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New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC) Hosts Special Book Signing and Talk With Jim Wright and Governor Thomas H. Kean

*Event Celebrates Publication of “The Nature of the Meadowlands”
NJMC’s Must-Read New Coffee-Table Book Chronicles Region’s Natural History*

LYNDHURST, N.J. – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC) will celebrate the publication of its new coffee-table book, “The Nature of the Meadowlands,” with a special book talk and signing by author Jim Wright of the NJMC and Governor Thomas H. Kean, who wrote the book’s foreword. The public signing and talk is on Monday, Oct. 15, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Meadowlands Environment Center.

“The Nature of the Meadowlands’ is a spectacular book that tells the fascinating story of the natural transformation of the region through rare and eye-opening current and historical images and authoritative writing,” said Marcia Karrow, Executive Director of the NJMC. “It is an inspiring must-read and a great keepsake.”

“The Commission is delighted to welcome Governor Kean, a tireless advocate for the preservation of the Meadowlands who played a key role in the creation of DeKorte Park, the home of the NJMC,” Karrow said. “Governor Kean was also instrumental in ending the Meadowlands’ use as a regional landfill, enabling the NJMC to move forward with its land acquisition and preservation initiatives.”

The lavishly illustrated, 128-page book illuminates the Meadowlands’ natural and unnatural history, including its darkest days of a half-century ago and its environmental revival. It also celebrates the amazing landscapes and parks to be found here, including the Kearny Marsh, Secaucus’s Laurel Hill and DeKorte Park. Individual chapters are devoted to birds, butterflies, and mammals –with a final photo-essay section that captures the essence of the Meadowlands throughout the year.

At the Oct. 15 talk and signing, Governor Kean will speak about the environmental recovery chronicled in “The Nature of the Meadowlands” and Wright will give a slide show talk highlighting its striking photography.

To register for the event, or to reserve your discounted copy of “The Nature of the Meadowlands,” call 201-460-4637 or email info@njmeadowlands.gov.

The “Nature of the Meadowlands” will be available in early October. The list price is \$34.95. Those who reserve the book by Oct. 1 will receive a 20 percent discount for a cost of \$27.95.

The Meadowlands Environment Center is located at 2 DeKorte Park Plaza in Lyndhurst.

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