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The organizations involved are numerous. One, the Natural Resources Group of The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, plays a dual role as chair of the Habitat Workgroup, and as an agent that identifies and protects natural areas in the metro region. For example, from 1997 to 1999, the group restored nearly 300 acres of land in New York City, and registered the City's rare and endangered species with the Natural Heritage Program and the Nature Conservancy. They continue to acquire new wetlands for parks, have established a salt marsh restoration crew, and are using judicial means to clean up oil spills in the Arthur Kill Watershed.



Another agency, the US Army Corps of Engineers, has undertaken an [Expedited Reconnaissance Study](#) of the same areas. This study provides valuable documentation of watershed ecology. The report also discusses impacts on human health. This study is therefore another contribution to the regional planning process and the goals of the Habitat Workgroup to [buy silver](#) and [buy gold](#).