



2007 Herbert Johnson Lecture Series It's about the bay!

The following presentations will be held at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Contact Station. To reserve your seat at one or all, please sign up at the information desk, or by calling: (718) 318-4340.

Jamaica Bay Marshes - An Update

Wednesday, March 7 at 7 p.m.

Patricia Rafferty, Coastal Ecologist for the National Park Service, has spent many months conducting research in the muck and mire of Jamaica Bay's marshes. Learn about ongoing studies aimed at determining the causes of marsh loss in the bay, and about current restoration efforts.

Green by Design

Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m.

W. Jose Higgins, Sustainable Design Consultant for Viridian Energy and Environmental, presents this program about the environmentally friendly features of the newly renovated Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Contact Station. Learn how innovative design and sustainable practices can work together to create a beautiful, functional and earth friendly building, and how you can incorporate elements of green design in your own home or business. A short slide presentation will be followed by a behind the scenes indoor tour of this award winning "green" facility.

Why the Watershed

Wednesday, March 21 at 7 p.m.

At over 142 square miles, the Jamaica Bay Watershed is home to nearly two million people, yet rich with wildlife, plants and natural habitats. John McLaughlin, Director of Ecological Services for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, will give an overview of some of the changes to the watershed that have taken place over the years, and how these changes affect the nature of Jamaica Bay.

Jamaica Bay's Ospreys, Owls and Falcons

Wednesday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

Christopher Nadeski, Director of Wildlife Studies for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, presents the newest news about these remarkably wild city denizens and top avian predators. Learn about trends in their local populations, where the birds nest locally and throughout New York City, and a bit about their biology and behavior.