

# THE JAMAICA BAY COMMUNITIES: A SHIFTING MOSAIC OF USES AND ATTACHMENTS

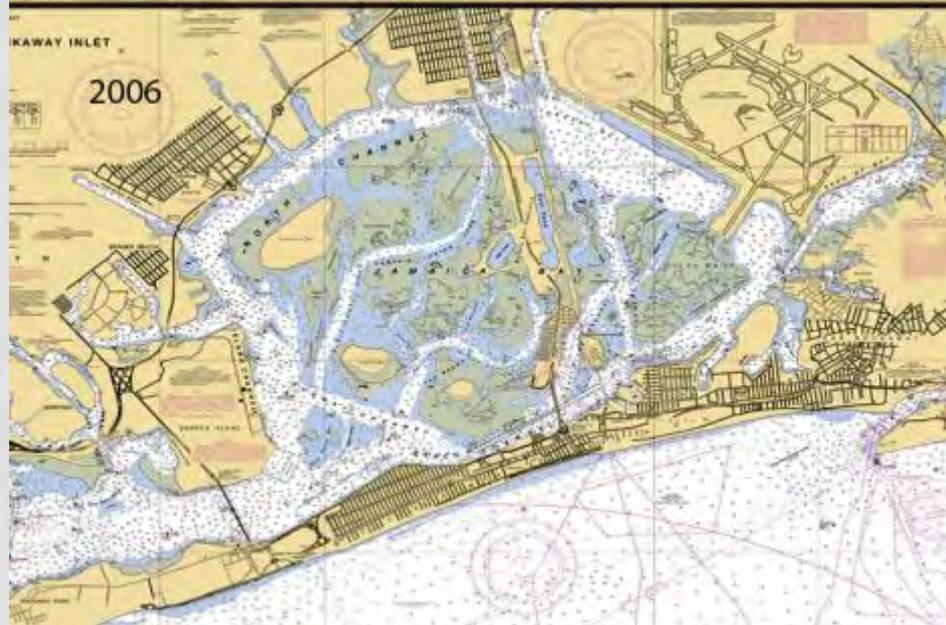
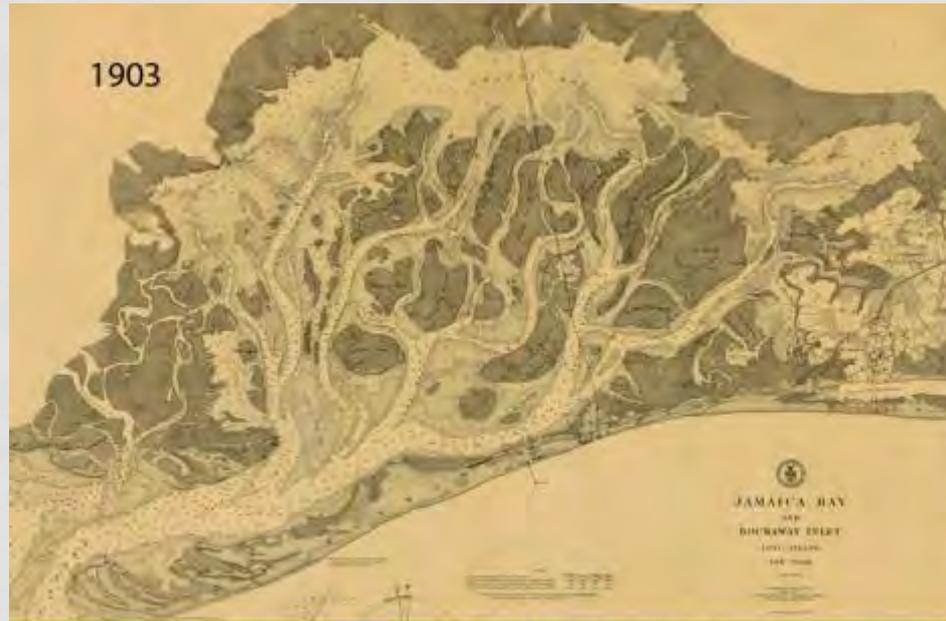


