

**From:** Maran Hilgendorf  
**Subject:** CHNEP 2013 shoreline survey: We'd like your help  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 02, 2013 4:55:00 PM  
**Attachments:** Map of Survey Regions.pdf; HH winter 2013 shoreline survey.pdf

Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to help with the 2013 shoreline survey in Lee and Charlotte counties. If you haven't already offered, would you please consider helping? If you can help, we ask that you work with at least one other person so at least two people are involved and complete the survey as early as you can but no later than February 22. Much of the surveying in 2007 and 2010 was done in a boat about 100 feet from shore.

Even if you already contacted me, to be certain I don't assign you to the wrong area, would you please email me again with the county, region name or code of the area(s) you will survey? (For example, Lee County, Rocky Creek, which is region code W.) A map is attached as a 3-page PDF file that includes the county names, region names and codes.

This time we will be creating a form on our water atlas website ([www.chnep.wateratlas.usf.edu](http://www.chnep.wateratlas.usf.edu)) so you can enter your findings online. If you are able to complete the survey but not enter the data, we may have other volunteers who'll help.

**Trainings:** You likely received an email through EventBrite that provided details on a training that'll be held Saturday, Jan. 12 at the City of Punta Gorda Laishley Community Room. If you didn't, you can learn more by viewing the attached PDF file of the CHNEP magazine Harbor Happenings and by going to [www.CHNEPshorelinesurvey.eventbrite.com](http://www.CHNEPshorelinesurvey.eventbrite.com) where you'll need to register. Three separate trainings will be offered that day. The training offered by the Florida Paddling Trail Association and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will only be offered on this day.

The CHNEP will hold other trainings for the shoreline survey but they aren't yet finalized. We are researching Cedar Point Environmental Park in Englewood and Eco Living Center at Rutenberg Park in Fort Myers. Please let me know if you have a location and time when you'd like the training to be offered.

You don't have to attend any of these trainings to volunteer for the shoreline survey; however, we do need to meet with you to provide the maps, forms, clipboards and other resources you'll need.

**Results:** We'd like to hold a program to share the results of your hard work. We'll also demonstrate how you can access the data from the completed survey on the water atlas site. By Jan. 11, would you let us know when is most convenient for you by taking a short survey on Doodle at <http://doodle.com/chk7fitytzwexyy8>. The options are morning, afternoon and evening on several days the week of March 25.

**Volunteers:** Please encourage others to help.

So, would you please:

- 1) As soon as you can, email me with details on sections you'd like to survey.
- 2) As soon as you can, if you'd like to attend the Jan. 12 training, register at [www.CHNEPshorelinesurvey.eventbrite.com](http://www.CHNEPshorelinesurvey.eventbrite.com). (Remember other survey trainings will be offered but they aren't yet confirmed.)

- 3) By Jan. 11, complete the survey at <http://doodle.com/chk7fitytzwexyy8> to let us know your preferences for when we schedule the program to share the results.
- 4) Encourage others to help.

Thank you.

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**From:** Maran Hilgendorf  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2012 3:35 PM  
**Subject:** CHNEP 2013 shoreline survey: We'd like your help

You are receiving this message because you generously helped the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (CHNEP) in 2007 or 2010 conduct a survey of the shoreline in Lee and Charlotte counties. The CHNEP is a partnership working to protect the natural environment of Florida from Venice to Bonita Springs to Winter Haven. The state of the shoreline helps indicate the health of the environment.

The Coastal Partnership Initiative ([www.dep.state.fl.us/cmp/grants/fcpmgrants.htm](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/cmp/grants/fcpmgrants.htm)) provided a grant to the CHNEP to conduct the survey again. The draft schedule is:

- through 2012: organize and recruit volunteers
- January-February 2013: train volunteers, conduct shoreline survey, input findings
- between March 19-29, 2013: hold meeting to share results analyzed to date
- no later than August 31, 2013: summarize findings for Harbor Happenings and distribute final report

I know it has been a few years but, would you please send me any suggestions you have to improve the project? Is there anything you'd like included in the training ? (You may have an interest in the Sept. 12 paddling orientation that'll be held in Lee County. A PDF flier is attached.) Did you need help entering your survey results? Did you need different materials to actually help conduct the survey ?

We're pleased that the Florida Paddling Trails Association is participating in the survey this year. Are there others you think may be willing to help?

The results will also be posted on the CHNEP water atlas where the results can be accessed by all. An article from a 2012 edition of the CHNEP magazine Harbor Happenings about the atlas is attached. A 2009 article about the 2007 survey is also attached.

We'll send another message once all the details are finalized. At that time we'll ask you to volunteer and to encourage others to volunteer.

Thank you for all of your efforts to protect the southwest Florida environment.

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