

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING THE JAMAICA BAY WATERSHED PROTECTION PLAN

Commissioner Emily Lloyd announced that a third public meeting will be convened to discuss the progress of the Jamaica Bay Watershed Protection Plan. In July 2005, Mayor Bloomberg signed Local Law 71 into effect. Its purpose is to create a plan to restore and maintain the water quality and ecological integrity of Jamaica Bay. The law also established the Advisory Committee to advise the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) and provide recommendations concerning the Plan. In January and February 2006, the NYCDEP and Advisory Committee held two public meetings to provide information to the watershed community about Local Law 71 and the current issues facing Jamaica Bay, and to obtain public scoping comments.

The NYCDEP, along with members of the Advisory Committee, will hold a watershed-wide public outreach meeting June 14, 2006 to provide a status update on the development of the Watershed Protection Plan. The meeting will include visual project information and a presentation by the NYCDEP. The meeting will include time to provide members of the public with the opportunity to make comments and recommendations to the NYCDEP related to potential watershed protection and plan implementation strategies.

The public meeting will be held as follows:

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, June 14, 2006; 6 - 8:30 pm

LOCATION: Performing Arts Center, York College, 94-20 Guy R. Brewer Boulevard, Jamaica, New York

DIRECTIONS: (**Subway:** take E, J or Z to Jamaica Center—Parsons/Archer; **Train:** LIRR to Jamaica Station & Archer Ave; **Bus:** Q4, Q5, Q6, Q8, Q9, Q17, Q24/34, Q30, Q31, Q41, Q42, Q43, Q44, Q54, Q56, Q65, Q83, Q84, Q85, Q111, Q112, or Q113; **Car:** take the Van Wyck Exwy/I-678, Exit 4 toward Liberty Ave., turn left onto Liberty Ave., turn left onto Guy R. Brewer Blvd., and the parking lot entrance will be on your right.)

If you are unable to attend the scheduled meeting and would like to provide input, please use the contact information below to do so by June 28, 2006.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For additional information concerning the public meetings and the development of the Jamaica Bay Watershed Protection Plan, please use the following contact information.

For DEP: John McLaughlin, Ecological Services, NYC DEP: e-mail: Johnm@dep.nyc.gov. 59-17 Junction Blvd., Flushing, NY 11373. Please also check the DEP website at www.nyc.gov/DEP or contact DEP's Community Outreach Office at (718) 595-3504.

For the Advisory Committee: Brad Sewell, Advisory Committee Co-chair, c/o Megan Lew, Natural Resources Defense Council: e-mail: mlew@nrdc.org. Natural Resources Defense Council, 40 West 20th Street, New York, NY 10011.

Information regarding the project and public meetings is also listed on the DEP (<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/news/cac-jb.html>) and the Jamaica Bay Research and Management Information Network (<http://nbii-nin.ciesin.columbia.edu/jamaicabay/>) websites.