

## School District and Partners Fall 2006

- Bellport  
*Wertheim Preserve USFW*
- Brentwood  
*Suffolk County  
Department of Parks*
- Deer Park  
*New York State DEC*
- East Hampton High School  
Research Program  
*Town of East Hampton*
- Hampton Bays  
*Town of Southampton*
- Kings Park  
*New York State DEC*
- Longwood Middle School  
(5th grade)  
*Town of Brookhaven*
- Longwood Junior High School  
*Town of Brookhaven*
- Longwood High School  
*Town of Brookhaven*
- Mattituck – Cutchogue  
Elementary School  
*Peconic Land Trust*
- Middle Country Elementary  
School (5th grade)  
*Village of Lake Grove*
- Miller Place  
North Country Middle School  
*Brookhaven Town  
Miller Place Pond*
- Mt. Sinai  
Middle, and High School  
*Brookhaven Town  
Mt. Sinai Harbor*
- Patchogue-Medford Elementary,  
Middle, and High School  
*Town of Brookhaven  
Swan Pond, Fish Thicket*
- Riverhead High School  
*School District Property/  
Peconic River*
- Sachem East High School  
*Town of Brookhaven L.I. Glacial  
Ridge Nature Preserve*
- Sayville  
*Audubon Society*
- Shoreham Wading River Middle  
School  
*Town of Brookhaven*
- Southampton High School  
*Town of Southampton*
- William Floyd High School  
*Wertheim Preserve-USFW*

## Open Space Stewardship Program

In January of 2006 the Office of Educational Programs (OEP) at the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory launched the Open Space Stewardship Program as part of its Green Institute. GREEN stands for "Gaining Research Experience in the Environment." This new program fosters partnerships between schools and land stewards in their local communities. Students in grades K through 12 will perform environmental research on undeveloped land owned either by a public or private agency.



*to discuss utilizing specific properties within the district. Also discussed was the upcoming summer teacher workshop.*

- June 27, 2006 – Third meeting with OSSP teachers and land stewards

*This meeting was designed to discuss matching school districts with properties and to discuss the results of the Protocol subcommittee meeting, and finalize the plans for the teacher workshop in July.*

This program is designed to:

- benefit land stewards in the management of their property
- help students to learn about the scientific process through working with real-life data in the field.
- promote scientific literacy
- encourage students to consider careers in science and technology.
- foster a sense of civic responsibility and respect for open space property in participating students.

- January 27, 2006 - Initial meeting with teachers, school administrators, state, county and local officials and land stewards

*Keynote address by New York State Assemblyman Steve Englebright*

*This initial meeting presented the program concept, gained support from the various constituencies and identified issues related to the successful implementation of the program*

- March 31, 2006- Follow up meeting with teachers, school administrators, school officials, state, county and local officials, lands stewards and environmentalists

*At this meeting participating school districts shared and discussed their initial plans for working with open space in their communities. School districts also met with land stewards*

- July 24 –28, 2006 – Open Space Stewardship Program Teacher Workshop.

Thirty teachers from 11 different school districts participated in a five day teacher workshop.

*The workshop provided a hands-on opportunity for teachers to learn the protocols and to gain experience with the equipment they would use with their students during the 2006-07 school year.*

*Topics included GPS lessons, water and soil chemistry testing, and ecological sampling techniques*

*Teachers also met with land stewards and finalized plans for how they will use the OSSP in their districts.*

- Fall 2006 – Developed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Long Island Science Center in Riverhead to enable us to use funds to order equipment for teachers in the OSSP

- November 16, 2006 – Distributed \$13000.00 worth of basic equipment to teachers in the Open Space Stewardship Program This included GPS units, Soil and Water Test Kits, Sampling Nets, Field Books, Waders and Monitoring equipment.

- December 19, 2006- Fall Meeting with OSSP teachers. Sharing of progress in each district and discussion of funding issues, equipment needs, transportation issues.

- Winter meeting date:

*February 28, 2007  
at Brookhaven National Laboratory*

- Spring Student Symposium:

*Date to be Announced*

*For updates, go to [www.greenosp.org](http://www.greenosp.org).*

