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***Saving The Great Swamp* / Thirteen Primetime Broadcast | January 3rd at 10:00 pm**

New Jersey, December 21, 2018 – The new one-hour documentary, *Saving The Great Swamp: Battle to Defeat the Jetport*, will air primetime on **Thirteen/WNET New York** on January 3rd at 10:00pm. Narrated by **Blythe Danner**, the award-winning film chronicles the historic struggle to preserve a rural area of New Jersey between 1959 and 1968.

Saving The Great Swamp: Battle to Defeat the Jetport centers on the fight that began when the powerful Port of New York Authority announced plans to construct a huge 10,000 acre "jetport" 26 miles west of New York City in a little-known place called the Great Swamp. In the name of progress, entire towns would be obliterated, the aquifer and wildlife destroyed, and a way-of-life threatened for thousands of people. The events that followed became one of the most defining environmental confrontations of its time - a grassroots movement that started in a local high school and grew to historic proportions. It was a battle that took almost a decade, a President and an Act of Congress to stop, and led to the creation of a national treasure - **Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge**.

Two years in the making, *Saving The Great Swamp: Battle to Defeat the Jetport* was directed by seasoned filmmaker **Scott Morris** and co-produced by **Larry Fast**. The film features in-depth interviews with residents, historians and officials, and a rich tapestry of historic film footage, old photographs and high-end cinematography of the Great Swamp today. Funding was provided by philanthropic organizations and individuals through **Community Foundation of New Jersey**.

Distributed nationally by **APT** (American Public Television), the Thirteen/WNET broadcast is the first primetime showing to reach the largest public television audience in the Tri-State area. In 2017, the film was also shown in local public screenings in New Jersey and at film festivals. Among other accolades, the film won **Best Documentary** at the fall 2017 **New Jersey Film Festival**.

To see the trailer, a list of funders and other information, visit www.savingthegreatswamp.com. Downloadable images are available along with links to press releases, videos, reviews and articles.

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