

COMMUNITY BOARD #3

**655 Rossville Avenue
Staten Island, N. Y. 10309**

Environmental Committee Minutes

November, 2011

The November 15th, 2011 Environmental Committee meeting was cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS:

On Thursday, October 27, 2011 Edward Canlon attended a meeting, with about 65 other concerned citizens, hosted by the National Parks Service at Great Kills Park to hear updates regarding the contamination in Great Kills Park. Almost half the park, 223 acres created from landfill, was closed after radium was found several years ago beneath the surface in 15 2 feet by 2 feet spots, 6 spots have been removed. Small pockets of radium were first noted in 2005 and subsequent investigations in 2009 led to the closure of the park's ball fields and model-airplane field. The rest of Great Kills Park remains open for other visitor activities.

Kathleen Cuzzolino, environmental specialist for Gateway National Recreation Area, said a full investigation will determine the extent of the soil contamination inside the 488-acre park and analyze cleanup alternatives.

- By the end of this year a radiological survey, including water and soil sampling should begin, but a completion date was not specified.
- In order to locate potentially dangerous spots in the park some vegetation will be removed.
- Ms. Cuzzolino confirmed that endangered plant species and large trees will not be affected.
- A remediation plan will be developed based on the study's findings, but it's not yet known what that would entail – or when it would start.
- Cabrera Services, a firm that specializes in engineering and remediation services for radioactive, hazardous and toxic sites was contracted in April to perform a study of the contaminated areas and recommend cleanup options.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Thursday November 30th, 7:30 p.m. at P.S. 32 @ 32 Elverton Ave there will be a Public Meeting with NYC DEP to discuss the future development of "Brookfield Park".

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Canlon
Environmental Committee