Councilwoman Kepert Joins Suffolk County and Community to Celebrate Restoration of the Historic Homan-Gerard House
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Farmingville, NY - Councilwoman Connie Kepert attended a press event on July 17 in Yaphank's historic district to celebrate the work that has begun to restore the Suffolk County owned Homan-Gerard House. The Homan-Gerard house is an excellent example of the rich history that can be found in the Yaphank Historic community. The Councilwoman has worked closely with the community in utilizing Caithness grants to restore and improve the historic homes that surround the Homan-Gerard house which include the Robert Hewlitt-Hawkins House, Mary Louise Booth House, and the Swezey-Avey House.

"In an effort to preserve the rich history of Suffolk County, Suffolk County has secured funds to stabilize the Homan Gerard House," said County Executive Steve Bellone. "The Homan Gerard House and family has been part of the fabric of Yaphank and Suffolk County for the past three centuries and it is with great honor that the Homan Gerard House was placed on the National Registry of Historic Sites in 1988. Today, we take a step forward in ensuring that this Suffolk County owned historic structure is preserved for generations to come."

"An historic building or district serves as a tangible symbol of a community honoring its heritage; and the preservation of historic properties is an integral part of a smart growth approach. The work that Suffolk County has begun to restore the Homan Gerard House furthers the efforts of the Town to sustain this historical community and represents our continued dedication to preserving all that connects us to the great history of Yaphank that was once a bustling mill town," stated Councilwoman Kepert.

"I'm thankful that Suffolk County and the Town of Brookhaven recognize the value of restoring and preserving our history. The Homan Gerard House is one of the many historic gems that make Yaphank a place where our history comes alive," stated the president of the Yaphank Historical Society, Robert Kessler.