

**JAMAICA BAY SYMPOSIUM:  
STATE OF THE BAY – PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE  
Program Agenda**

**Tuesday October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Venue: Customs House

**8:30 – 9:10 am**                    **Meet and Greet**  
*Light Breakfast will be provided.*

**OPENING REMARKS**

**9:10 – 9:20 am**                    **Welcome and Meeting Goals**  
*NYCDEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd*

**9:20 – 9:30 am**                    **Opening Remarks**  
*Barry Sullivan, General Superintendent, National Park Service*

**PRESENTATIONS**

**9:30 – 9:50 am**                    **Current Biological Trends in Jamaica Bay**  
*John Waldman PhD, Queens College*  
*Jamaica Bay Bio-Blitz*

**9:50 – 10:10 am**                    **Wetland/Estuary Trends in the Northeast Region**  
*Carl Alderson, Northeast NOAA Restoration Center*

**10:10 – 10:30 am**                    **Nitrogen - Effects on Wetlands**  
*Cathy Wigand PhD, USEPA, Atlantic Ecology Division*

**10:30 – 10:50 am**                    **BREAK**

**10:50 – 11:10 am**                    **Paleoecology of Jamaica Bay**  
*Dorothy Peteet PhD, Columbia University, Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory*

**11:10 – 11:30 am**                    **Eelgrass (*Zostera marina*) Restoration in Jamaica Bay: Initial Site Selection and Potential for Success**  
*Chris Pickerell, Cornell Cooperative Extension*

**11:30 – 11:50 am**                    **Denitrification and Habitat Benefits of the Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*)**  
*John Brawley, Saquish Scientific*

**11:50 – 12:15 pm**                    **Peer Review Panelist Discussion**  
*Moderator: John Waldman, PhD, Queens College*

**12:15 - 1:00 pm**                    **LUNCH**  
*Food and beverages will be provided.*

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- 1:00 – 1:20 pm**                    **Ecological Pilot Projects of Jamaica Bay Watershed Protection Plan**  
*Dave Yozzo PhD, HDR Consulting*
- 1:20 – 1:50 pm**                    **Attenuating Urban Runoff and Potential Habitat Benefits of Stormwater BMPs within Jamaica Bay Watershed**  
*Marc Cammarata, PE, Philadelphia Water Dept*  
*Ted Brown, Biohabitats*
- 1:50 – 2:10 pm**                    **Wetland Loss – A Closer Look at Wetland Loss Research Activities in Jamaica Bay**  
*Patti Rafferty (speaker) and Charles Roman, National Park Service Northeast Region*
- 2:10 - 2:30 pm**                    **BREAK**
- 2:30 – 2:50 pm**                    **Effects of Mean Tidal Range on Jamaica Bay Wetlands**  
*Larry Swanson, PhD, Stony Brook University*
- 2:50 – 3:10 pm**                    **Salt Marsh die-back along the Atlantic Coast**  
*Dave Osgood, PhD, Albright College*
- 3:10 – 3:30 pm**                    **Biogeochemical and Structural Regulators of *Spartina alterniflora***  
*Paul Mankiewicz, PhD, Gaia Institute*
- 3:30 – 3:50 pm**                    **Summer Nutrients and Phytoplankton Trends in Jamaica Bay**  
*Raymond Sambrotto PhD, Columbia University, Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory*
- 3:50 – 4:10 pm**                    **Circulation and Mixing: Implications for Sediment Transport**  
*Robert E. Wilson, PhD (speaker) and Charles N. Flagg, PhD, Stony Brook University*
- 4:10 – 4:30 pm**                    **Sediments: Current Models and Predictions for Tidal Hydrodynamics and Sediment Processes within Jamaica Bay**  
*Henry Bokuniewicz PhD, Stony Brook University*  
*Alisha Renfro, Stony Brook University*
- 4:30 – 5:30 pm**                    **Peer Review Panelist Discussion**  
*Moderator: John Waldman, PhD, Queens College*

**Wednesday October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**9 A.M. – Noon**

**Venue: Kingsborough Community College**

**LESSONS LEARNED DISCUSSION AND BOAT TOUR OF JAMAICA BAY**

- 8:30 – 9:00 am**                    *Light Breakfast will be provided.*
- 9:00 – 10:00 am**                    **Wrap-Up from Yesterday’s Presentations and Discussions**  
*John McLaughlin*  
*Director, Ecological Services, NYCDEP*
- 10:00 – 11:00 am**                    **Lessons Learned – Chesapeake Bay Foundation**  
*Terry Cummings, Chesapeake Bay Foundation*
- 11:00 – 12:00 pm**                    **Overview of Jamaica Bay and Wildlife Habitats**  
*Don Riepe, The American Littoral Society*
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm**                    **LUNCH**  
*Box lunches and beverages will be provided.*
- 1 P.M – 5 P.M.**                    **Tour of Jamaica Bay**  
*Don Riepe, The American Littoral Society*  
*Boat leaving and returning to Kingsborough Community College Dock*

