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Regional Status of the Eastern Wild Turkey
Frederick “Chip” Hamilton, Senior Wildlife Biologist, NYSDEC

Odonate Biodiversity and Rarities on Long Island
Erin White, Zoologist for the New York Natural Heritage Program and coordinator for the New York Dragonfly and Damselfly Survey

Barn Owls of Jamaica Bay
Don Riepe, Jamaica Bay Guardian and Director of the Northeast Chapter, American Littoral Society

Living on the Edge in the Face of Climate Change: An Overview of Coastal Processes, Interventions and Adaptation
Kevin McAllister, Founder and President of Defend H2O

Climate Change and Global Warming Impacts on Marine Fish Distribution
Janet Nye, Assistant Professor, SoMAS, Stony Brook University

Jamaica Bay Marshes as Archives of Past Vegetation, Sediment and Pollution History in New York City
Dorothy M. Peteet, Senior Research Scientist, NASA/Goddard Institute for Space Studies & Adjunct Professor, Columbia University

Conservation Updates:
- Pine Barrens Research: Polly Weigand, Central Pine Barrens Commission
- White Sharks: Tobey Curtis, SOFO Shark Research and Education Program
- Southern Pine Beetle, Gypsy Moth and Oak Wilt: John Wernet, NYSDEC
- Menhaden: Carl Lobue, Senior Marine Scientist, The Nature Conservancy

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Great Ferns I Have Known
Andrew M. Greller, Queens College

The Pageantry of the Monarch Butterfly
John E. Potente, Long Island Botanical Society and Greentree Foundation’s Teachers’ Ecology Workshop

Coastal Adaptation: Harnessing the Power of Nature to Protect People
Alison Branco, Coastal Director for The Nature Conservancy, Long Island

Encounters with the Raccoon and the Virginia Opossum
Dell R. Cullum, Hampton Wildlife Rescue & Rehab / Imagination Nature

Envision Plum Island’s Conservation District
Louise Harrison, Save the Sound (NOTE: This is a working lunch session open to the general public to brainstorm ideas for managing Plum Island’s natural areas.)

Sharing the Shore with Coastal Birds
Amanda Pachomski, New York Audubon

The Comeback of the Osprey: Success Story or Trash Bird?
Aaron Virgin, Vice-president of Group for the East End

Conservation Updates:
- Northern Long-eared Bats: Samantha Hoff (NYSDEC)
- Fish Passages: Enrico Nardone (Seatuck) & Byron Young (ELI Audubon)
- Orchid Colony Restoration: Julie Sakellariadis (Garden Club of East Hampton)
- Diamondback Terrapins: John Turner (Seatuck)