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# KEY IDEAS

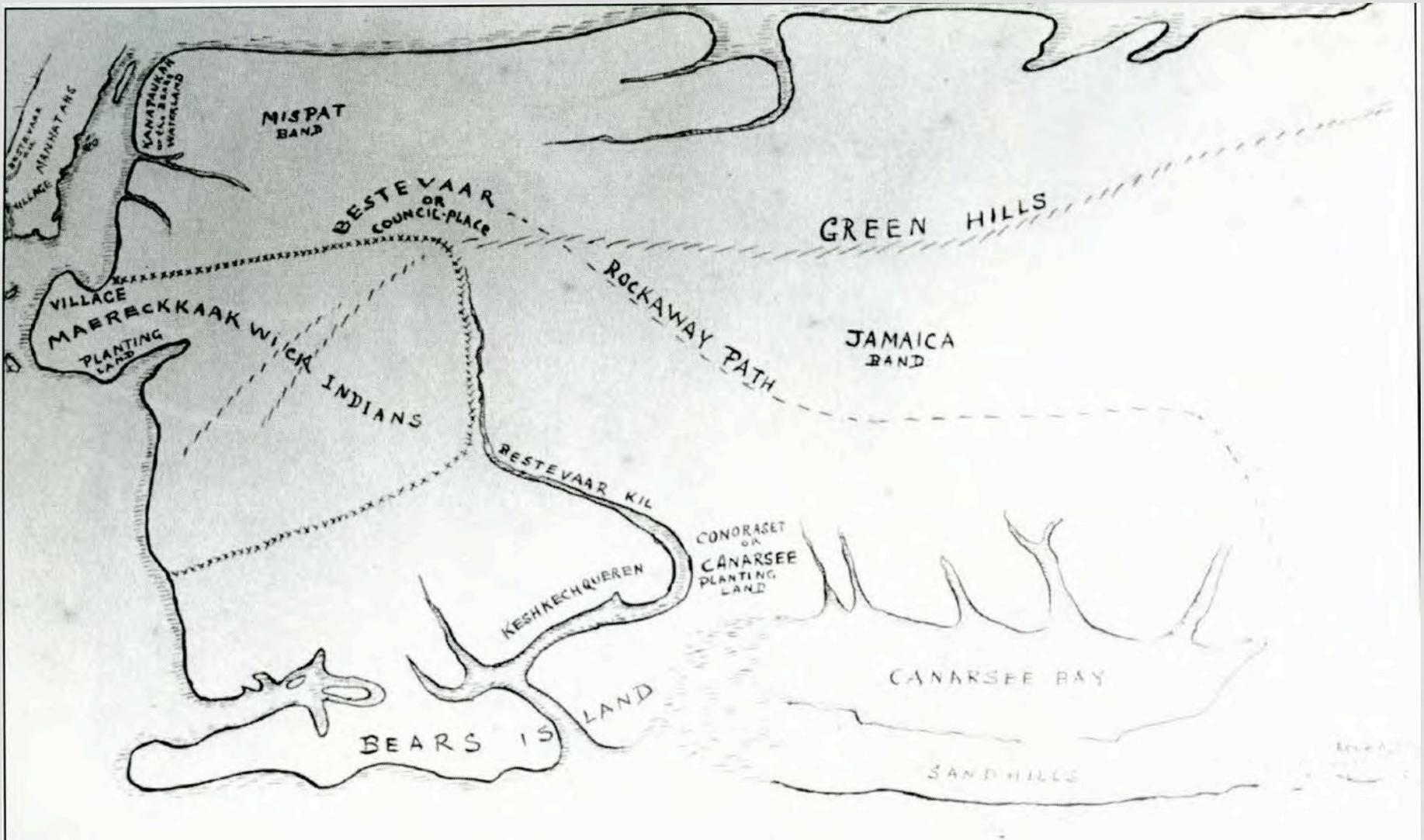
- Jamaica Bay has undergone significant socio-environmental change.
- Jamaica Bay communities have had a longstanding commitment and attachment to the estuary, despite socio-environmental change.
- Community involvement in environmental decision-making is key to building resiliency.



