are delighted to welcome Anna Liese Kalista, a junior at Susquehanna University who hails from Woodbridge, New Jersey. Anna has completed coursework in chemistry, geology, water resources, and meteorology, and is pursuing a B.S Degree in Environmental Science with a minor in Anthropology.

At Susquehanna University, Anna has been involved in the coordination of a campus-wide recycling program for students and staff, and she has analyzed and categorized samples within the Geology department's rock collection on its new X-Ray Diffraction machine. In addition, she recently completed fieldwork in a social research and disaster relief service project in New Orleans with AmeriCorps.

During her time with URWA this summer, Anna is working on several projects. She is knee-deep in our stream monitoring program, organizing riverbank cleanups, conducting site visits to monitor easements held by URWA and inputting and analyzing copious amounts of data related to these projects. We hope all of our members and friends will have an opportunity to meet Anna while she is working with us this summer.

### Equestrian Partners in Conservation

The Somerset Bridle Path Association (SBPA) was invited to meet with URWA's stewardship staff and neighbors to Fairview Farm. We agreed to expand Fairview Farm's bridle trails to accommodate a broader network while SBPA would hold its members to a standard of basic trail etiquette. During the first week of July we posted trail signs provided by SBPA, trimmed branches and marked an appropriate stream crossing for riders. The dialog will expand to other equestrian groups including the Essex Hunt Club, Tewksbury Trail Association and Pony Club. Our goal is to promote best management practices on the land while building a relationship with those who play a valuable role in open space protection.

### Choose Your Driveway Sealcoat Carefully

There are many pollutants, including fertilizers and motor oil, which are washed from our lawns and driveways each time it rains. These pollutants eventually enter our streams and lakes as the rainwater travels across the surface of the land.

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are carcinogenic contaminants that are being detected in our waterways. PAHs degrade fish health and inhibit reproduction while increasing mortality in aquatic invertebrates, small critters that are used as indicators of stream health.

While PAHs originate from auto exhaust, motor oil, gasoline, tire particles and lubricating oils, studies performed by the United States Geological Survey and other scientists have identified a previously overlooked and significant source of this contaminant – black top. People may enjoy the aesthetics of freshly sealed driveways and parking lots, but many of the products used to enhance the appearance and increase the longevity of asphalt contain 50% or more PAHs by weight.

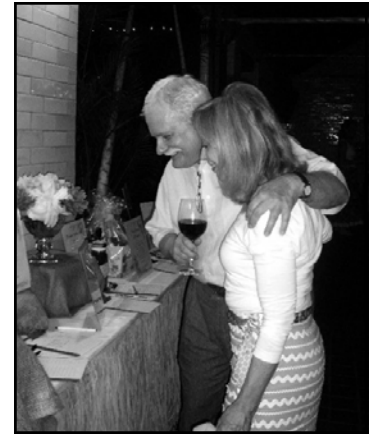
The two primary sealcoat products available today are coal tar pitch-based emulsions and asphalt-based emulsions. Studies have found that coal tar sealed surfaces produce five times the amount of PAH contaminants as those treated with asphalt-based emulsion. The studies have triggered many municipalities to ban the sale and use of coal tar sealants. Please read labels carefully when purchasing sealcoat or if you are using a contractor for your driveway, parking lot or other paved surface, make sure coal tar is not in the ingredients. This simple contribution will help to keep our streams and families healthy.





## URWA's Wild Night in the Rainforest: Fun, Friends and Funds!

On Saturday, June 7th, URWA held its biennial Barn Dance at the Upton Pyne Barns in Bernardsville. The theme for this year's event was "An Amazonian Adventure... URWA's Wild Night in the Rainforest." The barns were transformed into a rainforest with vines, jungle sounds and tropical flora that set the stage for a highly festive evening. Even the food and drinks featured rainforest specialties and the weather played a special role in creating just the right atmosphere — it was a great night! The warm weather created an appropriate tropical ambiance and our guests embraced the opportunity to break out their Amazonian garb.



Barbara and Stewart Brunhouse consider their bid on an auction item.



Missy and Wayne Witte enjoy a quiet moment after dinner.

Approximately 150 people attended the event, and many were tremendously impressed with how the Barn Dance Committee had incorporated a "green theme" into every aspect of the party. The silent auction featured environmentally responsible items and there was something of interest to everyone. Everything sold in the auction was donated, and much of it was in the form of locally produced goods like honey and potted jade trees grown by members of URWA. Other people donated their professional services, so we really achieved our goal of keeping the auction "green." We had specialty imported products produced by people who earn a living wage, as opposed to lots of mass-produced merchandise. As reported earlier in this newsletter, URWA recently launched a sustainability initiative, and the Barn Dance was our first large event since we began to fully analyze our energy and material consumption practices. Our Barn Dance committee worked very hard to produce a party that was high on fun, but low on waste. They did a great job of incorporating

responsibly sourced food and beverages and environmentally-friendly, reusable decorations.



Lee Klipstein and Lee Ann Quenault, who headed up the work to transform the Upton Pyne Barns into a tropical rainforest.

