



# THE RIVER PROJECT

## New York City Outdoors! An Environmental Education Expo Tuesday, September 23, 2008

The River Project co-hosted *New York City Outdoors! An Environmental Education Expo* in partnership with NYC Soil and Water Conservation District and NYU's Wallerstein Collaborative for Urban Environmental Education. The Expo showcased the environmental education resources for New York City teachers and educators, in hopes that more children will have the opportunity to experience and learn about the natural features of our city. The Expo took place at the Barge at Pier 66 Maritime, who donated the space for the event.

The Expo will connect exhibiting organizations to the various units of the Science Scope and Sequence, a curriculum recently released and is mandated by the NYC Department of Education. Teachers will have the opportunity to network, share ideas, and discuss how to incorporate New York City's nature into their instruction.

This event involved 38 different organizations exhibiting their programs to over 250 attendees that day. Hudson River Park



**Expo crowd at the Barge at Pier 66 Maritime**

Exhibiting organizations:

- Blue Heron Nature Center
- Bronx River Alliance, Inc
- Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment
- Center for Architecture Foundation
- Central Park Conservancy
- Central Park Zoo
- CERC/Columbia University
- City Parks Foundation
- Council on the Environment of NYC
- Earth Celebrations
- Environmental Education Advisory Council



**TRP tank and exhibit**

Trust did a live demonstration of their fishing program. Animal visitors included a Red Tailed Hawk, Harris Hawk, American Kestrel, a Columbian Boa Constrictor, a Mexican Orange Kneed Tarantula, and two Giant Day Geckoes. The River Project's tank featured Northern Pipefish, a Naked Goby, Oyster Toadfish, a Hogchoker, a Winter Flounder, Mud Crabs, a Spider Crab, a Green Crab, and Grass Shrimp.



**Water Spirits from Earth Celebrations**

- Erik's Reptile Ed-ventures
- GLOBE/Queens College
- Green Apple Map
- Greenbelt Environmental Education Center
- Hudson River Community Sailing
- Hudson River Estuary Program
- Hudson River Park Trust
- Lower East Side Ecology Center
- Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation
- Nancy Costaldo
- New York Restoration Project
- NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection
- NYC Dept. of Sanitation, Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse & Recycling
- NYC Soil & Water Conservation District
- NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Region 2
- Prospect Park Alliance
- Queens Botanical Garden
- Rocking the Boat
- Solar One
- South Street Seaport Museum
- Staten Island Botanical Garden
- The River Project
- Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary & Audubon Center
- Trees NY
- US EPA, Region 2
- Wallerstein Collaborative for Urban Environmental Education at NYU
- The Waterfront Museum



**Attendees at Expo**



**American Kestrel from Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary**

### Thank You

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**Fishing program demo with Hudson River Park Trust**



**Giant Day Geckoes from Madagascar**

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