



THE FORMER NAVY/GRUMMAN SITE **BETHPAGE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD** SEEKS NEW MEMBERS!



If you are interested in serving on the Bethpage RAB, please complete a membership request form. Upon submission, forms will be reviewed and approved by a selection panel who reviews the applicants' commitment level, and ensures members represent interests of community. Use the [QR code to access the NAVFAC website](#) for more information and the link to the form.

WHAT IS A RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)?

A RAB is a collective forum of residents, government agencies, tribes, and installation decision makers that discuss, and identify the best way to restore the environment at a site formerly owned by the Department of Defense (DOD).

RAB members should be a cross-section of the local community who embody diverse community interests. This ensures equitable representation and that information reaches all residents.

WHERE & WHEN?

Typically there are two annual meetings for the Bethpage RAB held in April and November. All meetings are announced and held at a location within the community; some meetings may be held virtually.

All residents are encouraged to attend RAB meetings which are open to the public. The public is also encouraged to contact official RAB members with questions or concerns throughout the cleanup process.

A RAB is not a decision-making body, however, members do provide input to installation decision makers and have direct access to environmental agencies overseeing the cleanup. They also share community questions, concerns, and ideas with those agencies involved in the cleanup.

WHY IS A RAB IMPORTANT?

The Navy encourages community involvement throughout the entire environmental restoration process. Residents, who understand their community, and volunteer to represent it, provide meaningful input regarding the cleanup activities within their community. While the public can comment on the DOD's efforts, RABs are a focused and interactive opportunity to participate in the process.

