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### **2017 NFEC Monthly Speakers Series**

**Popular Series Continues With a Discussion About  
“Plastic Pollution: The Science and Solutions”  
at Jamesport Meeting House on Friday, July 14, 6:30 PM**

**MATTITUCK, NY (July 11, 2017)** — The North Fork Environmental Council (NFEC) continues its well-received monthly Speakers Series on Friday, July 14, beginning at 6:30 PM at the Jamesport Meeting House.

This month's program is presented by Erica Cirino, an international science writer and artist who covers wildlife and the environment and specializes in biology, conservation and policy. With a distinctive signature that melds scientific rigor and the power of art, her work has been featured, among others, in *Scientific American*, *VICE*, *Ars Technica*, *Audubon*, *The Atlantic*, and *National Geographic*. She has also be a guest on National Public Radio.

Following a recent Pacific crossing with scientists of the Danish nonprofit Plastic Change and subsequent research work in Denmark, Erica is now in the midst of her, “*Go and See*” tour, a series of presentations covering the story of global plastic pollution. Her purpose: Find out the truths about plastic pollution and what it's doing to the planet, wildlife and people.

Erica is a 2016 Ocean Science Journalism Fellow of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and the recipient of a 2017 *Safina* Center Kalpana Launchpad Fellowship.

NFEC president Susan MacKenzie, noted, "Because we are such a tourist-centric economy here on the North Fork, plastics overwhelm our economy and our environment. From plastic bags and take-away food packaging, to straws, eating utensils and beverage cups, plastics end up on our streets, on our beaches and in our waterways." Susan added, "Many of the problems with respect to plastics' impact on wildlife are well known and documented. But the growing impact on human health is only now being fully understood. This presentation can help the community better understand these impacts and what can be done."

This presentation, as are all Speakers Series events, is free to the public. The event starts at 6:30 PM and will take place at the Jamesport Meeting House, 1590 Main Road, Jamesport, NY. Whether a local resident, business owner or vacationer, this program will help you better understand the challenges we face on the North Fork but, more importantly, what we can do together to address them here and in the global community.

The NFEC is a 501(c) (3) non-profit, grassroots organization dedicated to the preservation of land, sea, air and quality of life on Long Island's North Fork. Incorporated in 1972, the NFEC has a successful track record of over 40 years in raising public awareness of key environmental issues, increasing public participation in important town meetings and write-in campaigns, and continuing the fight to "Save What's Left!"

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