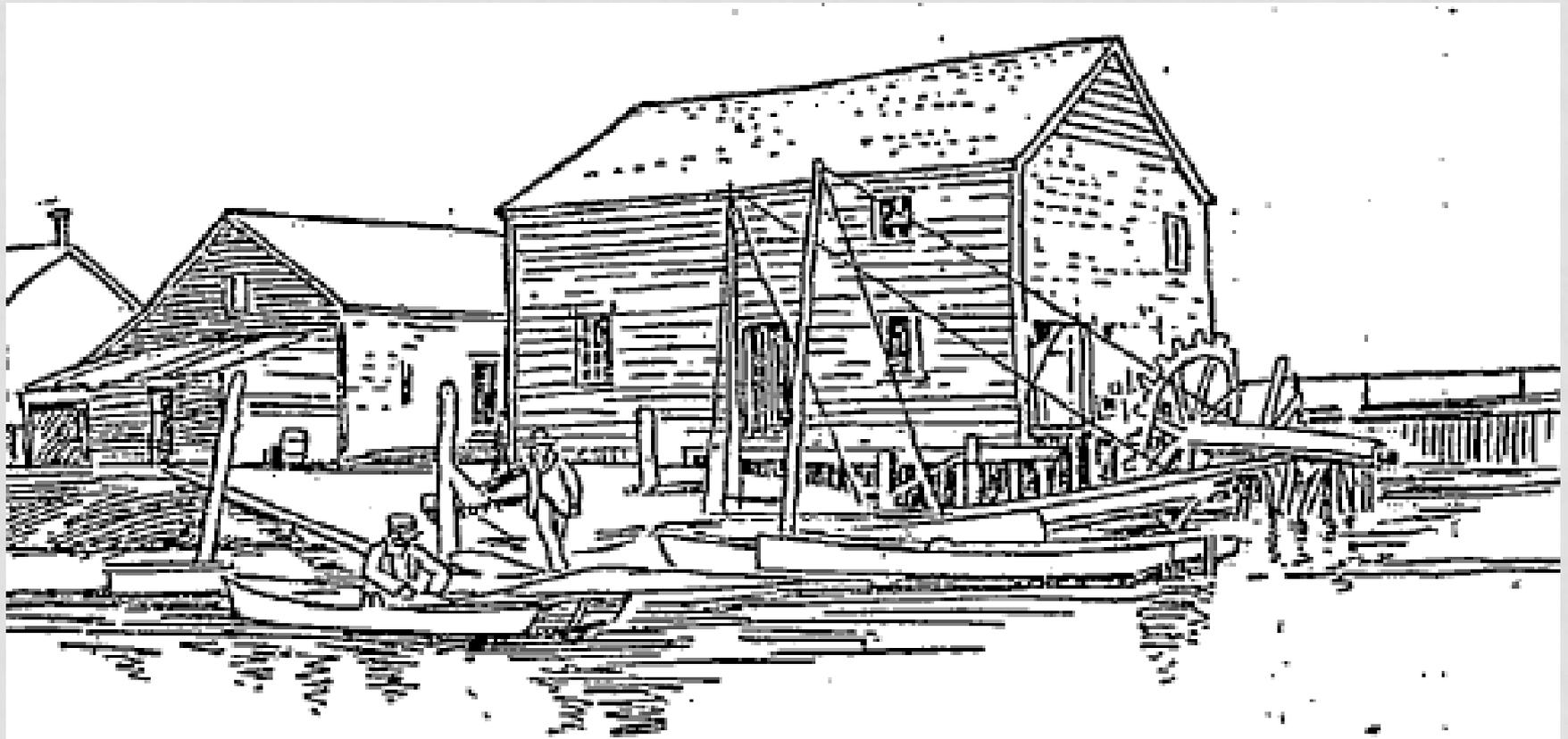
Courtesy [marshmakers.blogspot.com](http://marshmakers.blogspot.com)

A dense field of tall green grass, likely a marsh or wetland, with the grass blades standing upright and slightly curved. The color is a vibrant, natural green.

EARLY SUBSISTENCE  
IN JAMAICA BAY



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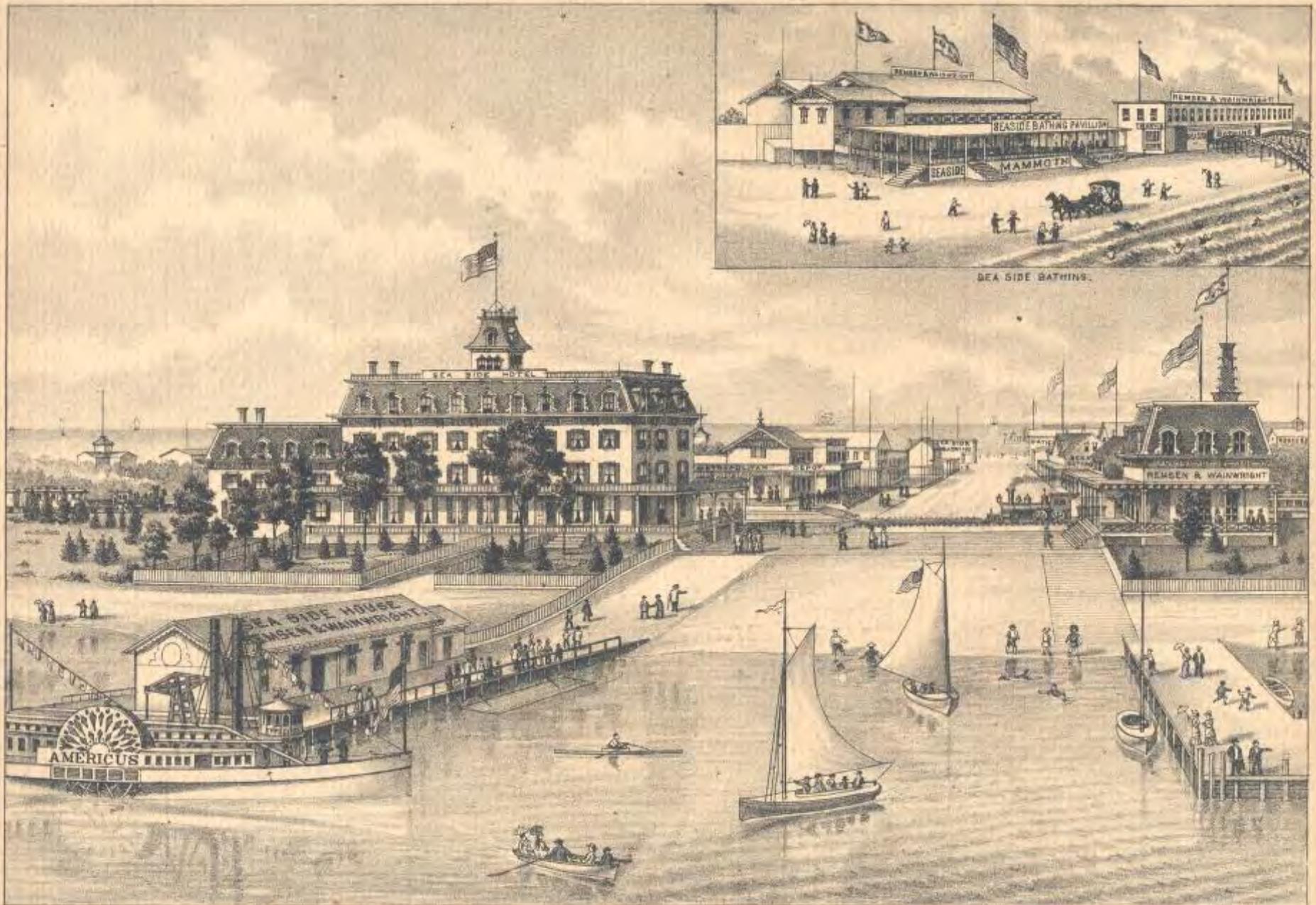


