

JAMAICA BAY WATERSHED PROTECTION PLAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKING SESSION: January 30, 2007

FINAL MINUTES

The Jamaica Bay Watershed Protection Plan Advisory Committee (JBAC) met on Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at NYCDEP.

Attendees: Doug Adamo, Manny Caughman, Ali Chase, Len Houston, Megan Lew, Christine O'Connell, Brad Sewell, and Chris Zeppie.

The following items were discussed:

Comprehensive Jamaica Bay Report

- JBAC discussed the Comprehensive Jamaica Bay Report and the implications the report will have on the Committee's work. The Committee also discussed nitrogen removal alternatives that were not included in the Comprehensive Report. JBAC agreed that nitrogen reduction in Jamaica Bay should be, at a minimum and as a starting point, as stringent as the reduction called for in Long Island Sound, unless it could be scientifically shown that something else was justified.

Upcoming schedule and work for JBAC

- JBAC discussed how it will respond to DEP's March report and the role the Committee should take after the watershed protection plan is released.
- Committee members made suggestions as to whether and how the JBAC's final recommendations should be modified. The Committee agreed to revisit this topic after DEP releases its March report.
- JBAC agreed to send a representative to the Jamaica Bay Task Force meeting on February 27 to give a presentation on the Committee's work and reaction to the Comprehensive Jamaica Bay Report. Brad Sewell volunteered to draft an outline of the presentation.

JBAC recommendations and additional information requested by DEP

- Ali Chase identified recommendations which DEP had requested additional information and asked Committee members to provide her with the requested information.