Call for Abstracts | 2026 Conference Poster Presentations

Due August 31, 2026 (11:59 PM)

About the NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program Conference

The NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program (HEP) invites you to submit an abstract for the in-person poster session at our 2026 conference, "Shared Work, Lasting Impact: Cultivating Effective Partnerships." Poster presenters may include anyone in academia (including students), government and non-governmental organizations, and consulting, utilities, and/or community groups.

This year's conference will focus on how we view collaboration as a central lens to move HEP's 2025-2035 Action Agenda forward while intentionally strengthening existing partnerships and building new ones. We are looking to highlight activities, partnerships, and research that align with the current Action Agenda and enable us to address the challenges facing the Estuary together. The Action Agenda presents the shared priorities of HEP and the commitment of the program and all our partners to address them.

Call for Abstracts

We welcome abstracts for poster presentations of research, planning, and/or implementation projects (including pilot programs and community science work) located (at least in part) in HEP's boundaries that focus on how partnerships and collaborative action can help us to accomplish our shared goals (Water Quality, Habitat & Ecological Health, Public Access, Port & Maritime, and Community Engagement) as well as influence policy, strengthen ecological resilience, and inspire estuary-wide transformative change.

Posters will be displayed during the conference and there will be a 45-minute **in-person** session where the presenting author will share and answer questions about their projects. Please note that presenters will be expected to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the conference for set up.

All applicants should refrain from registering until notified of their abstract's status, as a number of tickets will be held for accepted presenters. Applicants will be notified of their abstract's status the week of September 14 and accepted presenting authors will receive free admission to the conference. HEP strongly encourages a diversity of perspectives and representation, including community science, non-traditional presentations, and new partners.

Virtual Session

We are offering Poster Presenters and their co-authors an opportunity to participate in a collaborative **virtua**l session following the in-person conference to share a 10-minute overview of your project. Please be sure to indicate via your submission if you are interested in participating in this virtual session.

Submit your abstract via this Google form.

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Contact Christina Carrero at christina@hudsonriver.org or Laura Logozzo at laura@hudsonriver.org with any questions.