**The Old Mill, Jamaica Bay.**

Courtesy *The New York Times*



RECREATION & RESOURCE  
EXTRACTION



SEA SIDE HOUSE, Second Landing, Rockaway Beach, Long Island, REMSEN & WAINWRIGHT, Propr's.

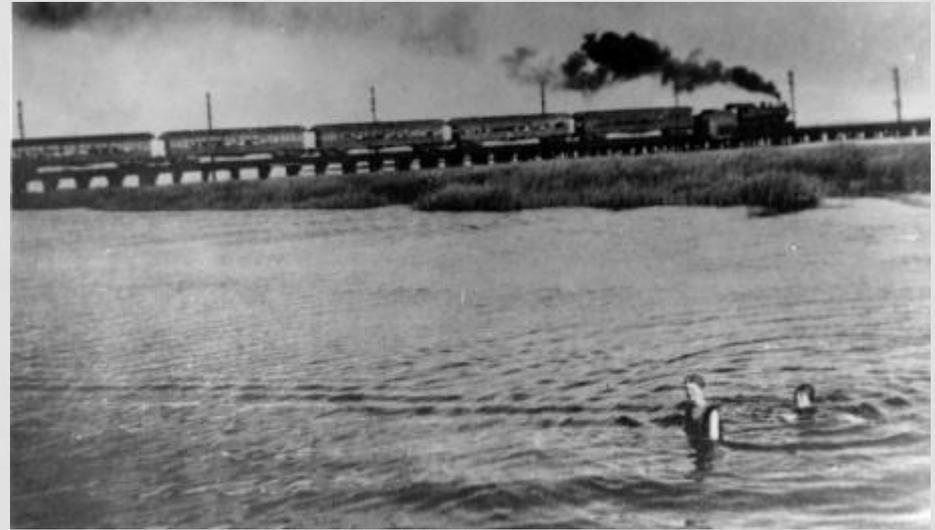
Accommodations for 400 Guests. Depot for all Steamboats and Trains. 1000 Bathing Houses. Still Water and Surf Bathing.



