

JAMAICA BAY WATERSHED PROTECTION PLAN  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKING SESSION: March 28, 2007

FINAL MINUTES

The Jamaica Bay Watershed Protection Plan Advisory Committee (JBAC) met on Wednesday, March 28, 2007 at New York City Department of Environmental Protection's office.

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

The following items were discussed:

Minutes from January 30, 2007 Working Session

- JBAC approved the minutes from the January 30, 2007 working session.

Jamaica Bay Task Force Meeting, February 27, 2007

- Dan Mundy provided a summary of the Jamaica Bay Task Force meeting held on February 27, 2007. The Task Force meeting was well attended by approximately sixty people. The meeting focused on New York City Department of Environmental Protection's (NYCDEP) Comprehensive Jamaica Bay Plan and featured presentations from Jamaica Bay Eco Watchers, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), and the Advisory Committee. Additionally, approximately twelve staff members from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) were in attendance.
- Brad Sewell distributed copies of a letter NRDC sent to NYSDEC regarding the Comprehensive Plan. NYSDEC has not responded to the letter.

NYCDEP's Draft Jamaica Bay Watershed Protection Plan

- The Advisory Committee discussed the Draft Jamaica Bay Watershed Protection Plan that NYCDEP released on March 1, 2007.
- Advisory Committee members agreed that NYCDEP's Draft Plan showed a lot of effort and dedication to restoring Jamaica Bay. However, despite the breadth of the strategies in the plan, committee members felt that NYCDEP failed to address some important issues.

#### JBAC's Final Recommendations due on June 1, 2007

- Ali Chase distributed a draft outline and timetable for the Advisory Committee's final recommendations due on June 1, 2007. Committee members discussed the report's components and how the structure of the final recommendations report will differ from the preliminary recommendations report. Advisory Committee members discussed the need to refine the list of priority recommendations for the final report.

#### Upcoming Working Sessions

- Ali Chase will coordinate with committee members to schedule two working sessions prior to the release of the final recommendations.