Farmingville, NY - On April 16, the Town of Brookhaven demolished a condemned house located at 2808 John Roe Smith Avenue. The long-vacant structure had become the source of numerous community complaints over the last several years after a fire caused extensive damage to the structure. The owner has been issued numerous violations from the Town including those for property maintenance, unfenced semi-in ground pool and illegal apartments. The house is on Supervisor Romaine's "Dirty Dozen" list of houses targeted for demolition in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code, which provides a "fast track" to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. This was the ninth vacant house demolished since the Supervisor announced the list in September of 2014.

The cost of demolition and debris removal is placed as a lien on the tax bill of the property and is paid by the owner - not the taxpayers.