Courtesy *The New York Times*



Courtesy *Queens Courier*



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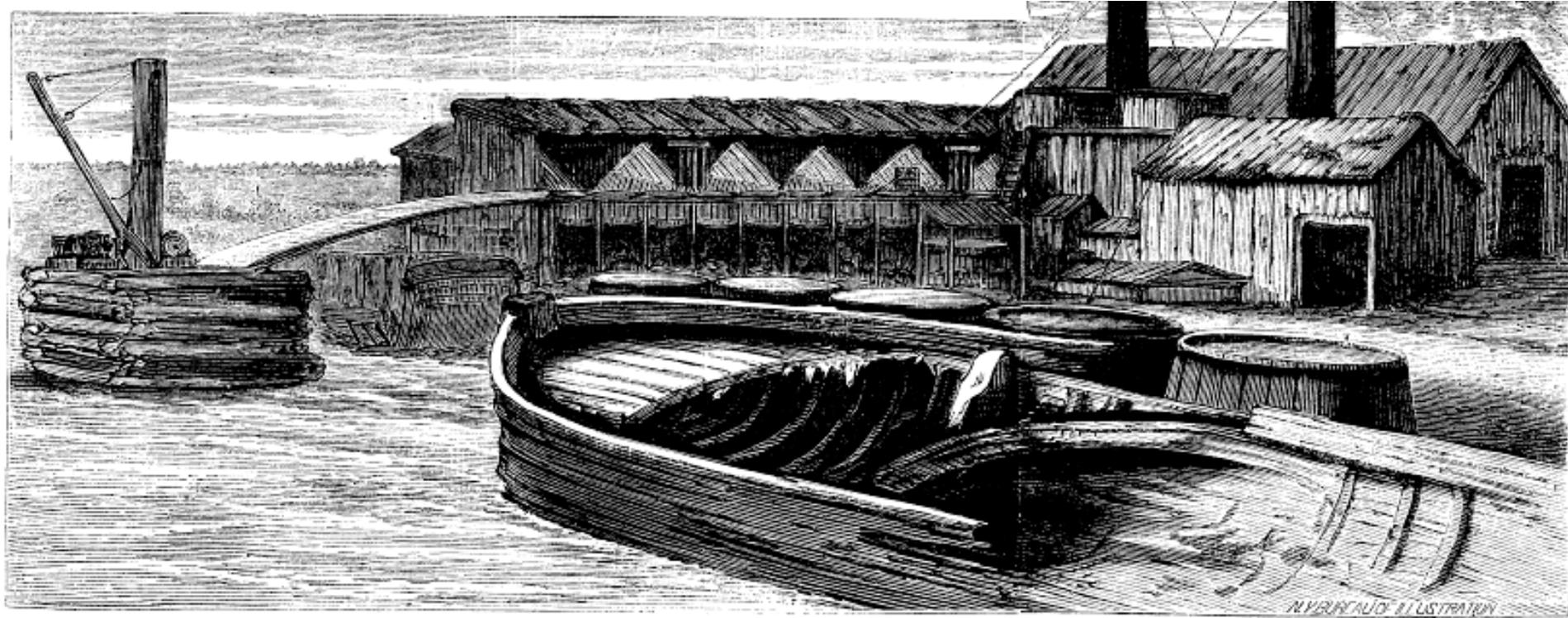
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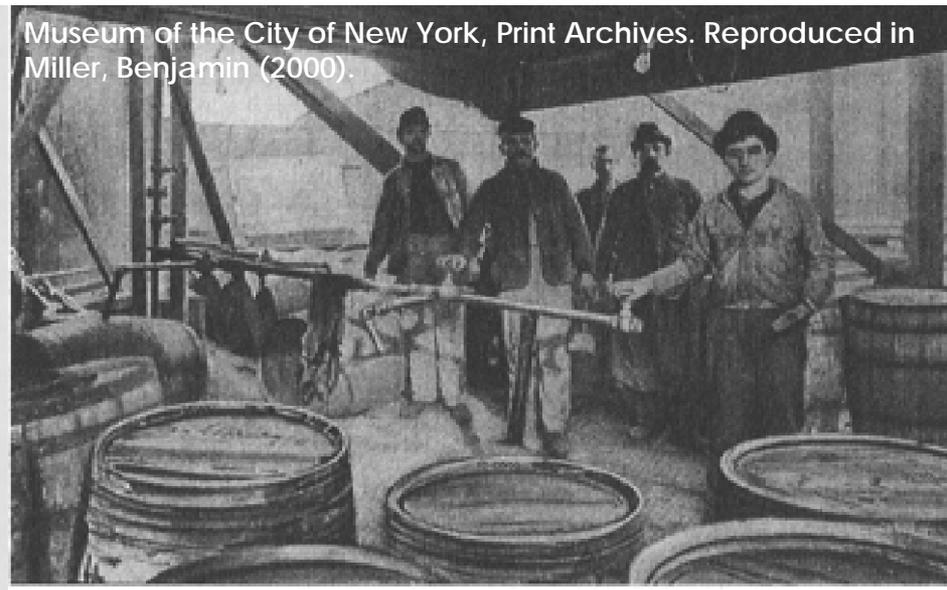


Canarsie Fishing 1914, Photo: OldCanarsie.com



*THE FISH-OIL MANUFACTORY ON BARREN ISLAND.*

Courtesy The Rockaway Siren



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# *Jamaica Bay, Foul With Sewage, Closed To Oyster Beds; 300,000 Bushels Gone*



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# INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT



# JAMAICA BAY TO BE A GREAT WORLD HARBOR



## A Vast Project For Transforming New York's Marshlands.

**M**ore than a hundred years ago the marshlands of New York City were a vast, unbroken expanse of water and mud. Today they are a city of a million people, and the project of transforming them into a harbor is one of the most important of the city's future.

