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The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will participate in two one-day environmental workshops to help restore the Idlewild Park Wetlands in Southeast Queens, near JFK Airport. In celebration of Earth Day, the Eastern Queens Alliance (EQA), a federation of civic associations, is sponsoring the workshop. Their purpose is to raise community awareness about the value of wetlands, estuaries and the freshwater and salt marshes in Idlewild Park.

Date/Time FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2005 9:30 am - 2:30 pm SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2005 9:30 am - 2:00 pm Registration: Participants must pre-register for either day. To make reservations or for further information . Call (718) 723 -6186 or (866) Eqa-4All or e-mail: eqa@att.net. Participants: All members of the community are welcome to select either day's presentation. . In addition, on Friday, April 22 nd, 45 fourth grade students from P.S. 181 will participate in the workshop for a hands-on opportunity to plant freshwater wetland plugs, trees and shrubs as they receive valuable information about protecting their natural environment. Location: Participants will meet at Springfield Park House in Springfield Park for a presentation by workshop leaders from Department of Parks' Natural Resources Group (NRG)and DEP's Office of Environmental Planning and Assessment about wetlands in general and more specifically, Idlewild Park before moving on to Idlewild Park. . They will learn about invasive species, their impact and the removal process, about the wide variety of wetland plants and the planting process. After a short lunch, provided by the Eastern Queens Alliance, participants will go to Idlewild Park (approximately at noon) to plant emergent wetland plants and shrubs around the freshwater wetland area near 225 th Street south of 149 th Avenue.

The workshop is funded by a 5Star grant from the National Fish and Wildlife. In addition to the NYC Department of Parks and DEP, others working with the Idlewild Park

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