

More subway cars slated for reefs

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More than 1,600 old New York City subway cars are destined for the deep where they will make up new artificial reefs off the Atlantic Coast.

The MTA this week approved a \$6.3 million contract to farm out the aging cars to reef projects off New Jersey, Delaware and other states, *Newsday* reported Saturday.

Officials say the cavernous cars that once hauled scores of Big Apple strap-hangers provide excellent shelter for young fish and also will make a great destination for recreational divers.

The Long Island newspaper said some environmentalists are concerned about asbestos in some of the older cars despite a New Jersey study that concluded this week that cars used to create earlier reefs had minimal environmental impact.

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