

DEP PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE TO KICK-OFF WATER QUALITY PLANNING PROCESS FOR LOCAL WATERWAYS

The NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is kicking off its program to develop Long Term Control Plans (LTCPs) for NYC waterbodies impacted by combined sewer overflows (CSOs) with a Public Open House on:

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

3:00pm to 8:00pm

**Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Visitor Center
329 Greenpoint Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11222**

***DEP will provide a brief presentation on the LTCP process at 4:00pm and again at 6:30pm.
Poster displays will be open to the public between 3:00pm and 8:00pm.***

WHAT IS A LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN?

On March 8, 2012, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and DEP signed a groundbreaking agreement to reduce CSOs using a hybrid green and gray infrastructure approach. As part of this agreement, DEP will develop LTCPs, or comprehensive evaluations of long term solutions, to reduce CSOs and improve water quality in NYC's waterbodies and waterways. The goal of each LTCP is to identify appropriate CSO controls necessary to achieve waterbody-specific water quality standards, consistent with the Federal CSO Policy and the water quality goals of the Clean Water Act (CWA).

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

At the Open House, you will be able to learn about DEP's current and upcoming efforts to reduce CSOs and how you can provide input on possible solutions. Also, DEP and DEC staff will be available throughout the session to answer any questions you may have.

To RSVP, please email Shane Ojar at SOjar@dep.nyc.gov or call DEP's Community Partnerships Office at (718) 595-3496.

For more information on DEP's CSO program, please visit our web site at www.nyc.gov/dep or on www.Facebook.com/NYCWater

HOW TO GET THERE

Take the G train to Greenpoint Avenue. Use the Greenpoint/Manhattan Avenue exit. With the McDonald's on your left, walk along Greenpoint Avenue one long block east and cross McGuinness Boulevard. Continue on Greenpoint Avenue to the next traffic light and cross Provost. The Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant will be on your left. Follow the fence-line and continue walking until you reach the main gate to the plant, at a traffic light on Humboldt Street. The Visitor Center will be in front of you. It is a two-story orange brick building surrounded by a garden and water sculpture.

