Farmingville, NY - Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico joined with members of the Mastic Beach Village, community and Brookhaven Town Parks Department to officially break ground on Bayview Park in Mastic Beach. The land known as Bayview Park was donated by the Calabro family to the Town of Brookhaven and is the former site of the late Dr. Calabro’s Bayview Hospital which was razed by fire over two decades ago.

"On a beautiful day in July, we began construction of what will become a serene natural park on the banks of the Pattersquash Creek in Mastic Beach," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "While the bulk of the work to create this park will be done by Town parks and waste management personnel, the community will be actively involved in this park's construction. I have already met with members of the William Floyd School District, Mastic Beach Village Officials, Mastic Beach Property Owner's Association, Pattersquash Creek Civic Association and Osprey Pointe Civic Association to get the word out about this program. It is my sincere hope that together as one community the people of Mastic Beach will work shoulder to shoulder during a weekend plant-in to help create what will become a serene passive park with an eventual kayak launching ramp on the creek."

Supervisor Mark Lesko said, "Bayview Park will be a great location for Mastic Beach residents to enjoy year round. I want to thank our employees in the Parks and Waste Management Departments for their hard work, Scott's Miracle Gro for selecting this location for a grant, and most importantly the Community, who will help us create a beautiful park."

As reported earlier, Bayview Park was awarded the Scotts Miracle-Gro $10,000 grant as one of the winning locations for the development of gardens and green spaces in the United States, Canada and Europe. Grants will consist of a total of $5,000 monetary and up to $5,000 in-kind materials from Scotts Miracle-Gro as part of Keep America Beautiful's signature program.