Pictured at right are Commissioner of Housing and Community Services Val Biscardi and Supervisor Mark Lesko with the Youth Conservation Corps at Brookhaven Town's Holtsville Ecology Center.

Farmingville, NY - On August 12, Brookhaven Town Supervisor Mark Lesko stopped by the Holtsville Ecology Center to thank the youngsters who participated in the Town's Youth Conservation Corps summer employment program. The Town of Brookhaven's Department of Community Development and the Suffolk County Department of Labor sponsors the annual program that hires boys and girls, between the ages of 14, and 21, from the Bellport and Gordon Heights areas. They are selected by lottery for a six-week work program where they conduct conservation and community improvement projects at various Town Parks and Recreation Centers. The program is paid for through the Town's Department of Housing and Human Services using Community Development funds.

Supervisor Lesko said "The Youth Conservation Corps summer program is a great way for kids to earn valuable work experience, make some money, and help improve our parks and recreation facilities. I thank them and their supervisors for helping to make Brookhaven a better place for everyone."

"Anytime we can be a positive influence for a child and help secure a foothold onto a better future for them, its money well spent," said Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh. "The Youth Conservation Corps is a valuable learning experience that they will carry with them for a lifetime; a winning situation for the kids, the community and the Town of Brookhaven."

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