



## An Update from The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary

### TWO NEW SANCTUARIES TO SAVE WILDLIFE IN NEW JERSEY



The communities of Gandy's Beach and Money Island, New Jersey became official horseshoe crab sanctuaries on May 16. This will help to conserve the largest breeding population of horseshoe crabs in the world, located in Delaware Bay. It will also help to conserve the shorebirds that depend on their eggs for food, chief among which is the red knot.

This announcement came during the Downe Township Horseshoe Crab Festival. This festival celebrates horseshoe crab spawning season, when these descendants of dinosaurs crawl ashore to lay and fertilize eggs.

The Ecological Research & Development Group (ERDG) created the sanctuary program, officially known as the Backyard Stewardship™ Horseshoe Crab Sanctuary Program, in 1999. Participants include the communities of:

#### Delaware

- Broadkill Beach
- Camp Arrowhead
- Fowler Beach
- Kitts Hummock
- Pickering Beach
- Primehook Beach
- Slaughter Beach

\*not open to the public

#### South Jersey

- Fortescue
- Gandy's Beach
- Money Island

The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary supports ERDG by purchasing educational signs (pictured), also informs educators about horseshoe crabs.

Please visit [Horseshoe.org](http://Horseshoe.org) to learn more about ERDG and its growing sanctuary program. ■

*We at RT think that the Partnership is one of the best environmental organizations in the Delaware Bay Region! Real accomplishments in environmental improvements to share with everyone.*

### EXPERIENCE THE ESTUARY CELEBRATION

*October 15, from 5 to 8:30 p.m.*

## Deptford, NJ

Whet your appetite with fresh Delaware Bay oysters in the company of fellow supporters of the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary. This fundraiser will take place at Auletts on the beautiful Almonesson Lake in Deptford, NJ. It will also include a reception, auctions, music, and even a raffle for an Apple Watch. Please visit [DelawareEstuary.org./Celebration](http://DelawareEstuary.org./Celebration) for tickets and sponsorship opportunities.

We invite you to join us at the Celebration on October 15.

- Gary R. Brown, P.E.



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