With music performed by the band Stolen Hearts, participants dined and danced the night away, and raised approximately \$30,000 to support URWA's efforts to preserve and protect natural resources across the watershed region. We thank everyone who attended, donated items for the silent auction, purchased silent auction items and raffle tickets, and supported the event with other charitable contributions. Special thanks go to Susan and Bob Landmesser, the Ernest Christian Klipstein Foundation, MCS, Back to Nature and Mr. and Mrs. Brendan Binder for their generous support of the event.





## The Slow Walker

Dan North, a retired journalist who lives in Jersey City, has been a member of URWA since 1996. He discovered Fairview Farm while bicycling past on Larger Cross Road. When he rode down to explore, he loved what he saw and has been coming back to wander around ever since. We are pleased to feature his essays here and on our web site.

### TEENAGERS

All spring I watched the nest, a bristly affair of small sticks high in a tall sycamore. At first all I saw were the glaring eyes of an adult red-tailed hawk sitting on her eggs. Then, occasionally, I'd get a glimpse of two smaller heads. Eventually the chicks became big enough that I could see their downy little bodies. And finally, I saw the juvenile birds standing on branches near the nest squealing high insistent food cries. I thought that would be my last sighting. But one late June day, on the edge of a field near the hawk nest, I heard a familiar high-pitched wail. Across the field was a smallish pin oak. On its lower branches were the two immature hawks, full-sized but still a largely undifferentiated brown. Out over the middle of the field, coursing back and forth, was the mother hawk, apparently giving a hunting lesson. I watched and chuckled, remembering clumsy teenage years in which I depended on my parents for essentials I was at least physically capable of getting myself. From there my mind wandered to other unities between bird and human behavior. Open-mouthed nestlings and their sibling competitions. A killdeer parent's broken wing display. The harassing maneuvers young peregrines practice before they learn to kill. And then I remembered a long-ago afternoon in Central Park watching pigeons with a girlfriend. Gail was fascinated by the self-important antics of a puffed-up male that strutted and clucked around the female object of his desire. After a while I noticed a speculative look on her face as her eyes moved from the male pigeon to me and back again. When she started to giggle, I decided it was time we left the pigeons behind and looked for something else to do.

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## Merck Names URWA a "Champion for the Environment"

Invasive plants are rapidly becoming one of the nation's greatest threats to biodiversity as well as a serious economic problem (it is estimated that these plants cost the U.S. \$142 billion annually). Invasive plants impact native plant and animal communities by displacing native vegetation and disrupting habitats as they become established and spread over time. Some 1,400 plant species are listed as invasive across the nation, and in New Jersey, 30 species have been identified as invasive.

URWA, in partnership with Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space (FoHVOS), is spearheading an extensive program to find and remove invasive plants from several important sites in New Jersey's Highlands and Piedmont regions. We are delighted that the partnership project has been awarded a "Champions for the Environment" award from Merck & Company. The \$8,000 grant will be used for education and outreach including an educational guide for landowners who are in a position to make a difference in the battle to control invasive species. Merck's involvement is important, as it brings a global perspective to the issue of biodiversity. We appreciate the fact that Merck is willing to support a local effort that will be a model for many land owners and resource managers beyond the boundaries of the Upper Raritan Watershed.

Through its "Champions for the Environment" program, Merck provides grants to support environmentally focused projects initiated by employees at its facilities in communities worldwide. With its corporate headquarters in Whitehouse Station, Merck employees have been involved in many URWA programs over the years. We are especially grateful to Nancy Held, who works in Merck's Neuroscience New Products/GHH division, for her leadership in successfully bringing this project forward for consideration.

## Wake Up Call Recap

URWA sends a heartfelt thank you to all of the speakers, members and municipal leaders who participated in our 2007-2008 breakfast series. The exchange of valuable information and the ensuing give and take of the audience during each program go to the heart of URWA's mission. Speakers and topics in the recently concluded Wake Up Call series included:

Sara Dean Link, Conservation Easements  
Michelle Ruggiero, Know the Bear Facts  
Dennis Hart, Financing NJ Water Quality Future  
GP Caminiti, Renewable Energy Systems

Frank Banisch, Community Visioning  
Susan Kraham, Affordable Housing in the Highlands  
Eric Stiles, Conservation Partnerships  
Mayor William Cogger, Open Space Tax Advantages

We also extend our appreciation to Kathy and Tom West who graciously opened up the Limestone Café in Peapack for these warm and welcome Wednesday morning breakfasts. Visit our website at [www.urwa.org](http://www.urwa.org) for our calendar listing of various events and our 2008-2009 Wake Up Call series.



Photo by Jim Glibert

## Summer, 2008

Come see the critters at URWA's Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve, which is open to the public seven days a week from dawn to dusk.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Less than 20% of computers and other household and business electronic devices are recycled.

Although some major manufacturers are stepping up to the plate with recycling programs, most PCs, CRT monitors, tvs and the like are discarded curbside. Once in landfills, their toxic components can leach into groundwater and streams.

Visit [www.computertakeback.com](http://www.computertakeback.com) to learn more and find out about New Jersey's efforts to collect and recycle consumer electronics.

### Help Us Go Green!

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