

Billion Oyster Project — Restoring Native Oyster Reefs in New York Harbor

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · United States of America

Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Founded in 2008 by a public high school, Billion Oyster Project has restored 150–200+ million native oysters over 17–19 acres of reef across New York Harbor, recycling millions of pounds of restaurant shell and training thousands of students.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[Billion Oyster Project \(founded by New York Harbor School\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[Wikipedia — Billion Oyster Project](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[NY Governor — Jamaica Bay milestone announcement](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

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