

Present and Historic Hydrodynamics and Sediment Dynamics of Jamaica Bay, NY

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OBJECTIVES

- Determine the system's hydrodynamics relative to pre- and post-anthropogenic alterations.
- Develop a high-resolution 3D hydrodynamic model for Jamaica Bay for tidal and estuarine circulation and which can describe the transport of both coarse grain and fine grain suspended sediment.
- Quantify the changes in tidal hydrodynamics (tidal range, tidal currents, tidal asymmetry), residual estuarine circulation, sediment transport patterns, and basin residence time patterns associated with historical changes in Jamaica Bay bathymetry and morphology.
- Historical changes in basin bathymetry and morphology include changes in inlet channel length and cross section. They include also changes in bathymetry and morphology within the interior of the basin and very significant changes in the extent of shoreline hardening.
- The hydrodynamic response to these changes includes changes in tidal asymmetry with associated changes in sediment transport patterns.











