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Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant to Host Annual Valentine’s Day Tours




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The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced that the Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant will once again be opened to the public for Valentine’s Day tours. The tours will be held on Saturday, February 11, and will be led by plant operators. Tours will include a short overview of the wastewater treatment process followed by a visit to the 120-foot high observation deck located atop the iconic digester eggs. There, visitors will enjoy scenic views of the New York City skyline. There are three tour times scheduled for Feb. 11—11am, 1pm and 3pm—and [reservations](#) are taken on a first come, first served basis. The tours will begin at the Visitors Center, which is located at 329 Greenpoint Avenue.

Located in Brooklyn’s Greenpoint neighborhood, the Newtown Creek plant went into operation in 1967 and serves approximately 1 million residents in a drainage area of more than 15,000 acres (25 square miles), including portions of Manhattan, western Queens and northern Brooklyn. The plant is the City’s largest wastewater treatment facility and is in the final stages of a \$5 billion upgrade that has increased its wet weather capacity to over 700 million gallons a day. Newtown Creek has also been honored by The New York City Public Design Commission with two Awards for Excellence in Design.

DEP manages New York City’s water supply, providing approximately 1 billion gallons of high quality drinking water each day to more than 9 million residents, including 8.5 million in New York City. The water is delivered from a watershed that extends more than 125 miles from the city, comprising 21 reservoirs and

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