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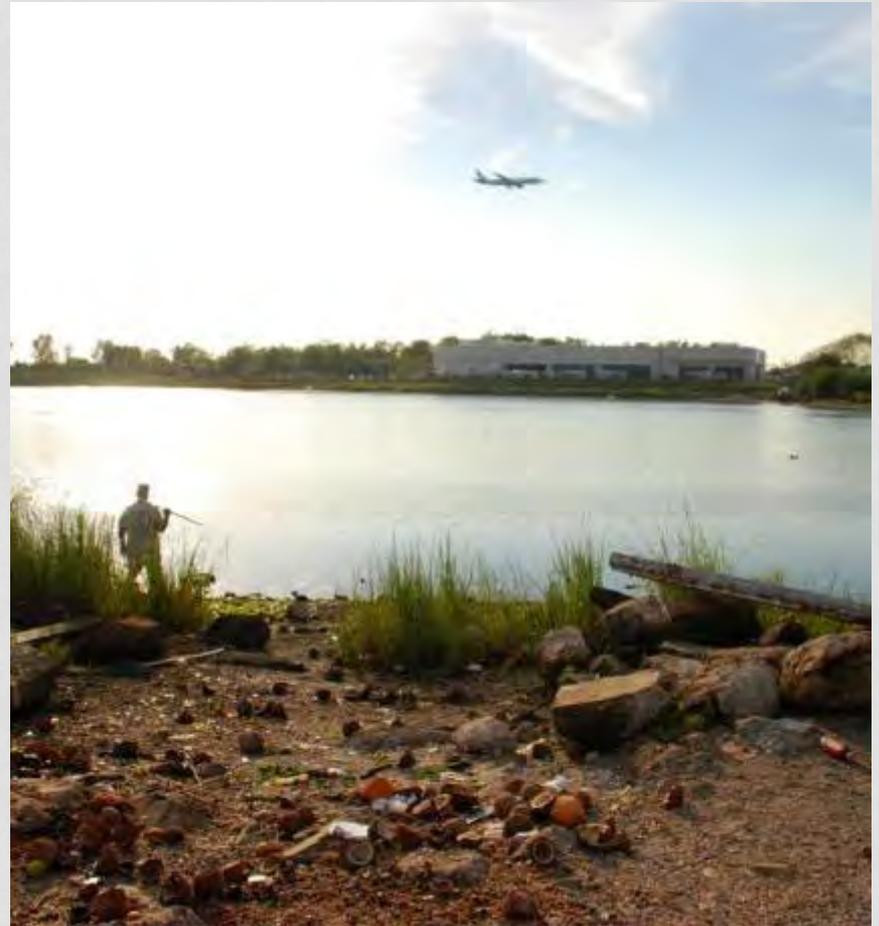
Courtesy Brooklyn Public Library



Courtesy nycparks.gov



Courtesy of Code Environmental Services



Courtesy Nathan Kensinger



Courtesy of Brooklyn College, CUNY

A wooden boardwalk with railings leads through a wetland area. The path is covered in fallen red and yellow leaves. Tall reeds are on the left, and colorful autumn trees are on the right.

