

DELAWARE RIVER

NEW JERSEY

Project Name: Athos Oil Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Projects

Project Type:

- Large Landscapes
- Urban
- Youth
- Recreation
- Restoration (Oyster Reef)

Project Description: In 2004, roughly 265,000 gallons of oil were spilled on the Delaware River from the *Athos* tanker, when the ship struck a submerged anchor. Over 57 miles of shoreline along the Delaware and its tributaries have been impacted by the spill, including habitat for bald eagles, migratory shorebirds, and the endangered short-nose sturgeon.



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Lead Federal Agencies:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Non-Federal Partners:

- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
- Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
- Pennsylvania Game Commission
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Outcomes for 2012:

- Create 17 acres of oyster reef and place substrate populated with juvenile oysters to enhance colonization



Oyster Reef

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