

JAMAICA BAY WATERSHED PROTECTION PLAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKING SESSION: April 20, 2007

FINAL MINUTES

The Jamaica Bay Watershed Protection Plan Advisory Committee (JBAC) met on Friday, April 20, 2007 at the Natural Resources Defense Council.

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

The following items were discussed:

Port Authority of NY/NJ Comments on JFK Airport

- Chris Zeppie reviewed a letter that the Port Authority of NY/NJ sent to New York City Department of Environmental Protection's (NYCDEP) regarding John F. Kenney Airport.

Howard Beach Wetland Restoration Project

- Chris Zeppie reviewed the Howard Beach Wetland Restoration Project with the Advisory Committee.

Jamaica Bay Watershed Protection Plan Schedule

- The Advisory Committee discussed NYCDEP's Draft Plan and the upcoming schedule for their final recommendations and NYCDEP's final plan. The committee expressed concern regarding the content of the Draft Plan and the ability of the committee to respond adequately to it, given the report's general lack of set strategies and timelines.
- Peter Washburn, from Councilman Gennaro's office, was present to share the Councilman's thoughts on the Draft Plan. Peter and the committee discussed details of a potential extension and the benefits such an extension would yield.

Discussion of Recommended Measures

- The Advisory Committee reviewed its list of fifteen priority recommendations and agreed on five key priorities.