Farmingville, NY - On March 16, Supervisor Ed Romaine (left), joined the League of Women Voters of Brookhaven for a tour of the Single Stream operation at the Town's Materials Recycling facility in Brookhaven hamlet. Increased recycling by Brookhaven residents has resulted in a 22.4% hike in recycling rates and saved the Town $425,000 in 2014. The net savings is comprised of the revenue from the sale of recyclables and the avoided cost of disposing of material that was recycled.

On January 1 of this year, the Towns of Smithtown and Huntington and the Village of Northport all implemented a Single Stream program with recyclables being processed at the Brookhaven Material Recovery Facility. Since its implementation in January of 2014, several other municipalities have also adopted the program, including the Villages of Bellport, Lake Grove, Mastic Beach, Poquott and the Town of Southold.