



Department of  
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Conservation

# CIBRO-Savannah NRD Restoration

## Arthur Kill Staten Island, Richmond County

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1990 the Cibro-Savannah barge exploded and caught fire as it was leaving the dock at the Citgo Petroleum Corporation terminal in Linden, NJ. The explosion ruptured cargo tanks and spilled No. 2 fuel oil into the waters of New York (Arthur Kill) and New Jersey. Released oil eventually reached shorelines and property owned by the United States, the State of New York, State of New Jersey, and City of New York. In the end, approximately 127,000 gallons of fuel oil remained unaccounted for. The river was temporarily closed for recreational activities because of the spill. It is unknown how much oil was lost to the environment.

## Restoration Efforts

The project involves the Old Place Creek Access Site on Staten Island, New York. The Old Place Creek Access Site is an 8-acre parcel purchased by Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in 2003 with Exxon-Bayway NRD monies. The site was purchased to construct a hand-launch canoe and kayak site which provides better opportunities to access Old Place Creek for recreation. In addition, the site also provides wetland and upland buffer restoration opportunities. DEC enacted this project, opening a new accessible Canoe and Kayak launch at the Old Place Creek Access Site, providing the first public access to critical wildlife habitat in northwestern Staten Island. The completion of this project marks another milestone in the effort to increase public access to DEC Lands across the state.



### Contaminants of Concern

Oil (#2 Fuel Oil)

### Restoration Project

- Accessible Canoe and Kayak hand launch on Staten Island
- Site Includes:
  - Accessible hand launch for canoes and kayaks
  - Accessible viewing platform
  - 5-car parking area with one accessible parking space
- The project was funded through monies obtained by the New York State Attorney General's Office in a settlement reached with Montauk Oil Transportation Corp. over the oil spill from its Cibro-Savannah barge.

