Farmingville, NY – On Saturday, September 12, Supervisor Ed Romaine (center) attended the eelgrass workshop at Windswept Marina in East Moriches. The workshop is a hands-on event where children of all ages learn the importance of eelgrass to our waterways. The group weaved 5000 shoots of eelgrass into burlap discs. Later in the month, Cornell Cooperative Extension divers will plant the shoots in an existing eelgrass bed located in the Brookhaven section of Moriches Bay. The divers will videotape the planting which will be available for viewing at www.morichesbayproject.org.

Eelgrass has many ecological benefits which include stabilizing seafloor sediments and shorelines, cleaning coastal waters and providing habitat for a diversity of flora and fauna.