

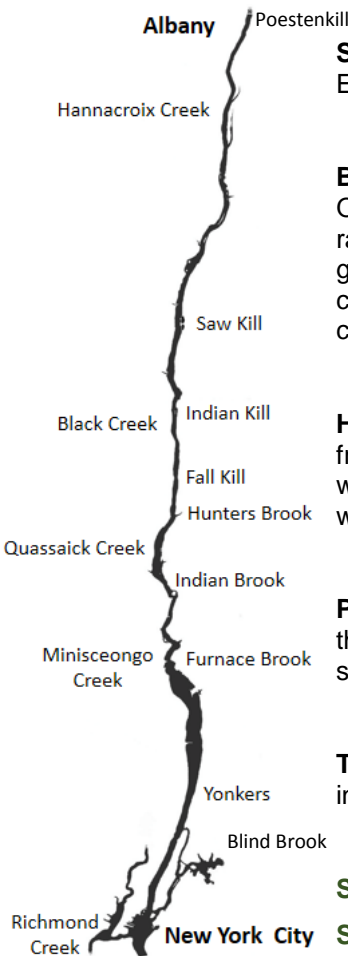
EEL PROJECT VOLUNTEERS WANTED



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Research migratory fish in local streams

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Sponsored by: NYSDEC Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve, Hudson River Estuary Program, NYS Water Resource Institute at Cornell University, and NEIWPC.

Background: American eels (*Anguilla rostrata*) are migratory fish that are hatched in the Atlantic Ocean and enter rivers as tiny “glass eels” each spring. The species is in decline over much of its range, and baseline studies are needed for conservation. Teams of scientists and students collect glass eels using net and trap devices on several Hudson River tributaries. Juvenile fish are counted, weighed, and released to better habitat upstream, often above dams. Help protect this critical species!

How to get involved: Interns and volunteers can assist in the Spring 2020 study on streams from NYC to Troy (see map). This requires mostly outdoor field work from March through May, with very flexible schedules. Volunteers are able to explore local wildlife in the great outdoors while working collaboratively within a team.

Participation benefits: Participants gain valuable field experience, study important species in the living environment, work with local communities, and can earn recommendations from DEC staff. College students may be able to earn internship credit.

To apply: Email or call Sarah Mount at sarah.mount@dec.ny.gov, 845-889-4745 x106. Please indicate what town and county you live in, and detail some of your interests or experience.

Search for “Hudson River Eel Project”: www.dec.ny.gov/lands/49580.html

Short video about the eel project: www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRn1hu7cMaE