# RECREATION & RESTORATION

Gateway  
National Recreation Area

Hamilton Beach

Park ·

Jamaica Bay Unit



# CANARSIE PIER



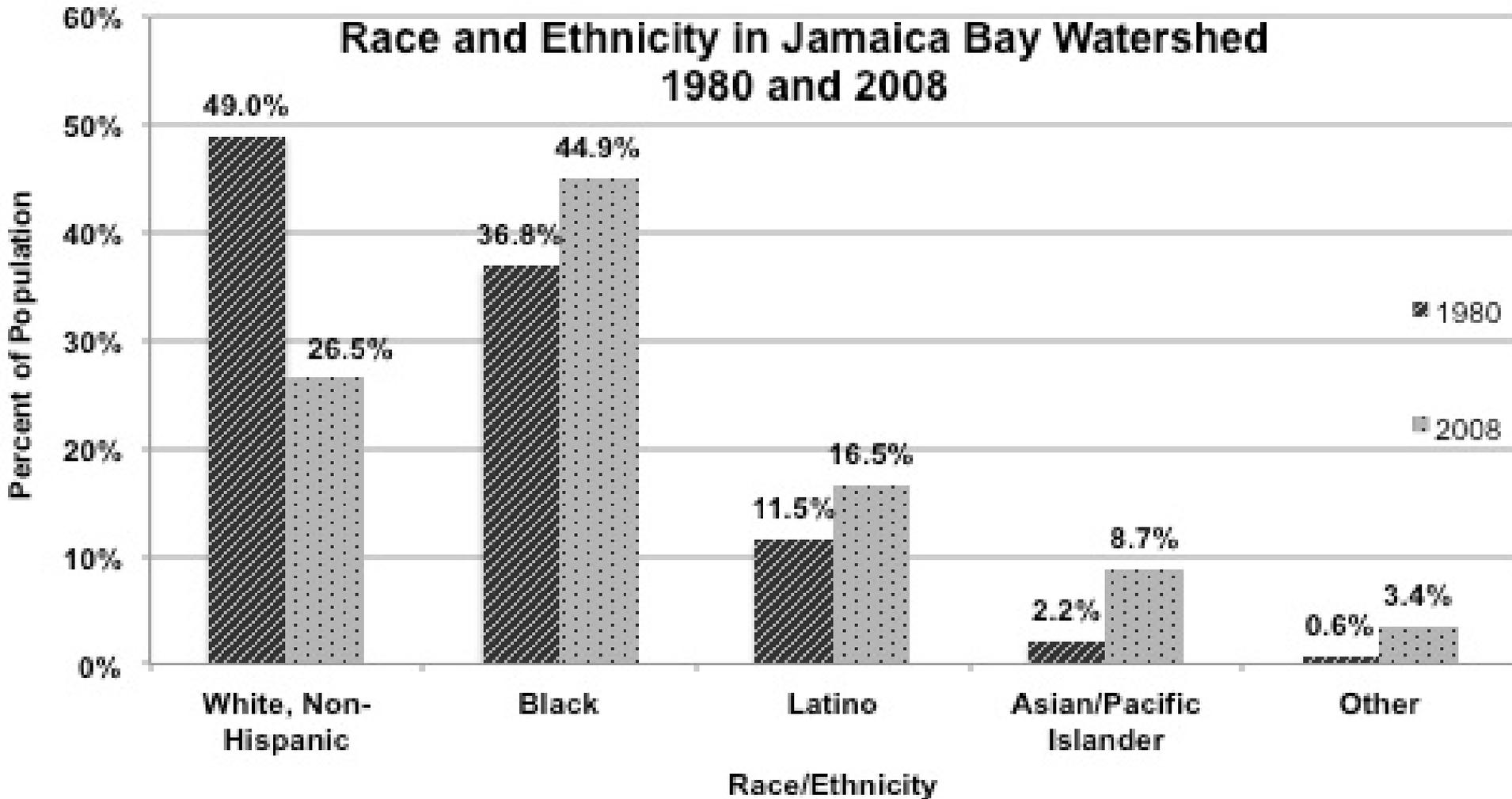


JAMAICA BAY WILDLIFE REFUGE



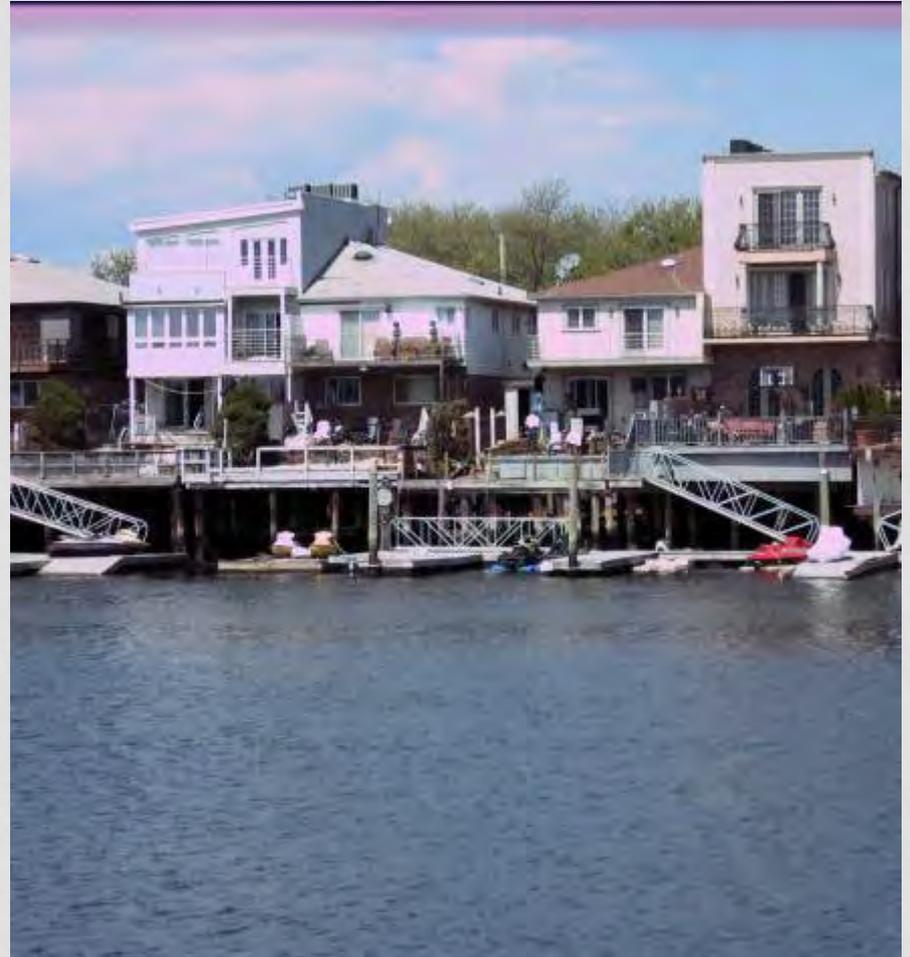
CONTINUITY & CHANGE IN  
JAMAICA BAY COMMUNITIES

