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News Release

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and City of Hoboken Team Up to Clean Shoreline

NEW YORK (June 25, 2008) – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York District will be conducting a clean-up of driftwood and debris off the shoreline of the Frank Sinatra Park located on the Hoboken, NJ side of the Hudson River Thursday, June 26 in partnership with the city of Hoboken.

Removing drift and floatables each year results in the avoidance of approximately \$23,000,000 of damages to the many cargo, vessels, tankers, barges, passenger commuter ferries, cruise ships, and recreational vessels.

Under a directive of Hoboken Mayor David Roberts, employees from the City's Department of Public Works, along with the Corps' patrol boat, *Hudson*, and drift collection vessel, *Driftmaster*, will be participating in the removal of the debris and driftwood off the public shoreline which is used for concerts and movies throughout the summer.

The Corps' drift collection program runs year around to keep the New York and New Jersey Harbor free from floating debris. In 1989, the Corps introduced the Floatables program which addresses floating debris along the shorelines of Long Island and New Jersey. The peak floatables season runs May-September.

Media interested embarking on the vessel please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Affairs office at 917-790-8007.