

**Jamaica Bay Task Force Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005**  
**6:00 – 8:30pm**  
**Floyd Bennett Field**  
**Ryan Visitors Center**  
**Brooklyn, NY**

**Minutes**

Eugenia Flatow (NYC Soil and Water Conservation District) called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Karlee Yurek welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed a few items. Afterwards, various members of the JBTF reported on their organization's activities.

Len Houston reported on the status of the Jamaica Bay Marsh Islands Ecosystem Restoration project. An extensive question and answer period followed.

John Scialdone presented the Jamaica Bay Research and Management Information Network (JBRMIN), a component of the U.S Geological Survey National Biological Information Infrastructure (NBII) Northeast Information Node (NIN). JBRMIN is an attempt to capture and catalog research, management, and other activity occurring in the Bay, primarily to gauge the health of the bay. CIESIN has been building the JBRMIN website since 2003, gathering information from federal, state, regional, and local agencies, as well as universities and non-government organizations, culminating with a public release in April 2005. John felt JBRMIN could play a vital role in supporting JBTF activities, and planned to meet with Task Force officials to discuss areas of collaboration.

Eugenia Flatow concluded the meeting with a few remarks.

E. Flatow adjourned the meeting at 8:30.