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Wreck Pond “Lunch and Learn” By Katie Conrad

On Saturday February 27, NJFO participated in the Wreck Pond Lunch and Learn organized by the American Littoral Society (ALS), the main FWS partner on the Restoring Wreck Pond Inlet Project designed to enhance fish passage; reduce flooding of surrounding communities; and improve water quality within the Boroughs of Spring Lake and Sea Girt. The public were invited to watch a video called [Climate Change and The Jersey Shore](#) by The New Jersey Climate Adaptation Alliance; enjoy a free lunch; watch a presentation on the background and status of restoration work at Wreck Pond; and ask coastal resiliency professionals questions. The event was located within the Duggan Memorial Building in Spring Lake, New Jersey.



Captain Al Modjeski presenting on the Wreck Pond Project.



Panel participants included Tim Dillingham (Executive Director of ALS), Captain Al Modjeski (Habitat Restoration Program Director of ALS), Katie Conrad (USFWS NJFO), and Sheri Shifren (Environmental Scientist at the NJDEP’s Division of Water Monitoring and Standards).

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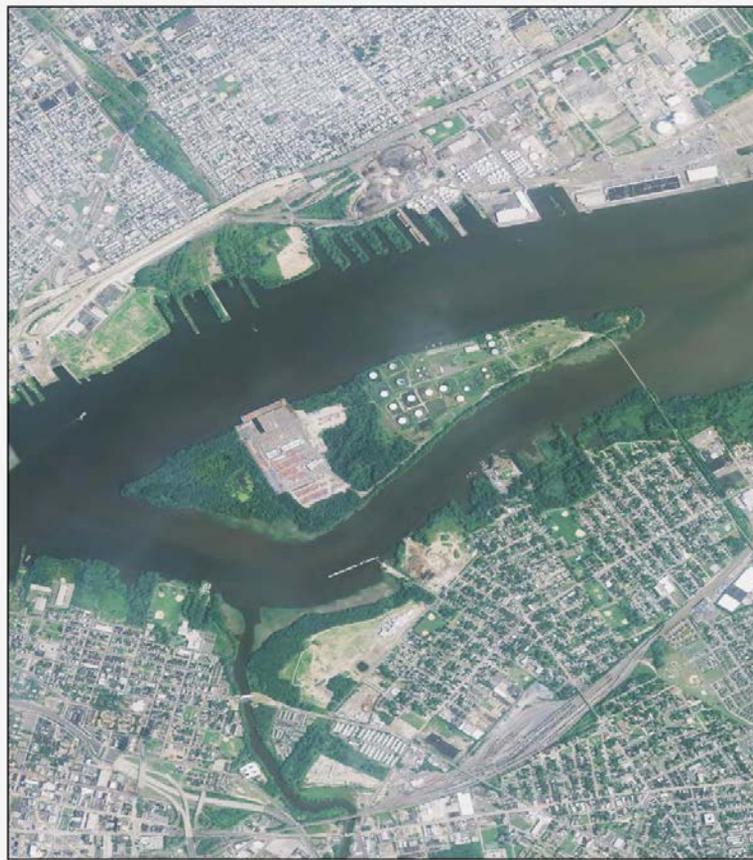
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Petty's Island By Steve Mars

Petty's Island, located in Pennsauken Township and adjacent to the Cities of Philadelphia, PA and Camden, NJ, is now deeded for perpetual conservation protection. The 192-acre island has a storied past with the Service including: being considered as a National Wildlife Refuge holding and a law enforcement investigation for the "take" of the bald eagle. The site was subject to intense development pressure. The NJFO staff assisted numerous conservation organizations to seek a long-term protection agreement with the land owner, Citgo Oil Company. The island provides a unique habitat setting in an urban watershed for migratory birds. Recently, Citgo Oil Company, agreed to place a conservation easement on the entire property and transfer the lands to the New Jersey Natural Lands Trust, with a commitment to remediate the site to wildlife protection standards. Currently, the New Jersey Audubon Society, the Delaware Riverkeeper, and the Cooper River Watershed Association provide education opportunities to residents of the City of Camden, including bird watching, nature hikes, river clean-ups, and environmental education.

Petty's Island, Pensauken Township, New Jersey



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NJFO Strategic Plan Meeting **By Eric Schradling**

The NJFO completed its 2016 Strategic Plan at the Jacques Cousteau Coastal Center on February 29. Prior to the meeting staff reached out to our partners to get feedback on their priorities to help guide the discussion. We arrived at 21 prioritized Action Items for the NJFO for 2016 and identified the top 5 conservation goals/objectives.

