



Department of
Environmental
Conservation



Newtown Creek Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee Council

April 4, 2024

Re: Notice of Extension of the Public Comment Period for the Draft Assessment Plan for Newtown Creek Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

Dear Stakeholder,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (together known as the “Trustees”) have shared with the public our Draft Assessment Plan for assessing injuries to natural resources in Newtown Creek resulting from contamination. Because public participation is integral to NRDA, in response to a request from the public we have **extended the period within which we will accept written comments on the Plan to May 30, 2024.**

Reminders regarding how to access the Plan and how to submit any written comments are provided below.

The Draft Assessment Plan is available for review online at each of the following websites:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

<https://www.fws.gov/media/newton-creek-nrda>

NOAA:

https://pub-data.diver.orr.noaa.gov/admin-record/6837/DRAFT_NewtownCreek_Assessment%20Plan_03.01.2024.pdf

NYSDEC:

<https://dec.ny.gov/regulatory/nrd/major-ongoing-nrd-assessments>

A hard copy of the Plan is also available at the following locations:

Queens Public Library
Sunnyside Branch
43-06 Greenpoint Avenue
Long Island City, NY 11104
Tel: (718) 784-3033

New York State Department of Environmental
Conservation - Region 2
4740 21st Street
Long Island City, NY 11101
Tel: (718) 482-4900

You may submit your written comments on the Draft Assessment Plan or questions related to the Newtown Creek NRDA electronically by e-mail or by mail to the following contact. You can also obtain a hard copy of the Draft Assessment Plan by submitting a written request to:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Natural Resource Damages (NRD) Section
c/o Alicia Pasos
625 Broadway, 14th Floor
Albany, NY 12233
E-mail: nrd@dec.ny.gov

We look forward to your comments on the Draft Assessment Plan for Newtown Creek. Please share this information as widely as possible.

Sincerely,
The Newtown Creek NRDA Trustee Council