



# Turning the Tide

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Monday, February 19, 2007, at 7:30 pm

## Delicately Balanced Between Land and Water – Home to a Wide Variety of Plants and Wildlife – Encircled by Highways and Bordered by Cities

Rivers and streams wind through open space, under bridges and roadways, past towns and historic sites, and near habitat that is home to numerous bird species.

Since the time of the pilgrims, more than half of the wetlands in the lower 48 states have been destroyed. Often misunderstood, America's wetlands are commonly seen as wastelands – too wet to be easily built upon or farmed, yet a perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes. Now recognized as a critical natural resource, the tide is turning for wetlands. This change in attitude has inspired individual action as well as major policy changes to help protect, preserve and revitalize these special places.

Shot in High Definition video, this half-hour documentary showcases the hidden beauty of the tidal areas in and around the Hackensack Meadowlands of northern New Jersey and the Hamilton -Trenton Marsh just south of the state capital of Trenton. Travel these wetlands with NJN and be surprised at what you see.

### Appearing in the Program

[Dr. Charles Leck](#), Retired Professor of Ecological Sciences at Cook College, Rutgers University;

[Dr. Mary Alessio Leck](#), Retired Professor of Biology at Rider University;

[Gabrielle Bennett-Meany](#), Outreach Naturalist for the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission;

[Bill Sheehan](#), Executive Director and Founder of the Hackensack Riverkeeper;

[Don Smith](#), Retired Senior Naturalist with the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission;

[Ralph Tiner](#), Nationally Recognized Expert on Wetlands and Author;

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### Production Team

*Turning the Tide* is co-produced by [Lynn Kosek Walker](#), writer, and [Bob Szuter](#), editor. The executive producer is [Janice Selinger](#). Narrated by [Avery Brooks](#). Original Music composed by [Robert Sands](#). Camera and audio by Mike Budd, Paul Horvath, Aubrey Kauffman, Scott Neall and Jeff Reisly.



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