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## Gateway News Release

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### **Scientists to Share Data on Jamaica Bay at *State of the Bay* Symposium Thursday, October 20**

Gateway National Recreation Area, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and Brooklyn College will host a scientific symposium concerning Jamaica Bay at the Brooklyn College Student Center on Thursday, October 20. *State of the Bay: Past, Present and Future - Revisited* is an all-day event featuring research by top scientists in the preservation and restoration of Jamaica Bay in New York Harbor.

Speakers will address a range of issues impacting the ecology of Jamaica Bay, a unique and irreplaceable ecological resource that has survived and often thrived alongside human habitats. Topics will include water quality and efforts to improve its habitat through projects such as marsh restoration and oyster replenishment. Content will be at the intermediate to advanced level. A tentative agenda may be found on Gateway's website at [http://www.nps.gov/gate/naturescience/upload/SOB\\_Schedule\\_web.pdf](http://www.nps.gov/gate/naturescience/upload/SOB_Schedule_web.pdf).

To register, please email [JBsymposiumsvp@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:JBsymposiumsvp@dep.nyc.gov) as soon as possible. Due to limited space, only 300 registrants will be guaranteed admittance.

Those who register for the October 20 symposium have the option of attending a cruise of Jamaica Bay on Friday, October 21, aboard the *American Princess*. The three-hour tour is only open to those who have registered for the all-day symposium on Thursday, October 20. Those interested in attending both events should mention this in the body of their message when they register.

*State of the Bay: Past, Present and Future - Revisited* is one of a series of symposia hosted by Gateway every few years to highlight on-going and emerging research. The original event, *State of the Bay: Past, Present and Future*, took place at the U.S. Customs House in 2008.

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*About Gateway National Recreation Area*

Established in 1972, Gateway National Recreation Area has more than 26,000 acres of marshes, wildlife sanctuaries and recreational athletic facilities, miles of sandy beaches; indoor and outdoor classrooms; picnicking and camping areas, as well as historic structures and military installations, airfields, a lighthouse, and adjacent waters around New York harbor. The park offers urban residents in two states a wide range of recreational opportunities year round. With more than nine million visitors a year, it is the third most visited national park in the country. For information about Gateway's upcoming public programs, see the park's Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/gate/index.htm>

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