



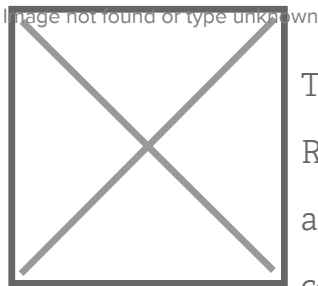
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NYCEF Newtown Creek Fund Fielding Applicants for Environmental Projects

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The New York City Environmental Fund in conjunction with Hudson River Foundation are conducting two workshops to inform potential applicants seeking grants for local environmental projects as part of the continued Newtown Creek cleanup efforts.

The \$19.5 million local environmental projects fund was established as part of a **settlement last year** with the ExxonMobil Corporation to augment the cleanup of the millions of gallons of oil released into Newtown Creek beginning in the 1970's.

"These workshops, and funding, present a unique opportunity to implement projects locally in Greenpoint that can not only clean-up this environmental catastrophe but eliminate its lasting effects on the community for good," said Senator Martin Malavé Dilan.

Potential applicants are invited to attend two informational workshops at the **Newtown Creek Visitor Center** at **329 Greenpoint Ave.** (Enter at the intersection of Greenpoint Avenue and Humboldt Street.) The meetings are scheduled for Monday, April 4, 6:30 – 8 p.m., and

Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Applicants can find out how to apply to the fund, learn more about applicant qualifications, guidelines and criteria, the geographic target area and the timeline and review process. The proposal deadline for the fund's first grant cycle has been extended to Friday, April 22, 2011.

The typical grant size will be between \$5,000 and \$25,000.