## Race and Ethnicity in Jamaica Bay Watershed 1980 and 2008





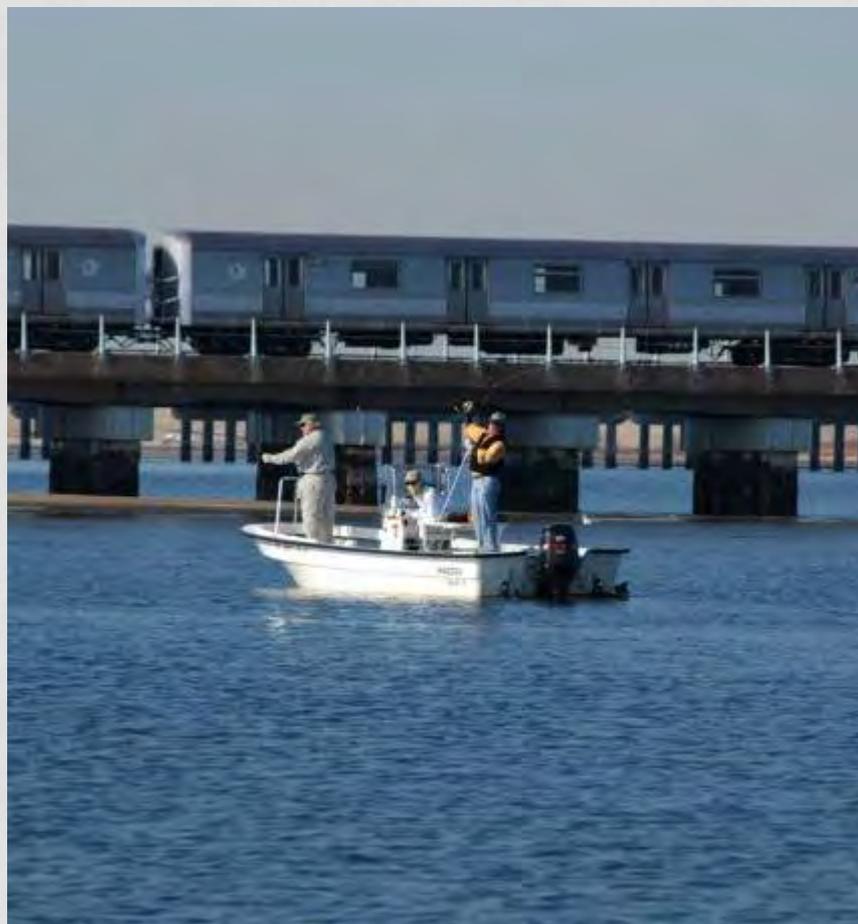
Meadowmere, Queens



Mill Basin, Brooklyn



Larry Seaman, Jr. Photo: Ben Gibberd



One More Cast, Salt Water Fishing Charters,  
Photo: One More Cast



NPS Ranger, Photo: Gateway National  
Recreation Area



Pumpout boat, Photo: NY/NJ Baykeeper



Bird Blind at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, Broad Channel



Boat Races, Gerritsen Beach Brooklyn



Photo: Robert Fieseler/The Brooklyn Ink



Courtesy Nate Kensinger



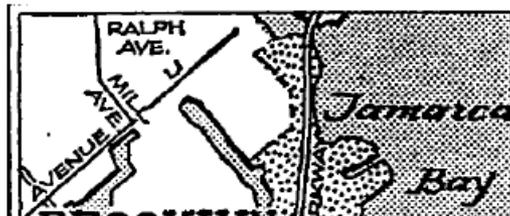
Remnants from Hindu Religious Rituals, North Channel Bridge

# DEFENDING THE BAY: COMMUNITY AND ECOSYSTEM RESILIENCY



# Brooklyn Debates Marsh Future: Birds or Boats?

**City Proposes a Commercial  
Center on the Mill Basin**



**'Who Needs It?' Residents  
Ask, Preferring Wetland**

## FISHERMEN EXCITED:

**How Barren Island Affects the Fishing  
in Jamaica Bay.**

Action Taken by the Flatlands Health Board.  
Fishermen Threatening to Burn the Fac-  
tories.

## WILL FIGHT FLYNN'S ROAD

**Jamaica Bay Yacht Club to Con-  
test His Advance Across  
the Meadows.**

**IT OWNS VALUABLE PROPERTY**

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## SEWERAGE PLANS REJECTED.

**THE PROTEST OF FAR ROCKAWAY PROP-  
ERTY OWNERS HEEDDED.**



Courtesy *The New York Times*



Fresh Creek Nature Preserve, Canarsie Brooklyn



Beach Clean-up, North Channel Bridge



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