

**NEW JERSEY'S DELAWARE BAY REGION  
SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS, CONSERVATION PLANS & ONGOING PROGRAMS**

**Special Designations**

**Delaware Bay Ramsar Site.** Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (1992)

**Delaware Bay Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve.** (1986)

**Delaware Bay National Estuary & Partnership for the Delaware Estuary.** USEPA and States of NJ, DE & PA (1988)

**Wild and Scenic Maurice River.** National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968. National Park Service (1993)

**Nationwide Rivers Inventory.** US Department of the Interior. 16 river segments totaling 132 miles in the Delaware Bay watershed (1980)

**Pinelands National Reserve (*in part*).** 96,791 acres of the 1.1 million-acre Pinelands National Reserve are within the Delaware Bay watershed. (1979)

**Pinelands International Biosphere Reserve.** Pinelands designated as an International Biosphere Reserve by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (1988)

**Delaware Bay Climate Ready Estuary.** USEPA designated the Delaware Bay as one of six Climate Ready estuaries across the nation. (2008)

**Natural Heritage Priority Sites.** New Jersey Natural Heritage Program 58 standard sites and 7 macro sites in the Bayshore region. 23 rank high enough to be of global significance.

**The Nature Conservancy Last Great Places, Delaware Bay Bioreserve Strategic Plan & Delaware Bayshores Program.** science-based conservation. (1980s-2008)

**NJ Audubon Society Important Bird and Birding Areas Program.** 30 sites in the Delaware Bay Watershed.

**Conservation/Management Plans & Initiatives**

**New Jersey Wildlife Action Plan, Delaware Bay Landscape Region component.** NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife. (2008)

**North American Waterfowl Management Plan: Atlantic Coast Joint Venture Waterfowl Implementation Plan, Delaware Bayshores of NJ Focus Area.** US, Canada and Mexico. (1986)

**Pea Patch Island Heronry Region Special Management Area.** States of NJ and DE. (1998)

**Charting a Course for the Delaware Bay Watershed.** New Jersey Conservation Foundation. (1997)

**Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the Delaware Estuary.** Delaware Estuary Program, Partnership for the Delaware Estuary (1996)

**Water Resources Plan for the Delaware River Basin.** Delaware River Basin Commission (2004)

**Regional Wetlands Concept Plan.** US Department of the Interior National Wetlands Priority Conservation Plan (1990)

**Ongoing Programs: Delaware Bay Focus**

**NOAA Delaware Estuary Watershed Database & Mapping Project.**

**United States Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program, Delaware Bay Estuary Project.** National Coastal Ecosystems Program

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Delaware Estuary Grant Program.** Non-profit

**NJ DEP Delaware Bay Shorebird Project.** government.

**Bayshore Discovery Project.** Non-profit. Formerly known as Delaware Bay Schooner Project

**DuPont Clear into the Future Delaware River Estuary Initiative.** Corporate. Scientific & public education program

**Rutgers University Delaware Bay Research Programs.** Academic. Includes Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory, Cape Shore Laboratory, Multispecies Aquaculture Demonstration Facility, Project Ports, Sheppard House in Bridgeton, Delaware Bay Horseshoe Crab Mapping Project.

**American Littoral Society Delaware Bay Project Area.** Non-profit. Advocacy & policy.

**Ducks Unlimited Delaware Bay Initiative.** Non-profit-government partnership. ecological restoration.

**South Jersey Bayshore Coalition & Delaware Bayshore Inventory.** Non-profit.

**Delaware Bay Oyster Restoration Task Force.** Bi-state, government, academic, non-profit partnership.

**New Jersey Audubon Society Delaware Bay Stewardship.** Non-profit. policy, restoration, science.

**PSEG Estuary Enhancement Program.** Corporate. Preservation & restoration.

### **Trails and Scenic Byways**

**New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail, Delsea Region.** National Park Service.

**Southern Pinelands Natural Heritage Trail.** NJ Pinelands Commission

**Delaware Bayshore Birding and Wildlife Trail.** New Jersey Audubon Society.

### **Proposed or In Planning**

**Delaware Bay Special Resource Area.** NJ State Planning Commission & NJ Office of Smart Growth.

**Bayshore Heritage Byway.** NJDOT & SJ Bayshore Coalition

**Delaware Bay National Heritage Area.** SJ Bayshore Coalition in Cooperation with Congress.

### **Misc. Organizations**

**Delaware Riverkeeper Network**

**Delaware River and Bay Authority**

**Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay**

**Delaware River and Bay Lighthouse Foundation**

**Delaware River Basin Conservation Act** – passed by Congress part of the Water Infrastructure Improvements Act December 2016.