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Hackensack, NJ - Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9), the leader in the effort to turn the 8,400 undeveloped acres of the Meadowlands into an environmental park, today joined Captain Bill Sheehan and Hackensack Mayor Jack Zisa for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the new Hackensack Riverkeeper outreach office located at 231 Main Street in Hackensack.

"Hackensack Riverkeeper, led by Captain Sheehan, has been a great mentor and partner as we continue to work toward the preservation and restoration of the 8,400 undeveloped acres of the Meadowlands," Rothman said. "With its new office, Hackensack Riverkeeper's staff and volunteers will now be in an even more effective position to continue their work to protect and clean the Hackensack River and the Meadowlands."

Hackensack Riverkeeper began its mission to protect, preserve, and restore the Hackensack River in 1997 after receiving its charter from the international Waterkeeper Alliance, based in White Plains, New York. At that time, Captain Sheehan ran the organization literally from his dining room table in Secaucus. In September 1998, Fairleigh Dickinson University offered the organization office space on its Teaneck campus where the Riverkeeper remained until the recent move.

"Today represents the fulfillment of a dream," Captain Sheehan said at the ribbon-cutting standing along side Rothman and Zisa. "Hackensack Riverkeeper has arrived at the capital of the watershed ready to continue our work on behalf of the people of the watershed."

Hackensack Riverkeeper has grown in influence and ability over the years and is now recognized as the leading environmental organization working on Hackensack River issues. The Hackensack River, which stretches from the High Tor Mountains of Rockland County, NY to Newark Bay, provides the drinking water for nearly one million people. The watershed's remaining forests and wetlands provide essential habitat for a wide variety of resident and migratory animal species.

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