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# News Release

## **Army Corps of Engineers to participate in Earth Day Events and clean-up activities**

**NEW YORK (April 18, 2008)** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the steward of nearly 12 million acres of public lands and waters. The Army Corps also has an important role to play in protecting our environment, as well as reaffirming its commitment to the environment by adhering to a set of Environmental Operating Principles applicable to all decision-making and programs.

In line with this, volunteers from the Army Corps' New York District are donating their time and energy in support of Earth Day events and clean-up activities in New York and New Jersey.

On April 20, Army Corps volunteers will assist in the clean up of the Gowanus Canal in Brooklyn commencing at 11 a.m. Army Corps volunteers in partnership with the Gowanus Canal community will gather along the streets of the Gowanus Canal for a special Earth Day Celebration. Volunteers include local businesses, groups and the community who will team for a day of sweeping, trash removal, soiling and planting.

On April 26, hundreds of volunteers are expected to participate in the annual Rahway River clean-up in New Jersey. The Army Corps' New York District Deputy District Engineer for Program Management has organized this event for over 10 years. The clean-up is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and includes area scouts and various community organizations. Every year a large volume of debris and garbage is collected.

On May 3, Army Corps volunteers will support Earth Day 2008 at Rockaway Beach, Queens. The Rockaway Waterfront Alliance is sponsoring the event that will take place along the Boardwalk. The Army Corps will join several agencies and set up tables on the boardwalk where thousands of area visitors are expected to attend.