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Saving The Great Swamp - Primetime Rebroadcast on NJTV – April 18th at 8:00 pm

New Jersey, April 10, 2018 – **NJTV** will rebroadcast the award-winning documentary, ***Saving The Great Swamp: Battle to Defeat the Jetport***, on Wednesday, April 18th at 8:00pm. Narrated by **Blythe Danner**, the one-hour film chronicles the historic grassroots effort to prevent a major airport from being built in a semi-rural area of New Jersey between 1959 and 1968.

Completed last year, the film is currently distributed nationally by **APT** (American Public Television). **NJTV** premiered the film in November and has scheduled the broadcast in celebration of Earth Day. A second airing is set for April 22nd at 11:00 pm. Among other accolades, the film won **Best Documentary** at the Fall 2017 **New Jersey Film Festival** and is an Official Selection of this year's **Princeton Environmental Film Festival**.

Saving The Great Swamp 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**. The inspiring story continues to resonate as a model for community action in the face of powerful forces.

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**.

To see the trailer 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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