Stockton's Manahawkin Site to Offer Free Program on Rising Sea Levels on Oct. 8

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Galloway, NJ – John Wnek, a South Jersey researcher, conservationist and adjunct instructor at Stockton University, will present a free program, "Sea Level Rising: Taking Steps to Protect Property, Habitat and Turtle Nests," on **Thursday, Oct. 8** at the Manahawkin Instructional Site.

The interactive presentation will focus on living along the coastline and dealing with the rise in sea level that is expected to occur over the next several decades. Wnek will discuss topics such as: What do we need to do to protect properties? How will wildlife and their habitats be affected?

This program will share information about what coastal communities are doing in response to sea level rise estimates and provide insights into protecting shorelines.

Wnek has studied Barnegat Bay for the past 30 years and has worked with diamondback terrapins on the bay for the past 13 years. He will share information about initiatives to establish new species habitat areas.

He teaches the course, "Ocean Planet: Where the River Meets the Sea" at Stockton's Manahawkin Instructional Site.

The program will be held from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the site, 712 East Bay Ave. in Manahawkin, NJ. Refreshments will be provided. To register to attend, please call 609-626-3883.

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Caption for first photo attached:

John Wnek and Stockton students in his "Ocean Planet" class examine sea life in the field in this photo from fall 2014.

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Caption for second photo:

John Wnek, pictured here in fall 2014 during field work for a class, will offer a free, interactive program, "Sea Level Rising: Taking Steps to Protect Property, Habitat and Turtle Nests," on Oct. 8 at Stockton University's Manahawkin Instructional Site.